

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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PRESS NOTE

Subject: Revision of Electoral Rolls w.r.t. 01-01-2005 as the qualifying date

The Commission has decided to undertake Intensive Revision of Electoral Rolls w.r.t. 01-01-05 as the qualifying date in the seven North Eastern States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura and Jammu & Kashmir. In all others States & Union Territories, the Commission has ordered Special Summary Revision.

In the States of Arunachal Pradesh and Maharashtra, General Elections to Legislative Assemblies are to be held in the later half of 2004 and therefore the programme in these two states will be announced after the completion of the general elections to the respective assemblies.

The schedule for the intensive revision of electoral rolls in the all North Eastern States (Except Arunachal Pradesh) and the State of Jammu & Kashmir is as given below:

S.No	STAGES OF REVISION	PERIOD ALLOWED FOR EACH STAGE
1.	Preparatory work	01-07-2004(Thursday) to 01-08-2004 (Sunday)
2.	House-to-house enumeration	02-08-2004 (Monday) to 03-09-2004 (Friday)
3.	Preparation of manuscript, comparison of manuscript with relevant parts of the previous	04-09-2004 (Saturday) to 28-10-2004 (Thursday)

	electoral roll of 2004, data entry of new electors and carrying out corrections, wherever necessary, in respect of electors already included in the data base, generation of check list, comparison thereof and printing of draft roll. Supply of electoral rolls and Forms 6, 7, 8 & 8A to area Post Offices.	
4.	Draft publication of rolls on	29-10-2004 (Friday)
5.	Period for filing of claims and objections and reading of relevant part/section of electoral roll in Gram Sabha / Urban Local Bodies and Resident Welfare Association Meetings etc.	Between 29-10-2004 (Friday) and 20-11-2004 (Saturday)
6.	Disposal of claims and objections by	13-12-2004 (Monday)
7.	Preparation and printing of supplements of Additions, deletions and corrections by	31-12-2004 (Friday)
8.	Final publication of Electoral Rolls on	03-01-2005 (Monday)

The schedule for special summary revision of electoral rolls 2005 in all other states/union territories except Maharashtra is as given below:

S.No	STAGES OF REVISION	PERIOD ALLOWED FOR EACH STAGE
1.	Preparation of list of identification particulars of each section like village/hamlet name in case of part of village and main area or localities or societies or Blocks in a colony in case of towns/metros. Splitting of each part of electoral roll as per the list of sections	01-07-2004 (Thursday) to 10-09-2004 (Friday)

	mentioned above and their distribution to different localities/RWAs/Housing Societies and Gaon Sabhas before the date fixed for draft publication of roll. Supply of electoral rolls and Forms 6, 7, 8 & 8A to area Post Offices.	
2.	Draft publication of rolls on	15-09-2004 (Wednesday)
3.	Period for filing of claims and objections and reading of relevant part/section of electoral roll in Gram Sabha / Urban Local Bodies and Resident Welfare Association Meetings etc.	Between 15-09-2004 (Wednesday) and 15-10-2004 (Friday)
4.	Special Campaign dates for receiving claims and objections at all designated locations.	18-09-2004 (Saturday) & 19-09-2004 (Sunday) 09-10-2004 (Saturday) & 10-10-2004 (Sunday)
5.	Disposal of claims and objections by	01-12-2004 (Wednesday)
6.	Preparation and printing of supplements of Additions, deletions and corrections by	31-12-2004 (Friday)
7.	Final publication of Electoral Rolls on	03-01-2005 (Monday)

The intensive revision in all other States/Union Territories excepting North Eastern States and Jammu & Kashmir was undertaken in two phases during the year 2002 & 2003. Therefore in these States the Commission has decided to undertake special summary revision for the year 2005.

For ensuring the proper preparation and revision of electoral rolls, separate guidelines have been issued for intensive revision of electoral

rolls in North Eastern States; intensive revision of electoral rolls in Assam intensive revision of electoral roll in Jammu & Kashmir and special summary revision of electoral rolls in the remaining States and Union Territories.

The salient features of the four guidelines as mentioned above are as under:

- (i) Generally, the draft/final publication of roll is done in the Offices of the EROs/AEROS and the polling stations which are the designated locations. For the first time the Delivery Post Offices shall also be the designated locations in Maharashtra where the draft rolls have been published. Facilities are also being provided for the first time for filing claims and objections at all area post offices and the services of postmen are being utilized for verification of such applications received in post offices only. The Commission intends to extend it to all other states after the experiment succeeds;
- (ii) The draft Electoral Roll shall be made available to the Gram Sabhas, Mohalla Sudhar Samitis, Ward Samities, Local bodies, RWAs etc. for reading during the meetings to be convened for inviting claims and objections;
- (iii) The facility for filing claims and objections in bulk by political parties and RWAs etc. has been allowed;
- (iv) The Commission has decided to provide facilities to file claims and objections online through internet. This facility is being tried on experimental basis in Maharashtra and is

likely to be extend to all the states after the success of Maharashtra experiment ;

- (v) The Commission has decided to prepare electoral rolls, with the elector's photographs printed in it. To begin with the State of Kerala and some selected assembly constituencies in other States shall be covered under this programme;
- (vi) The Commission is also considering to use Geographic Information System (GIS) in the electoral management.

Besides above, certain special provisions have been provided in the guidelines separately issued for Assam, in view of the specific problems relating to foreign nationals. Before taking a final decision in the matter, the Electoral Registration Officer concerned will bear in mind the provisions of the Constitution of India, the Citizenship Act, 1955, the Foreigners Act, 1946 and the Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act, 1983 and all related provisions having a bearing on the question of citizenship and then pass an appropriate speaking order.

In Jammu & Kashmir, there are separate electoral rolls for Assembly Constituencies and Parliamentary Constituencies. The rolls for Assembly Constituencies are prepared under the Constitution of Jammu & Kashmir and Jammu & Kashmir Representation of the People Act, 1957 and the Jammu & Kashmir Registration of Electors Rules, 1966. The rolls of Parliamentary Constituencies in Jammu & Kashmir are prepared under the Constitution of India and the Representation of the People Act, 1950, and the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960.

With regard to the Electoral Rolls for Assembly constituencies in Jammu & Kashmir, being the permanent residents of the states of Jammu & Kashmir is an essential requirement and it has been defined in part III of the constitution of Jammu & Kashmir.

Keeping in view, the requirement of permanent residents, the enumerator classifies the enumerated citizens into two categories viz. (i) those Indian citizens who are **permanent residents of the State** as defined in Part-III of the Constitution of Jammu & Kashmir and mark the alphabets "**PR**" and (ii) who are Indian citizens ordinarily residing in the house but are **not permanent residents of the State** and mark the alphabets "**NPR**" in the REMARKS column of the Electoral Card.

Special attention has been paid by prescribing the procedures for the enrollment of eligible permanent residents of the state of Jammu & Kashmir registered as migrants and staying in camps or elsewhere away from their place of ordinary residence. These persons shall be treated as ordinary residents of the places at which they would have been ordinarily residing but for their temporary migration.

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