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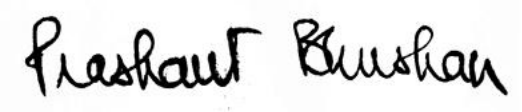
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TO,
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AND HIS HON'BLE COMPANION JUSTICES OF THE
HON'BLE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA.

THE HUMBLE APPLICATION OF THE
APPLICANT ABOVE-NAMED;

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

1. The present Writ Petition has been filed under Article 32 for enforcement of fundamental rights guaranteed under Articles 14, 19 and 21 of the Constitution of India seeking directions *inter alia* to forthwith place in the public domain, including on the website of the Chief Electoral Officer, Delhi, (in a consolidated and searchable format) and on notice boards of urban local bodies—the list of all electors issued notices during the SIR exercise, along with the

specific reason/category for each notice and to place in the public domain, including on their official websites, the official criteria/definitions, algorithmic parameters, and operational guidelines governing the classification of electors under 'Logical Discrepancies' during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process. The Petitioner is further seeking direction restraining the Respondents from deleting names of any electors from the electoral rolls after any proceeding/hearing that may have been conducted pursuant to issuance of notices which fail to specify the full facts and circumstances for issuance of these notices.

2. The present Application raises the issue arising from the mechanism prescribed for re-inclusion of previously enrolled electors whose names have been omitted from the electoral roll pursuant to the SIR in the NCT of Delhi. It concerns the requirement that such electors seek inclusion through Form 6 and make a declaration that they are applying for inclusion in the electoral roll for the first time, notwithstanding their prior enrolment, as well as the requirement of an additional Declaration Form prescribed under the SIR instructions.

Requirement of Form 6 imposes an anomalous and legally inapplicable 'first-time' enrolment declaration upon previously enrolled electors.

3. It is submitted that Form 6 is the statutory form prescribed for an application for inclusion of a name in the electoral roll as a new voter. It requires an applicant to fill their personal particulars including name, gender, date of birth, details of present ordinary residence, name of any relative (Father/ Mother/ Husband/ Wife/ Legal Guardian) and Aadhaar number (unless applicant does not possess Aadhaar) and also endorse a declaration which consists of 5 points which are reproduced below:

"DECLARATION

I HEREBY DECLARE that to the best of my knowledge and belief-

(i) I am a citizen of India and place of my birth is:- Village/Town_____ District_____ State/UT _____

(ii) I am ordinarily a resident at the address mentioned at Sr. No. 8(a) in Form 6 since_____ (mention month and year)

(iii) I am applying for inclusion in Electoral Roll for the first time and my name is not included in any Assembly Constituency/Parliamentary Constituency.

(iv) I don't possess any of the documents mentioned for proof of Date of Birth/Age. Therefore, I have enclosed _____(Name of the document) in support of age proof (Strike off, if not applicable).

(v) I am aware that making the above statement or declaration in relation to this application which is false and which I know or believe to be false or do not believe to be true, is punishable under Section 31 of Representation of the People Act,1950 (43 of 1950) with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine or with both.

Date:_____
Place:_____
Signature of Applicant/Left Hand Thumb Impression"
(emphasis supplied)

4. That Point (iii) of the declaration contained in Form 6 specifically requires the applicant to affirm that they are "***applying for inclusion in Electoral Roll for the first time****".* Moreover, point (v) of the declaration states that the applicant is aware that giving a false declaration can attract penal consequences under Section 31 of the RP Act, 1950. A copy of Form 6 as appended to the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960 is annexed herewith as **ANNEXURE A1 (Pages 18 to 19).**

5. That during the enumeration phase of Delhi SIR, persons whose Enumeration Forms were not filled and returned, were excluded from the Draft Electoral Roll. Booth Level Officers (BLOs) identified a probable cause for such persons and categorized them as ASDD (Absent, Shifted, Dead, Duplicate or other categories) and prepared the ASDD list at the booth level. That all the booth level ASDD lists have been published on the official website of the Chief Electoral Officer, Delhi. The information on the link states that "*Aggrieved persons can submit their claims in Form 6 along with the Declaration form and supporting documents after publication of Draft Roll 2026 during the period fixed for receiving claims and objections."*

