

# ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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## PRESS NOTE

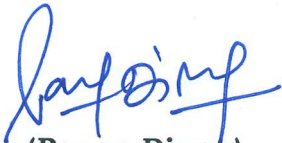
**Subject – De-novo preparation of last part of electoral rolls relating to service personnel.**

With a view to prepare a fresh and clean electoral roll relating to service personnel, the Commission ordered de-novo preparation of last part of electoral rolls with reference 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 as the qualifying date in all States/UTs. Under this unique programme, for the first time, all the transactions for registration between service personnel through their respective record officers/commanding officers were done online on dedicated service voter portal. Through this online system, xml file containing details of service personnel prepared by Record Officers was uploaded on Service Voter portal till 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017 on basis of which the draft publication of last part was done on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017. All services, particularly the Indian Army, BSF, CRPF, Assam Rifles, ITBP, MEA and CISF have done good work in this process. The draft rolls contained the names of 17,60,392 service personnel.

As the submission of Forms and documents in respect of applicant service personnel duly verified by the record officer/commanding officer is legal requirement for finalization of the electoral roll by the Electoral Registration Officer, the Record Officers/Commanding Officers were asked to upload duly signed and verified Forms and declarations by 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2017.

Final publication of last parts of electoral rolls was done on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 in respect of all Assembly Constituencies. Appreciable enrolment has been done for SSB, MEA, Indian Army, CRPF and Assam Rifles.

After final publication of the roll, the Commission has allowed uploading of forms on the service voter portal by the record officers/commanding officers in respect of pending files which could not be done before the final publication. They have further been asked to submit xml files along with signed forms in respect of the left out service personnel who could not apply for registration during the recently concluded de-novo exercise. The Commission has also requested the controlling authorities of various Forces to give priority to the service personnel belonging to Gujarat so that they are able to avail opportunity to cast their votes in the coming general election.

  
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