



## HOME (ELECTIONS) DEPARTMENT

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CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, ODISHA

UNIT-V, BHUBANESWAR-751001

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

1.1. This Handbook is prepared in the light of the Right to Information Act, 2005 [No. 22 of 2005 dated 15<sup>th</sup> June 2005] about the objects and functions of the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Odisha for awareness of the general public, political parties, scholars as well as educational institutions.

1.2. Section 13A of the Representation of the Peoples' Act, 1950 envisages a Chief Electoral Officer for each State who will be an officer of that State Government, as the Election Commission of India may, in consultation with that Government, designate or nominate in this behalf.

1.3. The Office of Chief Electoral Officer, Odisha is located at Unit-V, Bhubaneswar. Its main functions are to hold General Elections/Bye-elections to Parliament and the State Legislative Assembly, Presidential elections, Biennial elections to Rajya Sabha, preparation of Electoral Roll and Preparation/Issue of Electors' Photo Identity Cards.

1.4. The Chief Electoral Officer, as the head of the election machinery in the State is assisted by an Joint Chief Electoral Officer, two Deputy Chief Electoral Officers, besides the other ministerial staff. The District staff, viz., the District Election Officer, the Deputy District Election Officer, the Returning Officers, the Assistant Returning Officers, Electoral Registration Officers, Assistant Electoral Registration Officers and other staff also assist the Chief Electoral Officer in holding General Elections/Bye-elections to Parliament and the State Legislative Assembly, Presidential elections, Biennial elections to Rajya Sabha, Preparation of Electoral Roll and Electors Photo Identity Cards.

1.5. There are 21 Parliamentary Constituencies and each comprises 7 assembly segments. Out of these 3 parliamentary constituencies are reserved for candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and 5 parliamentary constituencies are reserved for candidates belonging to Scheduled Tribes, and out of 147 assembly constituencies 24 are reserved for Scheduled Caste candidates and 33 are reserved for Scheduled Tribe candidates.

1.6. In the State of Odisha there are **2,91,45,886** electors as per Electoral Roll, 2012 out of which **90.92%** have been issued Electors' Photo Identity Cards. There are **31,617** polling stations in the State.

1.7. Any one desiring more information on the topics covered in the hand-book, as well as other information relating to this department, may contact Sri Sudarsan Nayak, Desk Officer who is designated as the Public Information Officer for this purpose.

1.8. The information which is not available in this hand book can be obtained through electronic media and by logging into the Chief Electoral Officer's website, viz., [www.ceorissa.nic.in](http://www.ceorissa.nic.in).