6. The Draft Electoral Roll of Delhi was published on 31.08.2026 and the Press Note dated 31.08.2026 noted that out of 1,45,10,299 electors before the commencement of the SIR in Delhi, 97,53,577 electors (67.22%) had submitted their Enumeration Forms, while 47,56,722 electors (32.78%) were excluded from the Draft Electoral Roll under the category of ASDD (Absent, Shifted, Dead or Duplicate). The Press Note further stated that "*Genuine electors can still be added back in electoral rolls during the claims and objections period (31.08.2026 to 30.09.2026) using Form-6 along with prescribed Declaration Form.*" Subsequently, the CEO Delhi, vide Press Note dated 26.09.2026 extended the deadline of the claims and objections period from 30.09.2026 till 30.10.2026. A copy of the Press Note dated 26.09.2026 issued by the CEO, Delhi is annexed herewith as **ANNEXURE A2 (Pages 20 to _____).**

7. That the aforesaid mechanism gives rise to a fundamental anomaly, inasmuch as the 47,56,722 electors excluded from the Draft Electoral Roll under the ASDD category were all previously enrolled electors. However, the only mechanism prescribed for such persons to seek restoration of their names in the electoral roll is by way of Form 6, notwithstanding that they are not seeking enrolment for the first time. Such persons are consequently required to

submit Form 6 and, as a mandatory part thereof, make a declaration that they are seeking inclusion in the electoral roll for the first time, which is factually incorrect and wholly inapplicable to their circumstances.

8. It is submitted that, out of the 47,56,722 persons categorised under the ASDD category, as many as 31,59,213 persons, constituting approximately 66%, have been categorised as "Permanently Shifted". The same has been reported by *The Hindu* in its article dated 02.09.2026 titled *66% names dropped from Delhi draft roll marked 'permanently shifted'.* Such persons were already enrolled as electors, and the statutory framework ordinarily contemplates the use of Form 8 for recording a change of residence or effecting correction in an existing electoral entry. However, having been omitted from the Draft Electoral Roll pursuant to the SIR exercise, such persons are now required to resort to Form 6 for restoration of their names in the electoral roll. This results in the anomalous requirement that persons who were previously enrolled as electors must make a declaration that they are seeking inclusion in the electoral roll for the first time, a declaration which is ex facie inapplicable to their circumstances. A copy of the article dated 02.09.2026 published in *The Hindu* titled *66% names dropped from Delhi draft roll marked 'permanently shifted'* is annexed herewith as **ANNEXURE A3 (Pages 21 to 23).**

9. That the aforesaid anomaly is of particular concern in view of Section 31 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950 ("RPA, 1950"), which makes it an offence to make or publish any false statement or declaration in writing in connection with the preparation, revision or correction of an electoral roll, or the inclusion or exclusion of any entry therein, where the person making such statement or declaration knows it to be false or does not believe it to be true. An elector whose name was previously included in the electoral roll cannot, therefore, reasonably be required to make a declaration that he/she is seeking enrolment for the first time as a pre-condition to seeking restoration of his/her name. Section 31 of the RPA, 1950 is quoted herein below:

> ***31. Making false declarations.—****If any person makes in connection with—*
> *(a) the preparation, revision or correction of an electoral roll, or*
> *(b) the inclusion or exclusion of any entry in or from an electoral roll,*
>
> *a statement or declaration in writing which is false and which he either knows or believes to be false or does not believe to be true, he shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year, or with fine, or with both.*

10. That the problem is not confined to persons who are aggrieved by their inclusion in the ASDD category. Any person whose name had previously been included in the

electoral roll, but whose name is ultimately omitted from the Final Electoral Roll, would, under the present mechanism, have no alternative but to seek inclusion afresh by submitting Form 6, notwithstanding that the statutory declaration prescribed therein is expressly premised upon the applicant seeking enrolment for the first time. The anomaly would, therefore, equally extend to an elderly or long-standing elector who may have remained enrolled for several decades, but whose name, upon being omitted pursuant to the SIR exercise, would require such person to seek re-inclusion through a form and declaration intended for a first-time applicant.

