

# **ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA**

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## PRESS NOTE

Subject - Commission Issues new guidelines on EROs and BLOs.

After Lok Sabha election 2014, the Election Commission had constituted several working groups consisting of CEOs and senior offices of the Commission to discuss different aspects of election management and give suggestions for further improvements. The 1<sup>st</sup> Working Group deliberated on different aspects of electoral roll including various issues relating to EROs/AEROs. It submitted its recommendations to the Commission. The Commission has considered the recommendations and has issued today necessary directions to CEOs -

- In case of an application submitted online, the process of verification of such application shall be done only after the applicant uploads relevant documents in support of his identity and photo. In the absence of it, the EROs may reject the application, at preliminary stage itself, and the applicant accordingly be informed online. The EROs shall fix one day in a week for verification of the on-line applications.
- If the applicant for inclusion /deletion or correction of name has given its mobile /email id, then acknowledgement receipt of his application will be sent electronically by SMS/e-mail and also of each stage of disposal of his application.
- If an applicant for inclusion of name in the electoral roll by filing Form 6 doesn't fill up part IV of of the form to give details of his earlier registration/residence, then such Form 6 should be rejected by the concerned EROs.
- Each ERO/AERO shall be given one computer with internet connectivity, one printer, one telephone and one data entry operator, wherever such infrastructure is not available, so that the electoral roll/EPIC related works do not suffer.
- The Commission has directed that EROs/AEROs can be sanctioned TA/DA as per rules applicable to the concerned state for their tours in the field in connection with exercise relating to preparation/revision of electoral roll.
- There should be one BLO for one polling station who should be, to the extent possible, a local resident. Where female registration is very low, there female

