

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
I.A. NOs. 213098, 213175, 213214 OF 2025

IN

WRIT PETITION NO. 640 OF 2025

IN THE MATTER OF: -

ASSOCIATION OF DEMOCRATIC
REFORMS

...PETITIONERS

VERSUS

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

...RESPONDENT

Note on Behalf of the Election Commission of India

1. Vide the captioned Interlocutory Applications, the Applicants have, *inter alia*, prayed for extension of timelines in the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (“**SIR**”) exercise for filing claims and objections for those individuals whose names are not included in the Draft Electoral Roll.
2. According to the records, approximately 99.5% of the electors (out of 7.24 crore) featured in the Draft Electoral Roll for the State of Bihar have already submitted their eligibility documents pertaining to the SIR exercise. The exercise of verification of these documents is currently ongoing, and is scheduled to be completed by 25.09.2025, in accordance with the Schedule provided in the SIR Order dated 24.06.2025.
3. In so far as the I.A. filed by Rashtriya Janata Dal (“RJD”) is concerned, the assertion that it has filed 36 claims through its Booth Level Agents (“BLAs”) is incorrect and misleading. The correct position as per records is that only 10 claims have been

submitted by RJD through its validly appointed BLAs. However, as is admitted in the I.A., all 36 claims have been accepted by the Booth Level Officers ("BLOs") and are being processed [**see Para 6.5 read with Annexure A-3, Pp. 35 - 70 of I.A.**].

4. So far the I.A. filed by Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) ("CPI-ML") is concerned, the Applicant asserts that it has lodged a total of 351 claims and objections, however, the ECI's website reflects that they have filed only 79 claims [**see Para 3(a) of I.A.**]. These assertions are incorrect and misleading. The correct position is that CPI-ML has submitted 15 claims for inclusion and 103 objections for exclusion as on 31.08.2025. Significantly, even as per their own data annexed to the I.A., only 50 instances are detailed, of which, an overwhelming majority are for exclusion, except entries 24, 27- 29, 32 - 34, 42 - 44, 47- 49. Thus, the assertion that their validly appointed BLAs have submitted 351 claims and objections is not substantiated [**see Annexure A-1, Pp. 8 - 10, I.A.**].
5. In particular, it is submitted that apart from CPI-ML and RJD, none of the other recognized political parties have, either through their office bearers or validly appointed BLAs, assisted any elector out of the approximately 65 lakh whose names are not included in the Draft Electoral Roll to submit Form 6 with Declaration. None of the other recognized political parties have enabled filing of claims or objections in the prescribed format.
6. The updated Daily Bulletin of the Election Commission of India ("ECI"), as on 31.08.2025, is appended herewith. The said Bulletin indicates that an overwhelming majority of Forms received from

both political parties and individuals are for exclusion of names which are featured in the Draft Electoral Roll.

- Of the total 128 forms received on the draft rolls from political parties, 103 are for deletion (Form 7) and only 25 are for inclusion (Form 6). This number represents a miniscule fraction of the total number of electors of Bihar.
- Although the individual electors have demonstrated more alertness and proactiveness, they too have submitted only 33,326 forms (Form 6) for inclusion in the draft roll and 2,07,565 forms (Form 7) for deletion.
- With respect to new eligible citizens attaining the age of 18 years or more, a total of 15,32,438 applications for first-time inclusion in the electoral roll have been received. These applications are distinct in nature as they pertain to fresh enrolment and not to claims or objections relating to existing electors.

[see Daily Bulletin dated 31.08.2025, Pg. 6 of this Note]

7. As regards the approximately 65 lakh names which are not included in the Draft Electoral Roll on account of death, permanent shifting, or duplication, only $33,326 + 25 = 33,351$ claims have been submitted. Post the Order of this Hon'ble court dated 22.08.2025 till 30.08.2025, only **22,723 claims** have been filed for inclusion and **1,34,738 objections** have been filed for exclusion.
8. In so far as extension of timelines for filing claims and objections beyond 01.09.2025 is concerned, the extension of deadline would disrupt the entire schedule for finalisation of Electoral Roll. The timelines have been fixed according to the Rules, and maximum

time of thirty (30) days has been provided for filing claims and objections [see Rule 12, RER 1960].

