

**ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA**  
**Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110 001**

No. 3/4/ID/2013/SDR(KT)

Dated: 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2013

To,

The Chief Electoral Officer  
Karnataka,  
Bangalore.

Sub:- General Election to the State Legislative Assembly of Karnataka- Commission's Order regarding use of Electors Photo Identity Card.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith Order dated 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 regarding identification of electors at the general election to Karnataka Legislative Assembly. The Election Commission has directed that all electors in each of the 224 Assembly Constituencies in Karnataka, for the general election notified on 10-04-2013, shall produce their EPIC for establishing their identity before casting their votes. Electors who do not have EPIC shall have to produce any of the alternative photo documents mentioned in the Order for establishing their identity. Kindly note that the "Smart Card" being issued under NPR scheme by RGI and Aadhaar card issued by UIDAI have also been included as one of the alternative identity document. The overseas electors shall have to produce their original passport only for identification.

2. The Order may be brought to the notice of the Returning Officers and all Presiding Officers of the said constituencies.

3. The Commission's Order dated 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 may be got published in the State Gazette immediately. This Order may be given wide publicity through print/electronic media for information of the general public and electors. All contesting candidates at the said general election may also be informed, in writing, of this direction of the Commission.

4. The Returning Officers shall be instructed to note the implications of this Order and explain the contents thereof to all Presiding Officers through special briefings. They should also ensure that a copy of this letter is available with the Presiding Officers at all polling stations / booths in the constituency.

5. Kindly acknowledge receipt and confirm action taken.

Yours faithfully,

(N.T. Bhutia)  
Under Secretary

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**ORDER**

1. Whereas, Section 61 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 provides that with a view to preventing impersonation of electors, so as to make the right of genuine electors to vote under section 62 of that Act more effective, provisions may be made by rules under that Act for use of Electors Photo Identity Card for electors as the means of establishing their identity at the time of polling; and
2. Whereas, Rule 28 of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960, empowers the Election Commission to direct, with a view to preventing impersonation of electors and facilitating their identification at the time of poll, the issue of Electors Photo Identity Card to electors bearing their photographs at State cost; and
3. Whereas, Rules 49H (3) and 49K (2) (b) of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, stipulate that where the electors of a constituency have been supplied with Electors Photo Identity Card under the said provisions of Rule 28 of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960, the electors shall produce their Electors Photo Identity Card at the polling station and failure or refusal on their part to produce those Electors Photo Identity Card may result in the denial of permission to vote; and
4. Whereas, a combined and harmonious reading of the aforesaid provisions of the said Act and the Rules, makes it clear that although the right to vote arises by the existence of the name in the electoral roll, it is also dependent upon the use of the Electors Photo Identity Card, where provided by the Election Commission at State cost, as the means of establishing their identity at the time of polling and that both are to be used together; and
5. Whereas, the Election Commission made an Order on the 28<sup>th</sup> August, 1993, directing the issue of Electors Photo Identity Card (EPIC) to all electors, according to a time bound programme; and
6. Whereas, the Commission has revised the format of the electoral roll in the State of Karnataka to incorporate the photo of the elector alongside the other particulars of the elector and the photo electoral roll with photos of 98.69% registered electors will be used during the current general election to the Legislative Assembly of Karnataka; and
7. Whereas, the Commission has further directed preparation of '**Authenticated Photo Voters Slip**' from the database of photo electoral roll and to distribute these 'Authenticated Photo Voters Slips' to the electors before the date of poll for the current general election to the Legislative Assembly of Karnataka for identification at the polling station on the day of poll;

8. Now, therefore, after taking into account all relevant factors and the legal and factual position, the Election Commission hereby directs that for the general election to the Karnataka Legislative Assembly notified on 10-04-2013 all electors in each of the 224 Assembly Constituencies in Karnataka shall produce their electors Photo Identity card for establishing their identity before casting their votes. Electors who do not have EPIC shall have to produce any one of the following photo documents for establishing their identity:-

- (1) Authenticated photo voter slip,
- (2) Passports,
- (3) Driving License,
- (4) Income Tax Identity (PAN) Cards,
- (5) Service Identity Cards with photograph issued to its employees by State/Central Government, Public Sector undertakings or Public Limited Companies,
- (6) Passbooks with photograph issued by Public Sector Banks/Post Office and Kisan Passbook (accounts opened on or before 31-3-2013,
- (7) Student Identity Card with Photograph issued by Recognized Educational Institutions on or before 31-3-2013,
- (8) Property Documents with Photograph such as pattas, Registered Deeds, etc.,
- (9) Ration Card with photograph issued upto 31-3-2013,
- (10) SC/ST/OBC Certificates with photograph issued by competent authority on or before 31-3-2013,
- (11) Pension Document with photograph, such as ex-servicemen's Pension Book/Pension Payment Order, ex-servicemen's Widow/Dependent Certificates, old Age Pension Order, Widow Pension Order with photograph (issued up to 31-3-2013),
- (12) Freedom Fighter Identity Card with photograph,
- (13) Arms License with photograph, issued on or before 31-3-2013,
- (14) Certificate of physical handicap with photograph issued by the competent authority on or before 31-3-2013,
- (15) Ex-servicemen C S D Canteen Card with photograph,
- (16) Sandhya Suraksha Scheme card with photograph issued upto 31-3-2013,
- (17) Job Card with photograph issued under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme up to 31-3-2013,
- (18) Yashaswini Card with photograph issued upto 31-3-2013,

- (19) The service identity cards with photographs issued by the local bodies namely Municipal corporation, City Municipal Council, Town Municipal Council, village Panchayat etc.,
- (20) Senior citizens cards bearing photographs of the holder of the card, issued by the Government Department,
- (21) Health Insurance Scheme Smart Card with photograph (Ministry of Labour's Scheme, issued upto 31-3-2013,
- (22) Smart Cards issued by RGI under the scheme of National Population Register (NPR),
- (23) Aadhaar Card issued by UIDAI.

9. Notwithstanding anything in Para 8 above, overseas electors who are registered in the electoral rolls under Section 20A of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, based on the particulars in their Passport, shall be identified on the basis of their original passport only ( and no other identity document) in the polling station.

By Order,

(Ashish Chakraborty)  
Secretary