

ADVISORY TO PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

PROCEDURE FOR DELIVERY OF SPEECHES BY CANDIDATES AT NOMINATION CENTRE

1. After the close of nominations, candidates will be given time to address their supporters using the public address system provided by the Returning Officer (RO) at the designated announcement area.
2. Each candidate is allowed two minutes to make his/her speech. The time starts as soon as the candidate starts speaking, and time allotted for the speech is strictly enforced to ensure fairness.
3. Ten seconds before the allotted time ends, the candidate will be alerted by a row of blinking lights on the rostrum. Shortly after this, at the end of the allotted two minutes, the public address system will be faded off.
4. The process for the delivery of speeches will be as follows:
 - (a) Upon the close of nominations (after 12 noon for uncontested election and after 12.30 pm for contested election), the RO will invite each candidate, his subscribers and his one other person to the announcement area.
 - (b) After the announcement of the nomination result, the RO will invite the candidates up to the rostrum for their speeches. For contested election, the order of delivery will be based on the alphabetical order of the candidates' surnames, followed by their given names if the surnames are the same.
5. Candidates will be allowed to join their supporters only after all the candidates have delivered their speeches.
6. Please note that the making of any other type of speech within or around the Nomination Centre will require a Police permit. Supporters of candidates must not display or exhibit any placards, flags or banners at the Nomination Centre before the close of nomination proceedings, as per timings in para 4(a).

RETURNING OFFICER