

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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To

The Chief Electoral Officers of
All States/Union Territories.

Sub: Identification of electors at the polling station.

Sir/Madam,

The Commission, vide its order dated 8.4.2009, has directed that for identification of the electors at the polling stations, the electors should produce EPIC or any of the alternative documents mentioned in paragraph 9 of the said order.

There have been reports of natural calamities and incidents of fire accidents in some parts of the country resulting in the electors losing their EPIC and other documents in those areas. In such cases, where the incidents occurred after the notification of the election, and where the time for issuing fresh/duplicate EPICs is too short, the Commission has directed that the following course of action will be followed:

1. The RO should get a list prepared of all such polling stations in which the affected persons are registered as voters and send the list to the Presiding Officers.
2. A list should be got prepared of all voters affected by the calamity and who have lost the documents, segregated polling station wise and circulated to the Presiding Officers. This list should be authenticated at the ARO/SDM level and a record kept with the RO.
3. The Lekhpals (or equivalent Revenue Official) may be authorised to issue identity slips to such persons and the Presiding Officers instructed to accept such slips as proof of identity.
4. While voting, entry should be made in the remarks column of the register in Form 17A, to indicate that the elector produced the identity slip.
5. Photography of such voters should be done through digital cameras at the polling station.
6. The identity slips produced by the electors should be retained by the Presiding Officer and at the close of poll, these should be sealed in a separate envelope and returned alongwith other election papers.

These instructions may be brought to the notice of all concerned including all contesting candidates.

Yours faithfully,

(K.F.WILFRED)
SECRETARY