11. It is submitted further that the disposal of applications under Form 7 has been significantly higher than that of applications under Form 6 during the claims and objections period. That between 31.08.2026 and 04.10.2026, 3,209 Form 7 applications were disposed of, as against only 569 Form 6 applications. Significantly, 2,352 Form 7 applications, constituting more than two-thirds of the total Form 7 applications disposed of during the said period, were disposed of in the last two weeks alone, whereas no Form 6 application was disposed of during the last week covered by the data. The disposal of Form 7 applications during the said period was thus nearly six times that of Form 6 applications. A copy of the news report dated 07.10.2026 published in The Hindu titled *SIR in Delhi:*

disposals of Form 7 nearly six times those of Form 6 is annexed herewith as **ANNEXURE A4 (Pages 24 to 26).**

Additional Declaration Form prescribed for Form 6 through SIR instructions

12. That the Form 6 is prescribed under the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960, which have been framed under Section 28 of the RPA, 1950. Section 28(1) empowers the Central Government, after consultation with the Election Commission, to make rules for carrying out the purposes of the Act by notification in the Official Gazette, while Section 28(3) requires such rules to be laid before both Houses of Parliament and permits Parliament to modify or annul the same.

13. That, notwithstanding the aforesaid statutory framework, the SIR order and communication dated 24.06.2026 prescribed an additional mandatory Declaration Form to accompany Form 6/Form 8. The said additional Declaration Form was modified in the subsequent instructions issued on 27.10.2025 and 14.05.2026 (which is applicable for NCT of Delhi). The said additional Declaration Form is not part of the statutory Form 6 prescribed under the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960. Furthermore, neither the additional Declaration Form nor any subsequent modifications thereto have been published by the Central

Government in the Official Gazette or laid before Parliament. Consequently, requiring any additional Declaration Form to be submitted along with Form 6 lacks statutory validity.

14. That Para 4 of the order and guidelines contained in the communication dated 24.06.2025 extended the requirement of the additional Declaration Form to accompany Form 6 beyond the SIR exercise. Although the subsequent orders and guidelines issued on 27.10.2025 and 14.05.2026, modified the contents of the additional Declaration Form, the direction contained in Paragraph 4 extending its applicability beyond the SIR exercise was retained. Para 4 of the order and guidelines of 24.06.2025 is reproduced below-

> *4. Further, in case of application for registration as a new elector or for shifting from outside the state,* ***it is also directed that henceforth, alongwith Form 6/Form 8, an additional Declaration Form (Annexure D) shall also be required to be filled by the applicant to support the declaration made therein.*** *(emphasis supplied)*

15. That *vide* Press Note dated 26.09.2026, the ECI appears to have taken a decision to modify its earlier direction contained in Paragraph 4 mandating the requirement of the additional Declaration Form beyond the SIR exercise. The relevant portion of the said Press Note is reproduced hereinbelow:

The meeting of the Commission was held today i.e. 26.09.2026 at 3:00 PM. The following decisions were taken in the meeting:

….

iii. The declaration attached to Form 6 for SIR has been upheld by the Hon'ble Supreme Court. ***For non-SIR period, the Forms applicable as per Rules (the Registration of Electors Rules 1960) will be used****.*

A copy of the Press Note dated 26.09.2026 issued by the ECI is annexed herewith as **ANNEXURE A5 (Pages 27 to 28).**

16. That an executive direction or order, in the absence of statutory authority, cannot impose an additional substantive condition, such as the requirement of a Declaration Form, for invoking a statutory mechanism, particularly where such condition bears upon an elector's ability to seek inclusion in the electoral roll. Any alteration to, or addition of, the statutory form or to the conditions governing its use must necessarily have statutory sanction and conform to the mechanism prescribed under Section 28 of the RPA, 1950.

