The video conference was chaired by Chief Electoral Officer, Odisha and was attended by DEO, Keonjhar & Malkangiri, EROs/ AEROs in their respective district NICs. At the outset CEO welcomed the participants and outlined the provision of Section 13CC of RPI Act wherein all officers and staff deputed for roll revision are deemed to be on deputation to the Election Commission. It was also made clear that the targets to reduce the E.P ratio and achieve 100% photo coverage are non-negotiable. After the summary revision 2013 the total number of electors in the State are 2.97 crores against the census figure of 2.6 crores for citizens above 18 years of age. (EP ratio is 68.6 against the census ratio of 60%).

Similarly 28 lakh existing voters in the electoral roll do not have PER. Even though there was improvement in the enrolment, deletion and correction of electoral roll, in the summary revision 2013 but the EP ratio and collection of photographs of existing voters has not improved.

The Election Commission while giving clearance for publication of final roll for summary revision 2013 had directed to prepare a clear action plan for correcting the above two issues in a time bound manner. Accordingly special revision ( household to household survey ) has been approved by Election Commission which will be taken up from 8<sup>th</sup> of April,2013.

The detailed schedule has already been discussed with the EROs in the last video conference.

For achieving the above objectives it is highly essential that the EROs and AEROs do detailed polling station wise planning as per different strategies being proposed / communicated to them during the month of March so that desired objectives can be achieved during the special campaign in April-May as per the direction of Election Commission.

1. It was discussed that the EROs and AEROs will utilize the month of March for collection of photographs for existing voters without PER by associating SHGs for the purpose. SHGs can be selected by the BDOs, SHGs should be advised to contact all cases where PER is not available, collect the photographs and give feedback on the margin regarding shifting in case they get this information.

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- 2. EROs /AEROs will make use of search facility to know about multiple entries not only for all the Govt. employees but create awareness and facilitate it for common public so that maximum deletions can be achieved by voluntary applications in form 7 by large number voters.
- All online applications received for deletion in Form 7 will be disposed of within two days.
- 4. Duplicate software will be used extensively to identify suspected duplicate entries so that the requisite information can also be given to the BLOs at the time of training. At the time of household to household survey they can serve notices wherever applicable.
- 5. Selection of BLOs as per the ECI guideline, wherever applications have been received will be completed immediately and the process of appointment of BLOs as per the existing practice will continue. After detailed interaction the following time bound action points were finalized:
- Polling Station wise target for collection of 100% photo coverage to be worked out by AEROs, if not already done. The AC-wise excess/ deficit electors, electors of 18-19 age and non-photo electors have been communicated.
  - All field officers were advised to use the on-line search facility to locate their names in the electoral roll and apply for on-line deletion of all duplicate entries by 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2013
- iii. AEROs to furnish lists for appointment of BLOs by EROs by 12<sup>th</sup>
  March 2013
- iv. AEROs to furnish lists for appointment of Supervisory Officers by 12<sup>th</sup> March 2013
- v. In order to collect photographs of non-photo electors, AEROs to hand over a copy of Final Electoral Roll 2013 to SHGs by 07.03.2013. The SHGs are to be instructed to collect photographs of non-photo electors by 25<sup>th</sup> March and paste such photographs on the electoral roll itself.
- vi. AEROs have to submit periodical weekly reports of photos collected by the SHGs to the ERO, and the final report by 26<sup>th</sup>

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- vii. CEO informed that training of Master Level Trainers for the special household to household campaign in April will be taken up at the State Level in the second week of March, followed by training of ERO/ AEROs at district level by 20<sup>th</sup> March. Training of BLOs and Supervisory Officers should be conducted in the first week of April 2013. AEROs were advised to liaison with NSS/ NYKS Block level coordinators and get the list of Booth Level Volunteer by 25<sup>th</sup> March. As far as practicable, the NSS/NYKS volunteers may be trained alongwith BLOs. Detailed guidelines for the special revision to be taken up April 8 as per the approval of Election commission of India are being issued separately.
- viii. CEO also stated that alongwith working copy, identified duplicate list should be supplied to BLOs for field verification.
  - ix. In response to the clarification sought by ERO, Kamakhyanagar, CEO clarified that if part-IV of form-6 of an applicant over 25 years of age has not been filled up, the same should be sent back to the BLO for compliance.
  - The technical queries relating to search facility and on-line application status made by ERO, Bolangir & Rayagada will be separately addressed by Technical Wing of this Department. EROs & AEROs were advised to contact Technical Wing (0674 2391098) for IT related issues.

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