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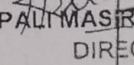
F.No. 594/Action Plan /EP(AS)/2022

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OFFICE ORDER

The Election Commission of India, committed to ensuring inclusive and accessible elections, constituted the National Advisory Committee on Accessible Elections (NACAE) on 28th August 2018 to address electoral challenges faced by Persons with Disabilities (PwDs). Over its tenure, the NACAE has contributed significantly to initiatives such as PwD identification, accessible polling stations, Braille EPICs, sign language assistance, and voter education.

The Committee was reconstituted on 1st November 2022 for a period of two years, which has expired on 31st October, 2024. To sustain its efforts on Accessible Elections, the Commission has decided to extend the NACAE's term for a further period of two years i.e. till 31st October, 2026. The Committee will function under the terms of reference and composition as outlined in **Annexure A.**

  
(DEEPAI MASRKAR)  
DIRECTOR

- Copy To: 1. The Chief Electoral Officers of All States and Union Territories.  
2. All members of NACAE  
3. All concerned Sections/Divisions of ECI

**National Advisory Committee on Accessible Elections (NACAE)**

**Structure & Terms of Reference**

**Scope:**

The Election Commission of India is committed to providing all possible accessibility assistance in the spirit of "No Voter to be left behind" and in furtherance of this goal of ensuring inclusive and accessible elections, the Commission constituted the National Advisory Committee on Accessible elections (NACAE), to advise the Commission on measures to be taken for accessible and inclusive election process for all persons with disabilities

**Members of NACAE:**

The Committee comprises of the following:

1. Deputy Election Commissioner, Accessibility & Inclusion Division - Chairperson
2. Director/Pr. Secy/Secy, Accessibility & Inclusion Division - Convenor
3. One CEO representing East, North, South and West Zone on rotation basis changing every calendar year
4. Director, IT
5. Sr.Pr. Secy/Pr.Secy/Secy, Electoral Roll Division
6. Director/Pr Secy/Secy, SVEEP
7. Officers from DePwD along with officers of 2 allied National institutions under DePwD.
8. One Officer each from Ministry of Education and Ministry of Women & Child Development
9. Representatives of civil society organizations or individuals working in the field of disabilities (Any Four)
10. Academicians from renowned educational institutions working in related field (Any Two)
11. One National PwD Icon appointed by the ECI
12. Any other agency/individual as decided by the chair

**Terms of Reference:**

1. NACAE may give recommendations to the Commission on Policy Formation and interventions as per the Strategic Framework on Accessible Elections covering the following.

- Barriers regarding registration and voting, continuous identification and solutions
- Accessible voter registration and polling
- Inclusive voter education
- Leveraging technology for accessible elections
- Role of partner departments, educational institutions, CSOs & Media
- Training and Sensitization of Staff
- Legislative Initiatives for enhancing electoral participation of PwDs
- Any other recommendation as decided by the Chair



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II. NACAE shall recommend a plan of action for implementation of various directions issued by the Commission regarding inclusion of PwDs in the electoral process.

III. NACAE shall study good practices from across the States of India and international Best practices and recommend initiatives that can be replicated.

**Meetings:**

Meetings will be convened annually or as decided by the Chair.

**Non-Government Members:**

Travelling and boarding/lodging facilities may be provided to non-government members or reimbursement of their expenses may be done as per existing norms.

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