17. That the present issue is therefore two-fold but arises from the same procedural defect:

Firstly, an existing elector is being required to use a statutory form designed for a first-time elector(Form 6) thereby knowingly being forced to subscribe to a false declaration; and

Secondly, such elector is additionally subjected to an SIR-specific additional Declaration Form which is not contained in the statutory Form 6 and has not been brought into effect through the prescribed statutory process.

The result is that an existing elector whose name was removed from the Electoral Roll and who now seeks to be restored to the Electoral Roll is subjected to conditions which do not correspond with his/her correct status as an elector, and subscribing to the conditions laid in the form attracts penal consequences.

18. That the position is rendered further anomalous by the Election Commission's subsequent clarification, vide Press Note dated 26.09.2026, that during the non-SIR period, the additional Declaration Form is not required and only the forms prescribed under the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960, shall be used. The same substantive relief, namely, inclusion of an eligible person's name in the electoral roll, cannot, in the absence of a clear statutory

basis, be made subject to materially different substantive declarations merely on the ground that the application is made during or outside the SIR period.

19. That the Applicant, by way of the present Application, does not seek to impede or otherwise restrain the Election Commission from undertaking revision of the electoral rolls or from verifying the eligibility of persons seeking inclusion therein. The limited grievance of the Applicant is that such process of revision or verification cannot require a previously enrolled elector, as a condition for restoration of his/her name in the electoral roll, to make a declaration representing himself/herself as a first-time applicant, when such declaration is factually inapplicable. Equally, no additional substantive declaration can be imposed as a condition for invoking the statutory mechanism in the absence of authority of law.

20. That appropriate directions are therefore necessary to ensure that previously enrolled electors whose names have been omitted during the SIR are provided a legally appropriate mechanism for restoration/inclusion of their existing electoral entry, without being required to make a first-time enrolment declaration or any other declaration contrary to their actual electoral status.

P R A Y E R

It is, therefore, most respectfully prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to:

a) Direct the Respondents to provide an appropriate mechanism for restoration/inclusion of names of existing electors whose names have been omitted from the electoral roll pursuant to the SIR in the draft or final electoral roll, without requiring such persons to declare that they are applying for inclusion for the first time;

b) Direct that no previously enrolled elector shall be required to submit a declaration contained in Form 6 which is factually inapplicable to such elector, and that an appropriate form/declaration be prescribed for restoration/inclusion of previously enrolled electors;

c) Declare that the additional Declaration Form prescribed as a mandatory accompaniment to Form 6 under the SIR instructions applicable to NCT of Delhi, insofar as it imposes substantive requirements beyond the statutory Form 6 without amendment of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960 in accordance with Section 28 of the RPA, 1950, is without statutory authority and unenforceable;

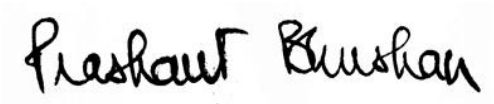
d) Direct the Respondents not to reject an otherwise maintainable claim for inclusion/restoration solely on the ground that the applicant has not furnished the aforesaid additional SIR Declaration Form;

e) Direct that the procedure for seeking inclusion of an eligible elector shall not impose materially different substantive declaration requirements during the SIR and non-SIR period, save where such differentiation is expressly authorised by law;

f) Pass such other and further order(s) as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the interests of justice.

AND FOR THIS ACT OF KINDNESS THE PETITIONER IS IN DUTY BOUND SHALL EVER PRAY**.**

FILED BY:



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AFFIDAVIT

I, Anjali Bhardwaj, [redacted] do hereby affirm and state as under:

1. That I am the Petitioner/Applicant in the instant application and being familiar with the facts and circumstances of the instant case;

I am fully competent to swear this Affidavit. That I have been authorised by Petitioner No. 2 to swear on their behalf.

