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To  
The Chief Electoral Officer,  
Chief Electoral Office,  
Telangana.

Sir,

Our party AIMIM (All India Majlis-E-Ittehadul Muslimeen) would like to bring following few points for your kind consideration and immediate necessary action.

**Point No. 1 :-**

Intensive Revision has already been done eight times from 1951 to till 2004. The last Intensive Revision was done more than 21 years back in 2002 to 2004.

On what basis is the ECI considering only the Electoral roll of 2002, to the exclusion of the electoral roll of 2003 and 2004? The website of the ECI (<https://voters.eci.gov.in/>) only recognizes the final electoral roll of 2002, even though the last intensive revision in Telangana was conducted from 2002 to 2004. Hence, the electoral roll of 2002 is not representative of all the inclusions in that revision. However, neither the digitized voter lists of 2003 and 2004 have been published on the official website, nor have physical copies been supplied to the BLOs. Further, it has been observed that BLOs have been provided access to 2002 voter lists limited strictly to their present jurisdictional polling areas comprising of 1200 voters. A considerable number of electors are currently residing in constituencies and polling booths different from those in which they were enrolled in the year 2002, owing to migration, renumbering of houses, urban expansion, and constituency reorganization. As a result, BLOs are unable to trace the 2002 SIR records of such electors, and voters themselves are facing serious difficulty in locating their historical electoral details despite being genuine and eligible electors. [The PowerPoint presentation states the year on which the last SIR was conducted as "2002-2004"]

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## Point No. 2:-

The following are the Key Functionaries of SIR as per the guidelines of ECI.

1. There is one Booth Level Officer (BLO) for each Polling Station
2. One Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) for each Assembly Constituency  
***The ERO is a Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) level Officer*** who, as per Law Prepares the Draft Electoral Rolls, Receives and Decides on Claims and Objections, and Prepares and Publishes the Final Electoral Rolls.
3. Assistant Electoral Registration Officer(s) (AEROs) for each Tehsil
4. The District Magistrate hears the 1st Appeal against the decision of ERO
5. The CEO of the State/UT hears the 2nd Appeal against the decision of DM

## Our Say :-

The Indian electoral process establishes a clear appellate chain for disputes. The current electoral hierarchy and the key functionaries of SIR are:

- a) **Electoral Registration Officer (ERO):** A Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM)-level officer, who as per law.
  - Prepares the Draft Electoral Rolls,
  - Receives and Decides on Claims and Objections, and
  - Prepares and Publishes the Final Electoral Rolls.
- b) **First Appellate Authority:** The District Magistrate (DM), who hears appeals against the ERO's decisions.
- c) **Second Appellate Authority:** The Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of the State/UT, who hears appeals against the DM's orders.

This structure ensures that decisions affecting the fundamental right to vote are reviewed by senior, designated officers with specific qualifications, defined seniority and expertise. If we mandate specific designations and qualifications for officers (ERO, DM, CEO) who *review* electoral rights, it is inconsistent not to apply a similar standard to the **BLO**,

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whose initial groundwork, the booth level mapping and verification is the primary basis for deciding an individual's fundamental right. It is upon the BLO's report that the ERO often acts. Hence, the chain of credibility must begin at the foundation.

Given that specific designations and qualifications are deemed essential for officers who *adjudicate* on electoral rights, there is a compelling logic to apply a analogous principle of prescribed qualifications and training to the **BLO**. Crucially the process is initiated by the Booth Level Officer (BLO) and who does the field verification and mapping from the primary dataset, whose initial assessment can effectively grant or deny a fundamental right, must be held to a standardized, credible, and accountable profile. Strengthening the base of the pyramid is essential for the integrity of the entire structure. It also deserves to be mentioned that the time period for 'training' of the BLOs as per the schedule is 28.10.2025 to 03.11.2025 i.e., 6 days. Without the qualifications of BLOs being specified, read with the time period given for training of the BLOs will, consequently, result in the groundwork being conducted with a high margin for error in a scenario where the fundamental rights of people are concerned. For instance, during the mapping period itself the BLOs, due to multiple parallel duties and lack of structure, are not conducting proper house-to-house surveys and are instead performing mapping activities from fixed locations such as Anganwadi centers or schools, often alongside other official work. As a result, essential verification regarding family relationships and historical electoral data is being overlooked.

