

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110 001

No. 3/4/ID/2014/SDR(Council) (MH)

Dated:- 12th June, 2014

To,

The Chief Electoral Officer
Maharashtra,
Mumbai.

Subject:- Biennial Elections to the Maharashtra Legislative Councils from Graduates' and Teachers' Constituencies, poll for which is scheduled to be taken on 20th June, 2014 (Friday) - Commission's order regarding Identification of electors.

Sir,

I am directed to say that the Commission has directed that all electors at the elections from Aurangabad Division Graduates' Constituency, Pune Division Graduates' Constituency, Nagpur Division Graduates' Constituency, Amravati Division Teachers' Constituency and Pune Division Teachers' Constituency, who have been issued with EPICs as electors in their respective assembly Constituencies, shall have to produce these cards to exercise their franchise when they come to the polling stations for voting at the biennial elections to the Legislative Council of Maharashtra, notified on 27th May, 2014 .

2. A copy of the Order dated 12th June, 2014 issued in this behalf is enclosed. The Commission has approved 13 alternative documents of identification in respect of those electors who do not produce EPICs. Attention of all Presiding Officers may be specifically drawn to the directions in paragraph 4 of the order.

3. The Presiding Officers shall be clearly instructed that minor discrepancies in the entries relating to elector's name, father's/mother's/husband's name, sex, age or address in the Electoral Identity Card shall be ignored and the elector allowed to cast his vote so long as the identity of the elector can be established by means of that card.


4. The Commission's Order dated 12th June, 2014 may be got published in the State Gazette immediately. The Returning Officers, Presiding Officers appointed for the biennial elections and all other election authorities concerned may be informed of the Commission's directions urgently. This order may be given wide publicity through print/electronic media for information of the general public and electors. It should be made clear that those who have been

issued with EPIC should bring the EPIC and those made clear that those who have not been issued with EPIC should bring any of the alternative documents specified by the Commission, at the time of voting. All political parties in your State and contesting candidates may also be informed, in writing, of this direction of the Commission.

5 The Returning Officer(s) 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.

6. Kindly acknowledge receipt and confirm action taken

Yours faithfully,


(A.K. Pathak)
Under Secretary

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ORDER

Whereas, the Election Commission has been following the policy of compulsory identification of electors by means of specified identification documents at elections to the House of the People and Legislative Assemblies from the year 2000 onwards, so as to prevent impersonation at elections thereby making the right of genuine electors to vote under section 62 of the Representation of the people Act, 1951 more effective; and

2. Whereas, keeping in view the provisions of Rules, 35(3) and 37(2)(b) of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, the Commission has been issuing directions that the electors at election to House of People and Legislative Assemblies shall produce their Electoral Photo Identity Cards or other specified documents at the polling station and failure or refusal on their part to produce those Electoral Photo Identity Cards or documents may result in the denial of supply of a ballot paper to them and permission to vote; and


3. Whereas, the said provisions regarding identification of electors and safeguards against personation are equally applicable at elections from Graduates' and Teachers' Constituencies, and as the electors in these constituencies are also electors in assembly constituencies, they would have been supplied with Electoral Photo Identity Cards as electors in their respective Assembly Constituencies;

4. Now, therefore, after taking into account all relevant factors and the legal and factual position, the Election Commission hereby directs that all electors at the biennial elections in Aurangabad Division Graduates' Constituency, Pune Division Graduates' Constituency, Nagpur Division Graduates' Constituency, Amravati Division Teachers' Constituency and Pune Division Teachers' Constituency in the State of Maharashtra, who have been issued with their EPICs, shall have to produce these cards to exercise their franchise, when they come to the polling stations for voting at the biennial elections to the Maharashtra Legislative Council from the said Constituencies, notified on 27th May, 2014. However, those electors who are not able to produce

EPICs, will have to establish their identity, by producing any of the following alternative documents with photograph: -

- i. Passport,
- ii. Driving License,
- iii. Income Tax Identity (PAN) Card,
- iv. Degree/ Diploma Certificates,
- v. Service Identity Cards with photograph issued to its employees by the State/Central Government, Public Sector Undertakings, Local Bodies or Public Limited Companies,
- vi. Passbooks with photograph issued by the Public Sector Banks/Post Office and Kisan Passbooks (Accounts opened on or before 31-05-2014),
- vii. Property Documents such as Pattas, Registered Deeds etc. with photograph,
- viii. Ration Cards with photograph issued on or before 31-05-2014,
- ix. SC/ST/OBC Certificates with photograph issued by the Competent Authority on or before 31-05-2014,
- x. Arms Licenses with photograph issued on or before 31-05-2014,
- xi. Certificate of Physical Handicap with photograph issued by the Competent Authority on or before 31-05-2014.
- xii. Aadhar Card.
- xiii. Smart card issued by RGI under NPR.

Yours faithfully,


(Ashish Chakraborty)
Secretary