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ECI SEEKS RESTRICTION ON CASH DONATIONS TO PARTIES, WRITES TO GOVT.

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The Election Commission has proposed reducing anonymous political donations to Rs. 2,000 from Rs. 20,000 and cap cash donations at 20% or at a maximum of Rs. 20 crore to cleanse election funding of black money, sources said on Monday.

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Rajiv Kumar has written a letter to Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju, recommending a slew of amendments in the Representation of the People (RP) Act, sources said.

The proposals are aimed at ushering in reforms and transparency in donations received by political parties, and also the expenditure incurred by candidates trying their luck at the hustings, they said. As per rules in force currently, political parties have to disclose all donations above Rs. 20,000 through their contribution report that is submitted to the EC. If the EC's proposal is approved by the Law Ministry, all donations above Rs. 2,000 shall be reported, thereby enhancing transparency in funding, sources said.

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