**Point No. 3:-**

**The following are the Key Steps of SIR as per the guidelines of ECI**

### **Pre-Enumeration Phase**

- Training of BLOs, EROs and DEOs
- Manual Matching/ Linking with Last SIR by BLOs
- Computer Matching/ Linking with Last SIR by ECINET

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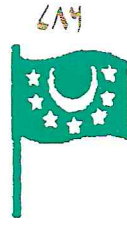
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### Involvement of Political Parties

- CEOs, DEOs and EROs to meet all Recognised Parties and explain the SIR process in full detail
- Training of Booth Level Agents (BLAs) appointed by all Recognised Political Parties
- BLAs can also collect duly filled in EFs from Electors, certify up to 50 EFs/Day and submit to BLO Enumeration Phase
- Printing, Distribution, Matching/ Linking and Collection of duly filled in Enumeration Forms
- Rationalisation of Polling Stations with an upper limit of 1,200 voters

### Our Say:-

The success of the Summary Revision (SIR) relies on the frontline officers—BLOs, EROs, and BLAs. Their direct contact with electors and their role in linking and mapping voter data are critical.

While training programs are conducted effectively, a significant gap exists in field implementation. Despite uniform training, BLOs often apply procedures inconsistently, deviating from the intended methodology.

Also, the number of BLAs which are required to be appointed by each political party has not been specified by the ECI. The Supreme Court in the Bihar SIR matter, directed the political parties and their BLAs to assist in the SIR process. Thus, in order to increase the involvement of the political parties and the BLAs, the ECI ought to specify the number of BLAs required to be appointed by a political party so that the workload of the BLOs is reduced.

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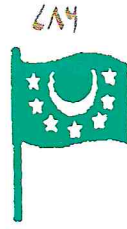
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Another common challenge arises when BLOs, facing difficulties or disagreement from electors or BLAs, default to stating they have “orders from above” and proceed based on personal interpretation. This undermines both the procedural integrity and the mediating role of BLAs.

To resolve this, a detailed **Standard Operating Procedure (“SOP”)** must be **mandated**. This SOP should include step-by-step guidelines and a set of **FAQs** addressing common on-ground scenarios. All BLOs and BLAs must carry this SOP during field verification, ensuring that every action aligns with the prescribed procedure and not individual discretion. This will guarantee smooth, effective, and standardized implementation as designed.

## Point 4 :-

Where the elector owns a house and his name is enrolled on the same address in 2002 Electoral Roll and also in 2025 Electoral Roll - In this straightforward case, the mapping of the primary elector is without issue. However, a critical error occurs during **progeny mapping**, where BLOs incorrectly link daughters-in-law to fathers-in-law and husbands to wives, under the mistaken assumption that all members residing in the same household fall within the progeny category. However, these relationships do not fall under permissible progeny categories, which are strictly limited in the BLO application to son, daughter, grandson, and granddaughter.

Further, the provision of Self-Progeny Mapping, which allows electors above the age of 40 years to be mapped using the 2002 electoral roll records of their parents or grandparents, is highly technical in nature. The BLOs, who are required to do the mapping exercise were not trained adequately in this sphere and are unfamiliar with the process.

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This incorrect linking creates significant future problems during verification, forcing the ERO to issue notices later. The SIR in other States have seen a high volume of such notices (issued in lakhs), causing unnecessary panic among electors and undermining confidence in the process.

### Point 5:-

The ECI portal ([www.voters.eci.gov.in](http://www.voters.eci.gov.in)) provides a search option for searching the name in the 2002 Electoral roll and has provided two options.

