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No.CEO/COE/102(25)/2019/ 11326-65 Dated: 04/3/2019

To

1. The Returning Officers of 7 Parliamentary Constituencies in NCT of Delhi.
2. District Election Officers of 11 Districts in NCT of Delhi

Sub: General Election to Lok Sabha-2019 - Commission's Order regarding identification of electors-reg.

Madam/ Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of ECI letter No. 3/4/ID/2019/SDR/Vol.I dated 28-02-2019 dated on the subject cited above alongwith Commission's Order dated 28-02-2019 wherein Commission has given detailed instructions regarding identification of electors for upcoming General Election to the House of the People,2019.

The directions of the Commission may kindly be intimated to all contesting candidates in writing. Beside this , special briefing to Presiding Officers be given by the Returning Officer and also to ensure that a copy of the ECI Order is available with the Presiding Officers at all polling stations/booths in the Constituency. A copy of the Order translated in the vernacular language should be supplied to each of the Presiding Officers.

The ROs/ DEOs may kindly ensure compliance of the ECI's Order .

[Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above

(T. MISAO)
ELECTION OFFICER (COE)

No.CEO/COE/102(24)/2019/ 11326-65 Dated: 04/3/2019.

Copy to:

1. The President/Convenor of all Recognized National Political parties in Delhi
2. The President/Convenor of State Party (AAP) in Delhi
3. PS to CEO/PA to Spl. CEO (RK)/PA to Spl. CEO (SS)PA to Dy. CEO(AK)/PA to Dy.CEO(KSB)
4. E.O.(SVEEP/Media) for taking necessary action for giving wide publicity to Commission's Order.
5. E.O(P&I) to ensure.the change in Printing of Voter Slips as per ECI letter.
6. Sr. System Analyst with the request to upload the ECI letter/Order under the link "Lok Sabha-2019"
7. SDMs(E) of all the 11 Districts in NCT of Delhi
8. All Election Officers at CEO office . IT

(T. MISAO)
ELECTION OFFICER (COE)

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashok Road, New Delhi-110 001

No. 3/4/ID/2019/SDR/VOL.I Dated: 28th February, 2019

To.

The Chief Electoral Officers of all
States and UTs.

Subject: - General Election to the House of the People. 2019 and General Elections and Bye-elections to State Legislative Assemblies to be held simultaneously – Commission's order regarding identification of electors-reg.

Sir.

I am directed to enclose herewith Commission's Order dated 28th February, 2019, regarding identification of electors at the upcoming General Election to the House of the People.2019. and General Elections to Legislative Assemblies and Bye-Elections.

2. The Commission has directed that all electors in all constituencies who have been issued EPIC have to produce the Electors Photo Identity Card (EPIC) for their identification at the polling station before casting their votes. Those electors who are not able to produce the EPIC shall produce one of the alternative photo identity documents mentioned in paragraph 8 of the Order for establishing their identity. The list of documents is reproduced below for clarity:

(i) Passport.
(ii) Driving License.
(iii) Service Identity Cards with photograph issued to employees by Central/State Govt./PSUs/Public Limited Companies.
(iv) Passbooks with photograph issued by Bank/Post Office.
(v) PAN Card.
(vi) Smart Card issued by RGI under NPR.
(vii) MNREGA Job Card.
(viii) Health Insurance Smart Card issued under the scheme of Ministry of Labour.
(ix) Pension document with photograph.
(x) Official identity cards issued to MPs/MLAs/MLCs, and
(xi) Aadhaar Card.

3. In the case of EPIC, minor discrepancies in the entries therein should be ignored provided the identity of the elector can be established by the EPIC. If an elector produces

for information of the general public and electors immediately and at very regular intervals till the date of polling. This should include paid Advertisements in the newspapers. All political parties in your State/UT and contesting candidates may also be informed, in writing, regarding these directions.

7. The Returning Officers shall explain the implications of this Order and explain the contents thereof to all Presiding Officers through special briefings. They should also ensure that a copy of this letter is available with the Presiding Officers at all polling stations / booths in the constituency.

8. Kindly acknowledge receipt and confirm action taken.

Yours faithfully,

(N.T.BHUTIA)
SECRETARY

Copy to

1. President/Chairperson/General Secretary/Convener of all recognized National/State Political Parties.

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

NirvachanSadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No. 3/4/ID/2019/SDR/VOL.I Dated:28th February 2019

ORDER

1. Whereas, Section 61 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 provides that with a view to preventing impersonation of electors, so as to make the right of genuine electors to vote under section 62 of that Act more effective, provisions may be made by rules under that Act for use of Electors Photo Identity Card for electors as the means of establishing their identity at the time of polling; and

2. Whereas, Rule 28 of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960, empowers the Election Commission to direct, with a view to preventing impersonation of electors and facilitating their identification at the time of poll, the issue of Electors Photo Identity Card to electors bearing their photographs at State cost; and

3. Whereas, Rules 49H(3) and 49K (2) (b) of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, stipulate that where the electors of a constituency have been supplied with Electors Photo Identity Card under the said provisions of Rule 28 of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960, the electors shall produce their Electors Photo Identity Card at the polling station and failure or refusal on their part to produce those Electors Photo Identity Card may result in the denial of permission to vote; and

4. Whereas, a combined and harmonious reading of the aforesaid provisions of the said Act and the Rules, makes it clear that although the right to vote arises by the existence of the name in the electoral roll, it is also dependent upon the use of the Electors Photo Identity Card, where provided by the Election Commission at State cost, as the means of establishing their identity at the time of polling and that both are to be used together; and

5. Whereas, the Election Commission made an Order on the 28th August, 1993, directing the issue of Electors Photo Identity Card (EPIC) to all electors, according to a time bound programme; and

6. Whereas, Electors Photo Identity Cards have been issued to more than 99% electors in the country; and

8. Now, therefore, after taking into account all relevant factors and the legal and factual position, the Election Commission hereby directs that for the upcoming General