2. That I have read and got explained the contents of all the accompanying application(s) and I submit that they are true and correct as per my knowledge, information, belief and as per my records. I state that I have instructed my counsel to draft the

NOTARY PUBLIC RAJESH KUMAR SONTHALIA Advocate M. 9811104599 Regn. No. 49577 Date of Expiry 25/03/2030 DELHI GOVT. OF INDIA

applications on my behalf and as per my instructions and the legal submissions are drawn by my counsel and believed by me to be true.

3. That all the annexures annexed with the applications are true copies of their respective originals.

4. I state that I have instructed my Advocate-On-Record to draft the accompanying applications on the basis of the instructions as stated above. I have fully understood and I am aware of my instructions.

DEPONENT

VERIFICATION

I, the above-named Deponent, do hereby verify that the contents of the above Affidavit are true and correct to my knowledge, that no part of it is false and that nothing material has been concealed therefrom.

Verified at New Delhi on this 26th day of September, 2026.

I identify the deponent who has signed / Put T.I. in my presence

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26/9/26

ANNEXURE: A1

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Registration of Electors Rules, 1960
(Statutory Rules and Order)

[1][FORM 6
[*See* rules 13(*1*) and 26]

Application for inclusion of name in electoral roll				
To The Electoral Registration Officer, ----------Assembly/Parliamentary[£] Constituency. Sir, I request that my name be included in the electoral roll for the above Constituency. Particulars in support of my claim for inclusion in the electoral roll are given below:				
I. Applicant's details	Name		Surname (if any)	
Age as on 1st January…….[#]	Years :	Months :	Sex (male/female) :	
Date of birth, if known :	Day :	Month :	Year :	
Place of birth :	Village/Town :			
	District :		State :	
[*]Father's Mother's Name Husband's	Name		Surname(if any)	
II. Particulars of place of ordinary residence (Full address):				
House / Door number :				
Street/ Area/Locality/Mohalla/ Road :				
Town / Village :				
Post Office :	Pin Code :			
Tehsil/Taluka/Mandal/Thana :				
District :				

[£] In case of Union territories having no Legislative Assembly and the State of Jammu and Kashmir.
[#] Please give the year, *i.e*., 2003, 2004, etc.
[*] Strike out the inappropriate alternative.

……(Perforation)…….

Receipt for application

Received the application in Form 6 of [**]Shri/Shrimati/Kumari
……
……
[**]Address……
.
Date……

Signature of the officer receiving the application on behalf of the Electoral Registration Officer
(Address)……
……

[**]To be filled in by the applicant.

1. Subs. by Notifn. No. S.O. 934(E), dated the 18th August, 2003, for Forms 6, 7, 8 and 8A.

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Registration of Electors Rules, 1960
(Statutory Rules and Order)

III. Details of members(s) of applicant's family already included in the current electoral roll of the Constituency:

Name	Relationship with applicant	Part number of the roll of the constituency	Serial number in that Part	Elector's photo identity card (if issued) number
1.				
2.				

IV. Declaration:

I hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief—

(i) I am a citizen of India; (ii) I am ordinarily resident at the address given in para II above since……..(date, month, year); (iii) I have not applied for the inclusion of my name in the electoral roll for any other constituency; (iv) my name has not already been included in the electoral roll for this or any other assembly constituency;

or

* my name may have been included in the electoral roll for ……..constituency in ……State in which I was ordinarily resident earlier at the address mentioned below and, if so, I request that the same may be deleted from that electoral roll.

Full address (Earlier place of ordinary residence):

	Electors photo identity card (if issued) number;……, date of issue……
Place:	
Date:	***Signature or thumb impression of the applicant***

Note. — Any person who makes a statement or declaration which is false and which he either knows or believes to be false or does not believe to be true, is punishable under section 31 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950 (43 of 1950).

*Strike out the inappropriate alternative.

Details of action taken
(To be filled by Electoral Registration Officer of the constituency)

The application of Shri/Smt./ Km…….for inclusion of name in the electoral roll in Form 6 has been accepted*/rejected*.