**Option 1:- (Search in last SIR E-Roll)**

**Option 2:- (Search by elector details)**

### Under option 1:-

The current online voter search facility on the ECI portal includes four search fields:

1. **State Name** (Mandatory)
2. **District Name** (Not Mandatory)
3. **Assembly Constituency Name** (Mandatory)
4. **Polling Station Number and Name** (Mandatory)

However, this structure presents significant practical challenges for many electors:

### 1. Difficulty in Identifying Constituency Details Post-Delimitation

Delimitation in 2008 substantially altered constituency boundaries, making it difficult for voters—especially those who have not recently updated their electoral details—to accurately recall or identify their constituency name and polling station. Without this information, the search cannot proceed.

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### 2. Unrealistic Expectation of Voter Recall

While delimitation occurred only once after 2002, the Summary Revision of electoral rolls is an annual exercise, leading to frequent updates in polling station details. It is nearly impossible for most electors to recall their **2002 polling station number and name**, rendering this mandatory field a major hurdle.

### 3. Bifurcation of the State in 2014

A particularly serious concern relates to electors who, in the year 2002, were residing in areas that formed part of the undivided State of Andhra Pradesh, which now fall within the jurisdiction of the present-day State of Andhra Pradesh following the bifurcation in 2014. At present, there appears to be no clearly defined or accessible mechanism to verify or retrieve 2002 electoral roll data pertaining to such electors, as only Telangana-specific data has been made available. This has resulted in uncertainty, confusion, and hardship for affected voters as well as for field-level election officials

### 4. Removal of the Door/House Number Search Option

Previously, the ECI portal allowed electors to search using their **house address or door number**. This was a user-friendly feature that enabled quick and accurate retrieval of voter information. The current "search by name" alternative often yields hundreds of results with similar names, making it laborious and impractical for voters to locate their exact entry.

It is unclear why this efficient and voter-centric feature was removed. A door number search only displays the same voter information that is already publicly accessible through the name search—it does not pose any additional threat of data manipulation or security breach. On the contrary, restoring this option would greatly enhance accessibility, reduce voter frustration, and support greater electoral transparency.

**Recommendation:**

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We strongly urge the Election Commission of India to **reinstate the house address/door number search option** on the voter portal. This will simplify the process, improve voter confidence, and ensure that the digital services of the ECI remain inclusive and user-friendly.

## Under option 2:-

This search includes nine fields, of which only two are mandatory: **State Name and Elector's Full Name (as per the 2002 Electoral Roll)**.

However, the search results are currently **capped at 100 records**. Any entries beyond this limit are not displayed, which significantly hinders the search process and inconveniences users.

We request the Commission to rectify this technical constraint and ensure that the portal displays all relevant records, thereby facilitating a smoother and more user-friendly experience for electors.

## Point 6:-

The Election Commission of India (ECI) has developed a dedicated mobile application for Booth Level Officers (BLOs), which includes secure BLO login and enables mapping functionality as per prescribed guidelines.

However, field observations from multiple locations indicate a recurring issue: the smartphones available to many BLOs are often incompatible with the application. This incompatibility results in the app either failing to launch altogether or experiencing significant glitches and instability during operation. Furthermore, the BLOs are not given adequate training with respect to the usage of these apps especially with respect to progeny mapping. The BLOs from rural backgrounds experience even difficulty due to a lack of technical know-how coupled with poor connectivity in those areas.

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## Point 7:-

A significant mapping challenge arises when members of a single household, who reside at one physical address, are listed across multiple polling stations. For example, if a house physically falls under Polling Station 1, but the family members' names appear in the voter lists of Polling Stations 21, 15, and 30, a jurisdictional gap is created. The BLOs for Stations 21, 15, and 30 cannot locate or map this house because it is outside their physical area. Concurrently, the BLO for Polling Station 1 typically does not map these names, as they do not appear on the voter list for their assigned station. Consequently, all these voter entries remain unmapped.

Our say :-

Electors seeking to include, shift, or delete their names from the electoral roll can submit the relevant forms (Form 6, 7, or 8) online via the ECI portal. Upon submission, the Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) reviews the application and assigns a Booth Level Officer (BLO) for field verification. The ERO's final decision to accept or reject the application is based on the BLO's verification report.

