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No. 576/2/2014-ERS

To,
The Chief Electoral Officer,
Bihar,
Patna.

Subject: General Election to Legislative Assembly of Bihar- Electoral roll in Urdu language in some assemblies constituencies in Bihar- regarding.

Sir,

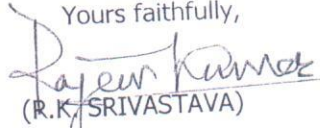
I am directed to state that the special revision of electoral rolls w.r.t. 1st January, 2015 is currently going on with draft publication of rolls done on 15th May, 2015 and final publication is scheduled on 31st July, 2015. The draft rolls have been published in all constituencies in Hindi only.

The Commission has been informed by the CEO Bihar recently that as per 2001 census data, there are 18 ACs where Urdu speaking population is more than 20% of the total population. The 2011 census data of mother tongue is yet to be released by RGI.

In line with policy of ECI and as voters' facilitation measures, the Commission directs that-

1. Soon after final publication, the electoral rolls of 52- Bahadurganj, 53-Thakurganj, 54- Kishanganj, 55-Kochadhaman comprised in Kishanganj district, 47- Raniganj (SC), 48- Forbesganj, 49-Araria, 50-Jokihat and 51-Sikti comprised in Araria district, 56-Amour, 57-Baisi, 58-Kasba and 62-Purnia comprised in Purnia district, 79-Gaura Bauram, 81-Alinagar, 82-Darbhanga Rural, 86-Keoti and 87-Jale comprised in Darbhanga district SHALL be prepared in Urdu language also by transliteration. The accuracy of transliteration may be got certified by an officer who is fully conversant with the Urdu language. Corrections suggested should be carried out before final copy is taken out.
2. A copy each of Urdu version of electoral rolls of the aforesaid constituencies will be made available to recognized political parties in electronic form in CD. A pdf version may also be kept in CEO Bihar website.
3. A copy of the above said transliterated Urdu copy shall be available at Voters' Facilitation Desk on the day of poll for convenience of the voters.
4. **In case of any dispute, the Hindi version shall be the authentic version.**

Kindly inform all concerned and ensure compliance.

Yours faithfully,

(R.K. SRIVASTAVA)
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY