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Ministry of Law & Justice vide notification dated 30.12.2021 & 17.06.2022 has amended the R P Act 1950/1951 . The said amendments have come into effect on 1st August 2022 and brings in following important changes into effect.

(1) New User Friendly Forms for Voter Registration w.e.f. 01.08.2022

- Modified Forms will come into force **on 01st August, 2022.**
- Major modifications in the registration forms are as follows:

Form	Earlier	Now
Form 6:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Registration of new electors ➤ Provision for application for shifting from one constituency to another constituency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Only for the registration of new electors
Form 6A:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Application for inclusion of name in Electoral Roll by an overseas Indian elector 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ No change in existing provisions
Form 7:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Application for objection for Proposed inclusion/deletion of Name in Existing Electoral roll 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It will exist for the same purpose with slight modifications. ➤ Now provision for attaching the death certificate has also been made.
Form 8:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Correction to Particulars Entered in Electoral Roll 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Shifting of Residence within or across constituencies. ➤ Correction of entries in existing electoral roll ➤ Replacement of EPIC, and Marking of Person with Disability.
Form 8A:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Transposition of Entry in Electoral Roll (in case of Shifting from One Place to Another Place within Same Constituency) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>Discontinued</u> ➤ Provision has been added in modified Form 8.
Form 001:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Application for issue of Replacement EPIC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>Discontinued</u> ➤ Provision has been added in modified Form 8.
Form-6B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A new Form 6B has been introduced, for collecting Aadhaar number of existing electors to authenticate the entries in the electoral rolls and thus make it absolutely error free. 	

(2) **Four Chances in a Year to Enrol- Need not wait for 1st January qualifying date only**

Amendment:

Amendments have been made in Section 14(b) of the R.P. Act, 1950, which deals with the qualifying date for determining the eligibility of citizens for registration in electoral rolls, and in RER 1960

Changes in the existing process,

- Now there would be four qualifying dates in a year namely, **1st January, 1st April, 1st July and 1st October** in place of one qualifying date 1st January.
- Earlier, only those who completed the 18 years of age by 1st January of the year could get themselves enrolled. Now, all who are completing 18 years of age on any of the qualifying date of the year can get themselves enrolled after the relevant qualifying date.
- The **Annual Summary Revision** will be conducted **with reference to 01st January** of the year only, as qualifying date.
- The prospective applicants, becoming eligible with reference to subsequent qualifying dates of the year i.e., 01st April, 01st July and 01st October can also submit their claims in Form-6, in advance during Annual Summary Revision.
- In other words, the citizens who will become eligible with reference to any of the four qualifying dates have been given a facility to file their advance application for registration, during Annual Summary Revision, as well as after the final publication.
- **It is clarified that the forms will be segregated quarter wise with reference to relevant qualifying date and disposed of by the EROs in the relevant quarters only, preferably in the first month of relevant quarter.**
- The applicants who couldn't file their advance claims during Annual Summary Revision may do so in subsequent quarters. Procedure of advance claim filing during Annual Summary Revision is an additional facility provided to the young voters.

(3). Voluntary Aadhaar Collection to Link with Voter Card

Law Amendment:

- Amendments in Sec. 23 of the Representation of the People, 1950, vide Min. of L&J notification dt. 30.12.2021 for furnishing Aadhaar number by existing electors and citizens seeking registration in electoral roll. Subsequent amendments have also been made in Registration of Electoral Rules, 1960.
- Existing electors may intimate their Aadhaar number by **01.04.2023**.
- **Submission of Aadhaar number is voluntary and non-submission will not result in denial of registration or deletion of existing entries.**

Objective of the programme:

- To establish identity of electors and authentication of entries in electoral roll.
- To identify if the registration of same person in more than one constituency or more than once in the same constituency.
- If the elector is not able to furnish Aadhaar Number, he/she has to submit a copy of any of the eleven alternative documents, mentioned in Form 6B.
- No entry in the electoral roll would be deleted on the ground of inability on the part of any existing elector furnish/intimate Aadhaar number.

How to submit:

Form 6B can be submitted both in online mode as well as offline mode.

Online method: Through NVSP, Voters Helpline App by following two methods-

- i. **With Self-authentication:** Elector may fill Form 6B online and authenticate Aadhaar using OTP to be received on his/her mobile number registered with UIDAI.
- ii. **Without Self-authentication:** In case elector does not want to self-authenticate or self-authentication fails, the elector can submit Form 6B with necessary attachments online without authentication.

Offline Submission: Booth Level Officer will make house to house visit to collect Form 6B with Aadhaar number from electors in hard copy. Forms can also be submitted at the Voter Centres of concerned Assembly Constituency. **Special camps will also be organized for collection of Aadhaar from the voters.**

Security measures for collecting and handling Aadhaar number-

- The Provisions under Section 37 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 will be ensured.
- Collected Form-6B with attachments, after digitization, will be kept in safe custody with double lock by EROs after redacting the first 8 digits of Aadhaar Number.
- Electors' Aadhaar number will be stored in accordance with relevant regulations of UIDAI.