While the ECI has successfully digitized application processes (Forms 6,7,8) for voter roll updates, a critical bottleneck remains in the spatial mapping phase of pre revision exercise of SIR. Currently, the sole responsibility for mapping electors to their residences lies with Booth Level Officers (BLOs), with no mechanism for citizen verification.

This closed system has led to practical failures: inconsistent field visits by BLOs and instances of erroneous mapping. The result is that many rightfully enrolled voters are left unmapped in the system. This problem is compounded in cases where family members are listed across different polling stations, as the jurisdictional limits prevent comprehensive correction.

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Therefore, we propose extending the ECI's digital app for mapping open to all. By allowing electors to access the mapping platform to confirm or update their residential coordinates, the Commission can:

1. Drastically improve the accuracy and completeness of the electoral geography.
  2. Increase public trust through transparent, participatory engagement.
  3. Effectively solve the persistent issue of unmapped voters, including those in complex, multi-station households.
- We urge the Commission to consider this citizen-driven solution to strengthen the integrity of the electoral map.

## Point No. 8:

The time period for filing claims and objections is 1 month as per the schedule.

## Our say:-

The mode and manner of publication have not been specified by the ECI. In the Bihar SIR, the Supreme Court directed the Chairman of the Bihar State Legal Services Authority to issue directions to all the District Legal Services Authorities to depute/notify para-legal volunteers to assist the individual voters or political parties for the purpose of submission of the claims/objections/corrections online due to low number of claims and objections filed in the limited period. In the Kerala and West Bengal SIR, the Supreme Court asked the ECI to extend the timeline to file claims and objections. In light of the same, it would be recommended that an extended time period be given to file claims and objections as the one month timeline has not proved to be sufficient in other state SIRs. Further, a separate form for claims and objections may be prescribed, as in several cases, it has come to light that claims are being filed in Form 6 and included as fresh voters, which is contrary to the rules.

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### Point No. 9:

Non-exclusion of Class-10 admit card in the list of 13 indicative documents and status of Aadhaar

### Our Say:

The Supreme Court in the West Bengal SIR directed the ECI to consider the class-10 admit card which discloses the date of birth of the elector among the documents which may be submitted along with the enumeration form. However, the said document is missing from the list of 13 indicative document published by the ECI in this SIR. Further, it is urged that Aadhaar must be given the same weightage as the other documents, as despite repeated directions by the Supreme Court in the Bihar SIR, Aadhaar was not accorded the same status as the other 12 documents.

### Point No. 10

1 BLO per polling station or 1200 electors is insufficient for the implementation of such a huge exercise.

### Our Say:

The BLO is solely in charge of conducting the initial groundwork. The booth level mapping and verification is the primary basis for deciding an individual's fundamental right. The Supreme Court in the West Bengal and Tamil Nadu SIRs has directed the ECI to employ more personnel to assist the BLOs to handle the documents/objections and hear the persons likely to be affected. Hence, the ratio of 1 BLO to 1200 electors has not yielded satisfactory results, which forced the Supreme Court to step in and ask Government employees to assist in the SIR process. This may be borne in mind and factored in at the outset in the remaining States.

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## Point No. 11

The manner of publication of the draft roll, the publication of names of electors who were previously a part of the base electoral roll and the publication of names electors whose names are proposed to be omitted and who are required to file claims and objections should be as specified by the Supreme Court

## Our say:

The manner of publication should be specified by the ECI in light of the continuing directions from the Supreme Court prescribing the manner of publication of names of electors who were excluded from the draft roll in case of Bihar SIR or electors coming under the category of 'logical discrepancy' as in the Tamil Nadu and West Bengal SIRs or the electors who are required to file claims and objections. The intention behind such publication is to accord every potential elector a chance to present their case for inclusion in the elector roll in the event that they have been deleted.