Detailed reasons for *acceptance [under or in pursuance of rule 18*/20*/26(4)*]£ or rejection [under or in pursuance of rule 17*/20*/26(4)£] :

Place: Signature of Electoral (Seal of the Electoral
Date: Registration Officer Registration Officer)

£ During continuous updating after final publication of electoral roll.
* Strike out the inappropriate alternative.

Prashant Bhushan
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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

OLD ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE BUILDING, KASHMERE GATE, DELHI-110006

Dated: 26.09.2026

PRESS NOTE

Revision of Schedule of Special Intensive Revision 2026

1. General Electors/Political Parties & all other stakeholders of the NCT of Delhi are hereby informed that the Election Commission of India vide letter dated 26th September 2026 has revised the schedule of Special Intensive Revision 2026 in respect of NCT of Delhi as per details given below:

Sl. No.	Activities	Earlier Schedule	Revised Schedule
1	Period for filing claims & objections	31.08.2026 to 30.09.2026	31.08.2026 to 30.10.2026
2	Notice Phase/Disposal of claims & objections	31.08.2026 to 29.10.2026	31.08.2026 to 30.11.2026
3	Publication of Final Electoral Roll	04.11.2026	04.12.2026

Check your name in the Draft Electoral Roll. If Elector's name not found and fulfills all eligibility conditions, fill Form-6 along with declaration and supporting documents prescribed by ECI during the claims and objections period (31.08.2026 to 30.10.2026) to include your name in final electoral roll to be published on 04.12.2026.

2. Claims and objections can be filed in following forms:

- Form 6: Application form for New Voters.
- Form 6A: Application for Inclusion of Name in Electoral Roll by an Overseas Elector
- Form 7: Voter Application Form for Objection for Proposed Inclusion/ Deletion of Name in Existing Electoral Roll
- Form 8: Voter Application Form for shifting of Residence/Correction of Entries in Existing Electoral Roll/Replacement of EPIC/Marking of PwD

3. Modes of Submission of Forms

Offline Mode

Forms may be submitted physically to the Electoral Registration Officer (ERO), Assistant Electoral Registration Officer (AERO), Booth Level Officers (BLO) and also at Designated Locations (polling stations) between 31.08.2026 to 30.10.2026.

Online Mode

https://voters.eci.gov.in; and ECINET Mobile App

*The Commission reiterates its firm commitment to a transparent, participative and inclusive revision process, ensuring that '**no eligible citizen is left out while no ineligible person is included in the Electoral Roll'.***

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Prashant Bhushan

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66% names dropped from Delhi draft roll marked ‘permanently shifted’

31.59 lakh exclusions marked ‘permanently shifted’; of these, over 10 lakh electors are aged 30-39, show data: 1,042 booths account for 4.5 lakh ‘shifted’ entries, mainly in South East, South districts

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File image of Delhi CEO Ashok Kumar briefing the media. | Photo Credit: Sushil Kumar Verma

More than six in every 10 names left out of Delhi’s draft roll published on Monday are marked ‘permanently shifted’ and account for the largest share of

the 47.56 lakh exclusions in the ongoing special intensive revision (SIR) drive.

Of the entries removed at the draft stage, 31.59 lakh are marked 'permanently shifted', 11.73 lakh 'untraceable/absent', 2.82 lakh 'dead' and 1.41 lakh 'duplicate' or 'already enrolled'. Over 10 lakh of those marked 'permanently shifted' are aged 30-39.

The excluded entries have been placed in four categories — 'absent', 'shifted', 'dead' and 'duplicate' (ASDD). Analysis of the list of ASDD voters across all 14,947 polling booths, uploaded on the Delhi Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) website, shows that in at least one booth in each of the 70 Assembly constituencies, over 95% of the names were placed in one of the four categories.

In 1,042 of the 1,090 booths where at least 95% of the removals were attributed to a single reason, 'permanently shifted' was the reason. These 1,042 booths together account for nearly 4.5 lakh deletions, of which 4.37 lakh were classified as 'permanently shifted'. Most of these booths — where at least 95% of the excluded names are marked 'permanently shifted' — are in South East (216) and South (204) districts, with North East at the third spot (147).

