

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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PRESS NOTE

Subject: National Electoral Roll Purification and Authentication Programme (NERPAP), 2015 – Collection of Aadhaar number from the applicants - Regarding.

The Election Commission, with the main objective of preparing an error free, purified and authenticated Electoral Roll, has launched National Electoral Roll Purification and Authentication Programme (NERPAP), 2015 from 3rd March, 2015.

2. Under this programme, beside some other activities, linking and authentication of EPIC data of electors with Aadhaar data is also being done and for that purpose, the electors have been given facility to feed their Aadhaar number and EPIC No. at National Voters Service Portal (NVSP) or furnish the said detail through the mode of SMS/email/call center/submission of copy of both documents to Electoral Registration Officers (EROs)/ Booth Level Officers (BLOs). Apart from the above, BLOs are also collecting the data from electors during door to door survey on voluntary basis only.

3. The Commission, to avoid confusion among electors and the electoral machinery, has issued necessary instructions to the Chief Electoral Officers (CEOs) of the States/UTs specifying that furnishing of Aadhaar number by electors is not mandatory and it is only optional, as directed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court. It has been made amply clear that no electoral service will be denied to any elector on ground of non-furnishing of Aadhaar number. Non furnishing of Aadhaar number will not be a ground for rejection or objection of application for new enrolment or for deletion of name of an existing elector from Electoral Roll. The CEOs have been further clarified that collection of Aadhaar number is only for the purpose of authentication of details of elector and confidentiality and security of data so collected must be ensured during the process of feeding and seeding of the same in the Electoral Roll database.



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