*Note: For ease of reference, the directions issued by the Supreme Court with respect to the implementation of SIRs in Bihar, Kerala, West Bengal and Tamil Nadu have been annexed herewith in a tabular format.*

Please note that these suggestions are wholly without prejudice to our position that the present SIR being undertaken by the ECI is contrary to the Representation of People Act, 1950 and the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960, and the ECI has no power to demand anything more than a self-declaration as proof of citizenship under our legal framework. We reserve our rights and remedies to challenge the SIR exercise on this and any other basis available in law.

Thanking You,

Yours truly,

( S.A Hussain Anwar )  
Jt. Secretary, AIMIM

**BIHAR WRIT PETITION(C) NO. 640 OF 2025 & ORS**

1.	10.07.2025	<p>“After going through the necessary documents, Mr. Rakesh Dwivedi himself has pointed out that the lists which are to be considered by the Election Commission for verification of the voters includes 11 documents, but the list is not exhaustive as the order itself would indicate. Therefore, since the list is not exhaustive, in our opinion, it would be in the interests of justice if the Election Commission of India also considers the following three documents such as 1) Aadhar Card; 2) Electors Photo Identify Card (EPIC), which is issued by Election Commission of India itself, and 3) the Ration Card, as these documents would satisfy most of the voters. Therefore, in our prima facie view, it would be in the interest of justice if the Election Commission will also consider these documents.”</p>
2.	14.08.2025	<p>3. On instructions, it has been agreed that the Election Commission of India, as an interim measure, will take the following additional steps:</p> <p>(i) The list of 65,00,000 (approximate) voters, whose names appeared in the Voter List as on 2025 but are not included in the Draft Roll dated 01.08.2025, shall be 7 displayed on the websites of the District Election Officers (District-wise). The information will be booth- wise, but it can be accessed by referring to the Electors Photo Identity Card (EPIC) number of each voter.</p> <p>(ii) The list so displayed shall also disclose the reason for non-inclusion in the Draft Roll.</p> <p>(iii) The Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of Bihar will also get the soft copies of the District-wise lists of the voters who have not been included in the Draft Roll, along with the reasons for their non-inclusion, displayed on its website.</p> <p>(iv) It is clarified that the lists so displayed in all the websites shall be in searchable mode with the EPIC number.</p> <p>(v) In addition, the booth-wise lists of 65,00,000 (approximate) voters whose names have not been included in the Draft Roll, shall also be displayed on the Notice Board of respective Panchayat Bhavan and Offices of the Block Development Officer/Panchayat Officers to enable the general public to have access to the aforesaid voters lists along with the reasons for non-inclusion of their names.</p> <p>(vi) With a view to inform the people about online availability of the above-mentioned lists on the websites of the District Election Officer and the display of such lists at the Panchayat Bhavans and the offices of the Block Development/Panchayat Officers, extensive publicity shall be given in the daily newspapers in the vernacular language as well as English newspapers having wide circulation in the State of Bihar. In addition, it shall also be broadcasted and telecasted through radio and on the electronic media. If the District Election Officers/Chief Electoral Officer, Bihar, have any official social media accounts, the public notice may also be displayed on those profiles also.</p> <p>(vii) In the public notice, it shall also be expressly mentioned that the aggrieved persons may submit their claims along with a copy of their Aadhar Card.</p> <p>(viii) The Election Commission of India shall obtain a compliance report from all the Booth Level Officers and District Election Officers and place it on record as a collated Status Report.</p>