Most such booths are in Deoli, Tughlaqabad, Okhla, Karawal Nagar, Kasturba Nagar and Mustafabad.

Single-reason pattern

Nearly half of the 1,090 booths with such a highly concentrated single-reason pattern were located near another booth with the same pattern.

In two polling booths in Shyam Nagar under the Rajouri Garden constituency, all 617 removed names were marked as 'absent/ untraceable'.

Of 2.82 lakh entries marked 'dead', 22,918 electors are below 40 years of age. Among electors aged 85 and above who were subjected to additional

verification during enumeration, around 49,700 (54.9%) are on the ASDD list. Of these, the majority are marked as permanently shifted or absent.

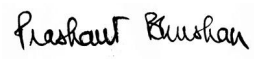
The exclusions can be challenged during the claims and objections period, which ends on September 30.

Delhi CEO Ashok Kumar on Monday said voters whose names are missing can submit Form 6 for inclusion. He said no name will be removed from the final roll without proper inquiry and notice.

Booth-level agents can assist electors in filing claims, subject to a limit of 40 forms per agent, an official said, adding that special camps will be organised for the process.

A senior poll official said their office expects around half of those marked as permanently shifted to be restored to the rolls during the claims and objections process.

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SIR in Delhi: disposals of Form 7 nearly six times those of Form 6

According to the weekly constituency-wise forms disposal report, only 569 Form 6 applications were disposed of between August 31 and Oct. 4

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Only 569 Form 6 applications were disposed of in Delhi between August 31 and October 4. | Photo Credit: Shiv Kumar Pushpakar

For every Form 6 application for inclusion in Delhi's electoral roll disposed of during the ongoing claims and objections phase of the special intensive revision (SIR), nearly six Form 7 applications seeking objections to the inclusion of names or their deletion from the draft roll have been cleared, data accessed by *The Hindu* showed.

According to the weekly constituency-wise forms disposal report, only 569 Form 6 applications were disposed of between August 31 and October 4. In comparison, 3,209 Form 7 applications were cleared during the same five-week period covered by the

data. More than two-thirds of these Form 7 applications, or 2,352, were disposed of in the last two weeks alone, while no Form 6 application was disposed of last week.

Since the claims and objections phase began on August 31, 1.94 lakh applications seeking enrolment and 5,431 forms seeking deletion of names have been received so far, according to data from Delhi Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Ashok Kumar's office.

The data also showed that 2.12 lakh Form 6 and 51,747 Form 7 applications had already been received before the claims and objections period began, between June 16 and August 30.

The claims and objections period ends on October 30, while disposal of the applications and notices has to be completed by November 30. The final roll is set to be published on December 4.

During the claims and objections period, an Indian citizen aged 18 or above can submit Form 6 to seek inclusion of their name in the final SIR roll, either as a first-time voter or if their name was left out of the draft roll published on August 31. An elector can simultaneously file Form 7 to object to or seek deletion of another elector's name from the roll.

Once an objection is received, a poll official serves a notice on the concerned elector, giving them 15 days to respond before any action is taken. A Booth Level Officer (BLO) is also required under the rules to verify the address and make three attempts to deliver the notice. For Form 6 applications, a BLO is assigned to conduct physical verification and submit a report, based on which a decision is taken. "There is a seven-day window for assigning a BLO; however, there is no set deadline for disposing of Form 6 applications," an official said.

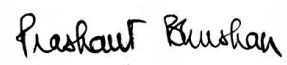
Queries were sent to Mr. Kumar's office over the lower rate of Form 6 disposal compared with Form 7, but no replies were received till the time of going to press.

Special camps

Meanwhile, Mr. Kumar's office is organising a special camp at all polling station locations on October 11 to maximise enrolment of electors left out of the draft roll. Another round of special camps for enrolment of young electors will be held at all

colleges, universities and other educational institutions in Delhi on October 7 and 8, his office stated in an official release.

