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To
The Chief Electoral Officer,
Election Commission of India,
AP Secretariat,
Velagapudi, Amaravati

Sir,

Sub.: Special Summary Revision- Instances where deletions/additions against RER, 1960 and ECI guidelines-Status of pending claims/objections- Time bound action-Requested.

- Ref:** 1. Spl.Summary Revision Lr of ECI No.23/2023-ERS (Vol.III) dt. 29/05/2023
2. Manual on Electoral Rolls, 2023, ECI, New Delhi.
3. Lr. No.1089/Elecs.B/A1/2023-54 of CEO, AP dated 01/12/2023

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I wish to place on record, in pursuance of your letter 3rd cited the following issues seeking your kind attention before going for Final Publication of Electoral Roll w.r.t. 1st January, 2024.

I. Issue of Demographically Similar Entries(DSEs) and Photographically Similar Entries(PSES)

Manual on Electoral Rolls,2023 (Manual) 10.2.8 and 10.2.11 specify the procedure for removal of DSE/PSE entries as part of pre-revision activities which will eliminate multiple entries. However, the process is still going on and procedure prescribed therein is not complied with. The double/multiple entries are widely observed in electoral rolls of several constituencies. We are enclosing the data pooled by us for information in this regard seeking action at the earliest (**Data on multiple entries in Draft List**).



II. Issued of Deceased voters

Manual 10.2.13 enjoins the Electoral Registration Officers, as part of pre-revision activity, to delete all deceased voters from electoral rolls by obtaining information from data base of Registrar of Birth and Death and/or report from BLO during H2H survey or through Form-7s duly following the procedure.

However, it is disturbing to note that deceased voters are still found in Draft publication and in several constituencies the prescribed action and procedure are not followed. (Data on deceased voters in Draft list is enclosed)

III. Non-compliance of Rule 6 of Registration of Electors Rules 1960

Rule 6 of RER, 1960 ordains that "roll shall be arranged according to house number" and even legal cases were filed in this regard in the state seeking compliance. Till date, no serious effort is done and it is observed in breach than in compliance.

IV. Ineligible Voters are added to Electoral Roll

Sec.12, 13 and 14 of RER, 1960 clearly elaborates the timing, form and manner of claims through Form 6. However, in some constituencies this is ignored and large scale admissions were allowed without field enquiry and through bulk online/off-line applications. Our representations in this regard are enclosed.

V. Deletion of Votes against provisions of RER, 1960

The major apprehension of public and media is that, at the behest of ruling party, large scale voter deletion is being indulged. Our representations, time and again, so far not elicited any response on this. Any deletion, as you are kindly aware, shall be ONLY through Form-7 and no bulk applications shall be entertained either physically or through online. In fact, the objector is ordained to give evidence against the voter whom he is objecting. However, in some constituencies votes are removed either through white paper lists without Form 7, or through entertaining bulk applications without rejecting them under Rule 17 or without conducting field verification as per instruction in the Manual at 10. 2.14 and 11.3.2. Even now, EROs are issuing notices to voters on large scale without verifying the 'admissibility of the objection' as per RER, 1960 and Manual. We enclose our representations once again in this regard for record and favourable action.

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While initiating the Special Summary Revision, Vide ECI Lr.No.23/2023-ERS(Vol.III) dated 29th May 2023, the ECI has directed that "On completion of field verification, each BLO and each ERO shall furnish the certificate to the Chief Electoral Officers through DEO concerned to the effect that details in respect of all the five items have been collected 100%without any leftover". (Unenrolled/Prospective electors/Prospective for subsequent dates/Multiple entries, dead electors and Permanently Shifted Electors).

Despite this, even today one month after draft publication, none of these stipulations are complied with.

I wish to bring to your attention the ECI condition, in the same notification, that "28. The CEO shall take prior written clearance of the Commission for final publication of the electoral rolls, and for that purpose a certificate to the effect that all the cases of dead/DSEs/PSEs/Shifted/Registered Death and un-enrolled electors have been taken into account and disposed of by the ERO concerned, all logical errors have been removed and 100% EPIC and 100% coverage of photographs in Photo electoral Rolls have been achieved shall be submitted by CEO".

We, therefore, request to direct the EROs/DEOs to comply with statutory rules and timelines in preparation of clean electoral roll failing which we will be constrained to seek appropriate further action.

Thank you,

Yours Sincerely,

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