3.	22.08.2025	<p>“10. In order to facilitate the voters, all the above- mentioned political parties are directed to be impleaded as respondent Nos.2 to 13. (if not already a party) through their respective Presidents.</p> <p>11. We direct the Chief Electoral Officer, State of Bihar to issue notice to the President/working President/General Secretary of all the above- mentioned 12 political parties regarding their impleadment in these proceedings. Additionally, they shall remain present before this Court during the course of hearing and file their respective Status Reports.</p> <p>12. We reiterate the Order dated 14.08.2025 and clarify that (i) the individual persons, on their own or with the assistance of the BLAs of the political parties, are entitled to apply online and it is not necessary for them to submit physical forms; and (ii) the BLAs of all the political parties are directed to make an endeavour to ensure that the 65,00,000 (approximate) persons, who are not included in the Draft Rolls, are facilitated (except those who are dead or have voluntarily migrated in the other States) to submit their objections by the cut-off date of 01.09.2025. Wherever the physical forms are submitted, the BLOs are directed to acknowledge the receipt of those forms. However, such an acknowledgement shall not be construed as proof that the form is complete in all respects.</p> <p>13. The Election Commission Authorities may consider the desirability of displaying the receipt of objection forms, with or without documents, on their website.”</p>
4.	01.09.2025	<p>3. We also find that some of the issues sought to be raised in these IAs are seriously disputed question of facts, specifically with regard to the submission or acceptance of the claims/objections/corrections. With a view to aid and facilitate the voters of the State of Bihar, who are the true focal point of these proceedings, we request the Chairman of the Bihar State Legal Services Authority to issue instructions, preferably by tomorrow i.e., 02.09.2025 before noon to all the District Legal Services Authorities to depute/notify para-legal volunteers along with their names and mobile numbers. These volunteers will assist the individual voters or political parties for the purpose of submission of the claims/objections/corrections online. Each para- legal volunteer shall thereafter submit a confidential report to the District and Sessions Judge, namely, the Chairman of the 4 District Legal Services Authority. The information so collected from the para-legal volunteers may be collated at the level of the State Legal Services Authority for further consideration.”</p>
5.	08.09.2025	<p>“We have heard senior counsel/counsel for the parties. The short issue that needs to be further clarified pertains to the acceptability and status of the Aadhaar Card insofar as supporting documents are concerned. There is no quarrel that as per the statutory status assigned to Aadhaar Card under the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016, it is not a proof of citizenship and therefore shall not be accepted as proof of citizenship. However, keeping in view Section 23(4) of the Representation of People Act, 1950, the Aadhaar Card is one of the documents enumerated for the purpose of establishing the identity of a person. Accordingly, we direct the Election Commission of India and its authorities to accept Aadhaar Card as a proof of identity for the purpose of inclusion or exclusion in the revised voter list of the State of Bihar. Aadhaar Card, for this purpose, shall be treated as the 12th document by the Authorities. It is, however, made clear that the authorities shall be entitled to verify the authenticity and genuinity of the Aadhaar Card, like any of the other enumerated documents, by seeking further proof/documents. The Election Commission shall issue instructions in this regard by tomorrow, i.e., 09.09.2025.”</p>
6.	09.10.2025	<p>1. Regardless of the outcome of the ongoing proceedings, one of the challenges that has arisen during these proceedings is how to ensure the right to appeal to those approximately 3.66 lakh persons, who are stated to have been excluded from the final voter list. Though the Election Commission of</p>

India has taken a categorical stand that each of the excluded person has been served with the orders containing reasons for such exclusion, this fact has been disputed on behalf of the petitioners.

2. Since the time to file an appeal is running short, we deem it appropriate, as an interim measure, to request the Executive Chairman, Bihar State Legal Services Authority, to send a communication, preferably today itself, to all the Secretaries of the District Legal Services Authority, to provide:

- (i) the services of the para-legal volunteers; and
- (ii) free legal aid counsels to enable the excluded persons to file their statutory appeals.

3. The Secretaries of the District Legal Services Authority are directed to immediately re-notify the mobile numbers and full description of the para-legal volunteers in each village, who in turn, will contact the concerned Booth Level Officers, and collect the information in respect of the persons, who have been excluded from the final voter list. The para-legal volunteers will reach out to such excluded persons, informing them of their right to appeal, and they will also offer the facilities to draft the appeals. That apart, free legal aid counsels shall be provided from the approved panel, so that such appeals are filed within the limitation period. The State Legal Services Authority will collate the information after receiving it and shall submit a status report to this Court within one week.