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ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No. ECI/PN/120/2026 **26.09.2026**

PRESS NOTE

The meeting of the Commission was held today i.e. 26.09.2026 at 3:00 PM. The following decisions were taken in the meeting:

i. In case of any person to whom notice has been issued during the ongoing SIR, for being unmapped and logical discrepancies, BLOs will visit the homes of such persons for collection of documents and thereafter upload them on the ECINet, for decision by the ERO. Such persons need not be called for hearing to ERO/AERO office. Only in exceptional circumstances, as decided by the ERO, the hearing will be held preferably online. Any adult member of the family can be authorized by the elector to attend the hearing on their behalf, if required. Facilities for the online hearing to be strengthened.

ii. DEOs (District Election Officers) will create adequate number of help desks/hold special camps for the people living in night shelters, labor, poor people, homeless etc. as per requirement.

iii. The declaration attached to Form 6 for SIR has been upheld by the Hon'ble Supreme Court. For non-SIR period, the Forms applicable as per Rules (the Registration of Electors Rules 1960) will be used.

iv. Field officers have role-based access to the ECINET system as per their statutory powers. A Committee headed by Sr. Deputy Election Commissioner (DEC) and including an independent expert from IIT/IIIT will review the ECINET to double-check that it complies with the provisions of the Acts and Rules and submit report to the Commission. Various upgradations of the portal have already been made based on the inputs from State CEOs in the past few months. In case, any further flexibility is required by the field officers, that will be made operational. Henceforth, all the new initiatives about IT modules and portals will be discussed in the Committee of Officers (COO) before approval by the Commission.

v. In view of the request received from **CEO Delhi**, the period for filing claims and objections has been extended by the Commission till **30th October, 2026**. The period of disposal of notices and claims & objections has been extended till **30th November 2026**. Also, as per the request received from **CEO Maharashtra**, the period for filing claims and objections in Maharashtra has been extended by the Commission till **12th October, 2026**. The period of disposal of notices and claims & objections in Maharashtra has been extended till **10th November 2026**.

vi. For all Commission's meeting, agenda will be circulated in advance and minutes will be issued.

vii. APARs {Annual Performance Appraisal Reports} of all the officers will be completed within the stipulated time frame, i.e., 31st December every year.

viii. Approval of the Commission will be taken for foreign trips of the officers.

ix. All directions issued by the Commissioners to the officers of the Commission shall be meticulously complied with.

2. SIR has already been completed in 20 States/UTs including Bihar and West Bengal. Any person whose name has got left out during SIR or thereafter, and any person including young/ first-time voter, may apply to the concerned ERO, for inclusion of their names in the electoral rolls under the process of continuous updation. CEOs have been directed to facilitate the same. The CEOs, DEOs, EROs will immediately launch a special drive for enrolment of these electors.

3. It is further reiterated that

i. The letter to Cabinet Secretary was not related to any policy matter of the Commission or IT division but related to working of an officer on deputation to ECI. The work re-distribution orders issued by the concerned officer were not actually implemented after the orders of the two Commissioners and the oversight over the IT division by the DEC was never actually withdrawn.

ii. In the recent months, the Commission has taken numerous decisions including SIR across the country. The order for the SIR issued on 24.6.2025 for all the States/UTs, starting with Bihar, followed by West Bengal and 30 other States/UTs was issued with the unanimous approval of the Commission. The same has been upheld by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide its order dated **27.5.2026**. The schedule for SIR for 12 States and UTs was issued on 27.10.2025 and those for 19 States/ UTs was issued on 14.05.2026 with the unanimous approval of the Commission. The final figure of number of electors will be known only after final publication in the remaining 12 states of Phase-III.

iii. The CEO Goa has directed concerned BLOs to conduct house to house visits to left out voters to collect their forms. 81 voters out of 97 have already filled Form 6 for inclusion.

4. This Press Note is issued as per the decisions of the meeting of the Commission held on 26.09.2026 and has the approval of the full Commission.

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Deputy Director

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