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Press Note

**ECI to begin Special Intensive Revision of Electoral Rolls in Bihar
House-to-House verification to be done to ensure enrolment of all eligible Citizens
Political parties to be encouraged to participate actively in the revision process**

The Election Commission of India (ECI) today issued instructions for holding Special Intensive Revision (SIR) in the State of Bihar as per the guidelines and schedule specified by the Commission. The objective of an intensified revision is to ensure that the names of all eligible citizens are included in the Electoral Roll (ER) so as to enable them to exercise their franchise, no ineligible voter is included in the electoral rolls and also to introduce complete transparency in the process of addition or deletion of electors in the electoral rolls. The last intensive revision for Bihar was conducted by the Commission in the year 2003.

Various reasons such as rapid urbanization, frequent migration, young citizens becoming eligible to vote, non-reporting of deaths and inclusion of the names of foreign illegal immigrants have necessitated the conduct of an intensive revision so as to ensure integrity and preparation of error-free electoral rolls. The Booth Level Officers (BLOs) shall be conducting house-to-house survey for verification during the process of this intensive revision.

While conducting the special revision, the ECI shall be scrupulously adhering to the Constitutional and legal provisions regarding eligibility to be registered as a voter and disqualifications for registration in an electoral roll which are clearly laid down in Article 326 of the Constitution of India and Section 16 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950 respectively.

In accordance with Section 23 of the Representation of People Act 1950, the eligibility conditions to enrol as an elector were already being verified by the ERO to his satisfaction. Now, to ensure complete transparency, it would be necessary that the documents on the basis of which such satisfaction of ERO is arrived at, are also uploaded in ECINET as the current level of technology enables so. However, these documents shall be accessible to authorized election officials only keeping in view the privacy issues. In case of any claims and objections raised by any political party or an elector, the AERO would inquire into the same before EROs satisfaction is arrived at. Under Section 24 of the Act, an appeal against the order of ERO can also be made to the District Magistrate and the Chief Electoral Officer.

CEO/DEOs/EROs/BLOs have been directed to take care that genuine electors, particularly old, sick, Persons with Disabilities (PwD), poor and other vulnerable groups are not harassed and are facilitated to the extent possible, including through deployment of volunteers.

While all efforts shall be made by the Election Commission of India that the revision process is carried out in a smooth manner causing minimum inconvenience to the electors, ECI shall be seeking active involvement of all political parties in the process by appointing their Booth Level Agents (BLAs) in all polling booths. The active participation of BLAs would ensure that discrepancies, if any, are resolved at the preparation stage itself, thereby reducing the instances of filing claims, objections and appeals. It may be underscored that both, the electors and the political parties, are the most important stakeholders in any electoral process and it is only with their full participation that an exercise of such magnitude can be conducted smoothly and successfully.



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Key Highlights:

What?



- Article 326 of the Constitution stipulates that:
 - every person who is a citizen of India &
 - who is not less than 18 years of age on the qualifying date &
 - is not otherwise disqualified under any lawshall be entitled to be registered in the electoral roll
- In exercise of its powers under Article 324 of the Constitution & Section 21 of the RP Act 1950, the Election Commission of India has directed a Special Intensive Revision (SIR) in the state of Bihar with 01.07.2025 as the qualifying date.
- The last Intensive revision in Bihar was conducted by the Commission in the year 2003 with 01.01.2003 as the qualifying date.

Why?



- Maintaining the integrity of the Electoral Roll (ER) is fundamental for the conduct of free & fair elections
- To ensure that all eligible citizens are included in the ER & no eligible voter is excluded from the ER
- To ensure that no ineligible voter is included in the ER
- To eliminate names of dead/shifted/absentee voters

How?



- EROs to print pre-filled Enumeration Form (EF) for all existing electors as on the date of the order and give it to BLOs
- BLOs to distribute EFs to all existing electors through House-to-House visit
- EF will be available on the ECI website/ECINET which can be downloaded by an elector whose name is in the electoral roll as on the date of the order
- BLAs appointed by all recognised National & State political parties to be associated in the entire process
- BLOs to guide the public on filling up of EF
- CEO/DEOs/EROs/BLOs would take care that genuine electors, particularly old, sick, Persons with Disabilities (PwD), poor and other vulnerable groups are not harassed and are facilitated to the extent possible, including through deployment of volunteers.
- BLOs to collect EFs from the public along with required documents
- Alternatively, existing elector can also upload the EF and documents online
- BLO Supervisor to check the BLO's qualitative & quantitative output
- Draft Electoral Roll to be prepared of all electors whose EF have been received
- Copies of the Draft Electoral Roll to be shared with all recognised National & State political parties & also put on ECI/CEO website
- Claims & objections for any addition/deletion of names can be filed by any elector or by any political party
- AERO will inquire into any complaint on the exclusion of any eligible persons or inclusion of any ineligible persons
- After decision on claims & objections, the Final Electoral Roll will be published by the ERO
- Copies of the Final Electoral Roll to be shared with all recognised National & State political parties & also put on ECI/CEO website
- Under Section 24 of the Act, an appeal against the order of ERO can also be made to the District Magistrate and the second appeal to the Chief Electoral Officer.