9. Further, the Draft Electoral Roll and ASD list has been widely publicized and the ASD lists have also been shared with political parties on 19/20th July. Additionally, the BLAs were also given the ASD list along with reasons for exclusion. Notably, both the BLOs and BLAs are residents of the village where the booth is located. All electors have easy access to them. Subsequently, the ASD list along with reasons for exclusion was also published on the website of District Electoral Officers and Chief Electoral Officer; posted on social media accounts; posted at Block offices, Panchayat Bhavans, and polling booths across Bihar, as per the Order of this Hon'ble Court dated 14.08.2025. The Order of this Hon'ble Court has been fully complied with by issuing advertisements in all newspapers. Therefore, there has been sufficient availability of time for filing applications for claims or objections or corrections under the prescribed format. As mentioned above, there are more applications for exclusions than for inclusions.
10. The period between 01.09.2025 - 25.09.2025 is fixed for considering claims and objections, and the same also involves consideration of issuing notices and responses to doubtful cases. Thus, any extension of timelines will lead to disruption of the exercise and finalisation of electoral roll.
11. Most importantly, the filing of claims or objections or corrections is not barred after 01.09.2025. These can be submitted even after the deadline. The applications submitted for claims, objections or

corrections after 01.09.2025 will be considered after the electoral roll has been finalised. The process of consideration of claims and objections continues until the last date of nominations, and all inclusions and exclusions are integrated in the final roll.

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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No. ECI/B/27/2025

31.08.2025

BIHAR SIR 2025 - DAILY BULLETIN: 1st Aug (3 PM) till 31st Aug (10 AM)

1 more Day left for filing Claims & Objections on Draft Roll of 7.24 Crore Electors

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A	Claims & Objections received from Political Parties ¹ w.r.t. Draft Roll				
S. No	From	No. of BLAs	Received		Disposal after 7 days
			For Inclusion	For Exclusion	
National Parties					
1	Aam Aadmi Party	1	0	0	0
2	Bahujan Samaj Party	74	0	0	0
3	Bharatiya Janata Party	53,338	0	0	0
4	Communist Party of India (Marxist)	899	0	0	0
5	Indian National Congress	17,549	0	0	0
6	National People's Party	7	0	0	0
State Parties					
1	Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) (Liberation)	1,496	15	103	0
2	Janata Dal (United)	36,550	0	0	0
3	Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas)	1,210	0	0	0
4	Rashtriya Janata Dal	47,506	10	0	0
5	Rashtriya Lok Janshakti Party	1,913	0	0	0
6	Rashtriya Lok Samta Party	270	0	0	0
	Total	1,60,813	25	103	0

¹ BLAs appointed by Political parties can collect Claims (Form 6) from public & Objection (Form 7) from public & prescribed declaration. Govt. of India, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, New Delhi.

¹ BLAs appointed by Political parties can collect Claims (Form 6) from public & Objection (Form 7) from public & file objection himself/herself along with prescribed declaration. Generic complaints, without prescribed Forms or declaration are not counted as Claims (Form 6) & Objections (Form 7).

B			
Received by ERO from any person as per Section 2(g) of RP Act 1950, other than Electors of that Assembly Constituency under Rule 20(3) (b) of Registration of Electors Rules, 1960 w.r.t. Draft Roll			
Inclusion of eligible electors and Exclusion of ineligible electors	Received		Disposal after 7 days
	For Inclusion	For Exclusion	
	0	0	0

C			
Claims & Objections received directly from Electors w.r.t. Draft Roll			
Inclusion of eligible electors and Exclusion of ineligible electors	Received		Disposal after 7 days
	For Inclusion	For Exclusion	
	33,326	2,07,565	38,342

D		
Forms received from New electors on attaining 18 years of age or above (Including forty five forms received from BLAs)		
Form6/Form 6 + Declaration	Received	Disposal after 7 days
	15,32,438	81,073

- As per rules, the Claims & Objections are to be disposed of by the concerned ERO/AERO not before the expiry of 7 days notice period and after verification of eligibility.
- As per SIR orders, no name can be deleted from the draft list published on 1st August 2025 without passing a speaking order by the ERO/AERO, after conducting an enquiry and after giving a fair and reasonable opportunity.
- The list of names not included in the Draft Electoral Roll dated 01.08.2025, disclosing the reasons, is displayed on the websites of DEOs/DMs (district-wise) as well as on the CEO website in searchable mode with EPIC number. Aggrieved persons may submit their claims along with a copy of their Aadhaar Card,

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