

The State Law and Order Restoration Council
Political Parties Registration Law -
State LORC Law No. 4/88
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The State Law and Order Restoration Council for the successful holding of multi-party general elections, hereby enacts the following law:

Chapter 1 Title and Definitions

1. This Law shall be called the Political Parties Registration Law.
2. The following expressions in this Law shall have the following meanings:
 - (a) political party means an organization that accepts and practices the genuine multi-party democracy;
 - (b) election means the multi-party general elections;
 - (c) Commission means the Multi-Party Democracy General Elections Commission.

Chapter II Registration of Political Parties

3. Any political party desirous of contesting the elections shall apply in the prescribed manner for registration to the Commission. The following organizations, however, shall not have the right to apply for registration:--
 - (a) an organization declared to be an unlawful organization under any existing law;
 - (b) an organization in revolt with arms against the State;
 - (c) an organization that uses or accepts directly or indirectly money, buildings, vehicles and other assets owned by the State;
 - (d) an organization that uses or accepts directly or indirectly money, assets or other aids from a religious organization or government of a foreign country;
 - (e) an organization that misuses religion for political purposes;
 - (f) an organization formed by personnel enjoying monthly salaries from the State Budget or personnel from the defence forces such as the Tatmadaw, the Peoples' Police Force, public service organizations, state owned economic boards and corporations.
4. Any political party may contest the election only after permission is granted to register under the law.

Chapter III The Rights of the Commission

5. The Commission on receiving an application for registration by a political party examine it in the prescribed manner and may--
 - (a) allow registration or
 - (b) refuse registration.
6. The Commission on finding before holding the elections, that a political party which has been allowed registration is an organization as provided in section 3, sub-sections (a), (b), (c), (d), or (e) shall cancel the respective registration.

7. The Commission on finding before holding the election, that a political party which has been allowed registration is an organization as provided in section 3, sub-section (f), shall inform the respective political party and the respective public service organization to ask the persons concerned to resign from the said political party.

8. The decision of the Commission under section 5, 6 or 7 shall be final.

Chapter IV Miscellaneous

9. The Commission may for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this law, make rules, procedures, orders and directives.

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