4. We further deem it appropriate to clarify that the aforesaid directions to the District Legal Services Authorities shall apply *mutatis mutandis* even in the case of those persons whose names were not present in the draft voter list and who filed the form for inclusion of their names but their names have not found a place in the final list released by the Election Commission of India

<b>KERALA W.P. NO. 1133 OF 2025</b>	
1.	<p>02.12.2025</p> <p>1. This batch of writ petitions has been preferred at the instance of the State of Kerala, some political parties, and individuals, including public representatives. All of them have, at this stage, without prejudice to their right to challenge the very initiation of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR), filed these writ petitions seeking a direction to the Election Commission of India to defer the submission of Enumeration Forms for the purpose 2 of the SIR until the local body elections in the State of Kerala are completed.”</p> <p>6. It seems to us that the aforementioned request is just and fair, and it warrants due consideration by the Election Commission of India. We, therefore, permit the State of Kerala to submit a request-cum-proposal to the Election Commission of India outlining all the reasons why the last date for submission of the enumeration forms may be extended by about a week or so.</p>
2.	<p>09.12.2025</p> <p>1. Mr. Rakesh Dwivedi, learned senior counsel, representing the Election Commission of India, states that in deference to the order passed by this Court on 02.12.2025, time for submission of Enumeration Forms in the State of Kerala has been extended till 18.12.2025. He further informs that more than 97.42% of the Enumeration Forms have already been digitised and uploaded.</p> <p>2. Learned senior counsel for the petitioner, however, submits that since 20 lakhs, or so, Enumeration Forms are yet to be returned, the timeline may be extended for another two days.</p>
3.	<p>15.01.2026</p> <p>2. Meanwhile, the list of persons who have been excluded from the draft electoral list, if not already displayed, may be displayed in the offices of the Gram Panchayats or any other public office located in the villages, besides displaying such a list on the website of the Election Commission of India</p> <p>3. Having regard to the difficulties, which are allegedly being experienced by the people at large, the Election Commission of India may consider the desirability of extending the date for filing claims and objections for a suitable period.</p>

**WEST BENGAL Writ Petition(C) No. 1089 of 2025**

1.	11.11.2025	<p>Issue Notice</p> <p>Since this Court is seized of the matter pertaining to validity of Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of Electoral Rolls in various States, including Bihar, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, 1 Pondichery etc., we request the jurisdictional High Courts to keep in abeyance/defer the writ proceedings, if any, filed in those High Courts touching the validity of the SIR of electoral rolls in their respective States.</p>
2.	19.01.2026	<p>2. It appears that approximately 1.40 crore individuals have been issued notices for the purpose of document verification. These noticees are broadly categorized into three parts:</p> <p>(i) Mapped, i.e., the category of voters, who are linked with the 2002 SIR;</p> <p>(ii) Unmapped, i.e., the category of voters, who are not linked with 2002 SIR; and</p> <p>(iii) The third category involves logical discrepancy, accounting for approximately 1.36 crore voters.</p> <p>3. The documents brought on record by the parties indicate that, within the category of logical discrepancies include, inter alia, a mismatch of the father's name, a mismatch of parents' ages, a difference in parents' ages of more than 50 years, a difference in grandparents' ages of less than 40 years, and those having more than six progeny.</p> <p>4. With a view to enabling the persons who are as of now included in the category of logical discrepancies, we deem it appropriate to issue the following directions:</p> <p>(i) The names of the persons figuring in the logical discrepancies may be displayed at the Gram Panchayat Bhawans, public places in every Taluka and Block Office of every Taluka (Sub-Division), as well as in the Ward Offices in the cities of the urban areas.</p> <p>(ii) Persons likely to be affected are permitted to submit their documents/objections through their authorized representative. Such an authorised representative can even be a Booth Level Agent (BLA). There shall be an authority letter in favour of such representative, whether signed or thumb-marked.</p> <p>(iii) Documents/objections may be permitted to be submitted at the Panchayat Bhawans or Block Offices.</p> <p>5. The Election Commission of India shall issue instructions for providing an additional 10 days' time from the date of displaying the lists in the Panchayat Bhawans/Block Offices to all persons who have not yet submitted their claims, documents, or objections to do so within the extended period.</p> <p>6. The State Government shall provide adequate manpower to the Election Commission of India and the State Election Commission for deployment at Panchayat Bhawans/Block Offices to handle documents/objections and hear persons likely to be affected. In this regard, we direct each District Collector to meticulously follow the instructions issued by the Election Commission of India/State Government for deploying adequate staff and forces to ensure smooth functioning.</p> <p>7. The Director General of Police, West Bengal, Superintendent of Police of each district, and the Collector are instructed to ensure that there are no law and order problems at the location and that the entire activity proceeds smoothly.</p> <p>8. All affected persons may, in addition to being given an opportunity to submit documents, materials, or objections, also be heard at that same time either in person or through the authorised representative accompanying them, for the purpose of making an appropriate decision.</p>

