

MINUTES OF THE MEETING WITH 11 EROS-CUM-SUB-COLLECTORS HELD AT 11.30 AM ON 30.01.2013 IN THE CONFERENCE HALL OF HOME (ELECTIONS) DEPARTMENT

The Chief Electoral Officer, Odisha & Ex-Officio Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government, Home (Elections) Department presided over the meeting of 11 EROs-cum-Sub-Collectors to discuss the strategy for improvement of Photo Electoral Rolls.

At the outset, CEO, Odisha welcomed the EROs. The list of participants is given in Annexure. The following issues were discussed and decisions taken:

1. CEO, Odisha briefed the participants that the State Elector-Population Ratio (E-P Ratio) as per the Final Electoral Roll, 2013 is 68.66% which is much higher than the census figure of around 61%. The Election Commission has accorded permission to publish the Rolls finally on 15.01.2013 subject to conduct a Special Revision to make the Photo Electoral Rolls clean and error-free. Considering the period of examinations in March, it was decided that **House-to-House campaign by BLOs may be taken up during 08.04.2013 to 07.05.2013 (one month).**
2. Since the village-wise Census population will be available only by March end, it was decided to compare the NPR data available with the Census Charge Officers with the Electoral Roll to identify dead, shifted and duplicate entries. **ERO-cum-Sub-Collectors present will compare the data for 10 polling stations at random and furnish a report on the findings so that modalities for replicating the same throughout the State can be worked out. (Action : EROs present, report to be given by 05.02.2013)**
3. The progress of deletion by running de-duplication software in Jajpur, Keonjhar, Dhenkanal, Kendrapara, Jagatsinghpur & Puri was reviewed. It was stated by ERO-cum-Sub-Collector, Kendrapara that about 900 voters in Batighar G.P under 100-Mahakalpada Assembly Constituency are registered voters in 101-Paradeep Assembly Constituency also. Though this list has been shared with ERO-cum-Sub-Collector, Jagatsinghpur, these names have not been deleted. The ERO-cum-Sub-Collector, Kamakhyanagar and Jajpur stated that confirmation of service of notice to duplicate electors and BLOs report therein could not be received due to paucity of time during the Revision programme.

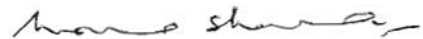
It was therefore decided that the EROs-cum-Sub-Collectors will run the de-duplication software in February to identify repeated electors within the same Polling Station and delete repeat entries within a booth by 15.03.2013. **A report on such deletions should be furnished by 15th March, 2013.**

4. CEO stated that as per information from Health Department, 2.5 lakh persons die every year. However, during the just concluded revision, only 93,000 electors have been deleted from the Roll. In order to delete the names of all dead voters, EROs-cum-Sub-Collectors should collect death lists maintained by statutory authorities, and tag it polling station-wise. This exercise should be completed by 10.03.2013, so that the lists can be handed over to BLOs for verification and collection of Form-7 during the house-to-house campaign.

It was pointed out by ERO-cum-Sub-Collector, Bhubaneswar & Cuttack that the death lists furnished by local authorities contains names of electors relating to other EROs. In such cases the EROs should furnish the list to the concerned EROs for deletion of names.

5. In order to cleanse the Electoral Rolls relating to three ACs of Bhubaneswar, it was decided that ERO cum Sub-Collector, Bhubaneswar will make an appeal to the citizens to apply for deletion if they have their name at more than one place. Further, such lists relating to concerned polling stations will also be made available in the Municipal Ward offices for public information. Additionally, the list of suggested duplicate electors will be uploaded on CEO's website. (Action: ERO, Bhubaneswar)
6. In order to improve the quality of Electoral Roll, the following steps were suggested by the EROs:
 - (i) A meeting of all DEOs & Collectors prior to house-to-house campaign.
 - (ii) Provision of computers and peripherals and engagement of data entry operators to the office of EROs – It was stated that funds for purchase of computers and peripherals will be placed in April, 2013, and provision is being made to provide one data entry operator per Sub-Division from April 2013.
 - (iii) Uniform checklist for EROs, Supervisory Officers and BLOs may be circulated. It was decided that ERO cum Sub-Collector, Cuttack will draw up a checklist for BLOs and furnish the same to this Department by 05.02.2013. (Action: ERO, Cuttack Sadar)
 - (iv) Fixed honorarium to Supervisory Officers @ Rs.3000/- per annum may be considered. *
 - (v) A training module for BLOs should be prepared and used during BLOs training programme.
 - (vi) A system of recommending/ recognising the most efficient BLO should be introduced.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks.



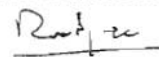
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