		<p>9. The official, who will receive the documents or accord a hearing to the affected persons, may also certify the receipt of documents and the conduct of such a hearing.</p> <p>10. Madhyamik (Class-10) admit card, which discloses date of birth of the candidate, may be submitted apart from Madhyamik Pass Certificate during hearing.</p>
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**TAMIL NADU; WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) NO. 1083 OF 2025**

1.	11.11.2025	Issue Notice
		<p>“5. Since this Court is seized of the matter pertaining to validity of Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of Electoral Rolls in various States, including Bihar, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry etc., we request the jurisdictional High Courts to keep in abeyance/defer the writ proceedings, if any, filed in those High Courts touching the validity of the SIR of electoral rolls in their respective States.”</p>
2.	29.01.2026	<p>3. The issue in these matters pertains to the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the voter list in the State of Tamil Nadu. Notices have been issued to approximately 1.16 crore individuals for the purpose of verification of documents. These notices are broadly categorised into three groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Mapped, i.e., the category of voters who are linked with the 2002 and 2005 SIR, as the case may be.</li> <li>(ii) Unmapped, i.e., the category of voters who are not linked with the 2002 and 2005 SIR, as the case may be.</li> <li>(iii) The third category involves the individuals who have been included under the head of logical discrepancy.</li> </ul> <p>4. Having regard to the difficulties being experienced by the people in the State of Tamil Nadu, we deem it appropriate to issue the following directions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The names of the persons figuring in the category of “logical 2 discrepancies” may be displayed at the Gram Panchayat Bhawans, Public Places and Taluka/Sub-Division, including the Ward Offices in the urban areas.</li> <li>(ii) Persons likely to be affected under the category of logical discrepancies are permitted to submit their documents/objections in-person or through their authorised representative, which may include BLAs, within a period of 10 days from the date of displaying the list of persons falling in the category of logical discrepancy. Such lists obviously will contain the brief reason of discrepancy.</li> <li>(iii) The documents/objections may be submitted in the offices of the BLOs or at the Taluka/Sub-Division level offices.</li> </ul> <p>5. The State Government is directed to provide adequate manpower to the Election Commission of India and the State Election Commission for deployment of personnel at the BLOs or Taluka/Sub-Division level offices to handle the documents/objections and hear the persons likely to be affected. In this regard, we direct each District Collector to meticulously follow the instructions issued by the Election Commission of India for deploying adequate staff and forces for the smooth functioning of the SIR process.</p> <p>6. The Director General of Police, Tamil Nadu, Superintendent of Police of each District and the Collector are also directed to ensure that law and order is well maintained and the entire process is allowed to function smoothly.</p> <p>7. The affected persons, besides an opportunity to submit documents/materials/objections, may also be heard either in-person or through the authorised representative, accompanying them at the 3 Taluka/Sub-Division level office.</p> <p>8. The official, who will receive the documents or accord the hearing to an affected person, may certify the receipt of such documents and the conduct of the hearing.</p>

		<p><u>9. We expect that the Election Commission of India will ensure compliance with these procedural directions in all the States wherever the SIR process is ongoing</u></p>
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