

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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Dated: 19th March, 2019

To,

Chief Electoral Officers of
all States/UTs

Subject: Issue of Braille EPIC to visually impaired or blind electors - regarding.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to state that General election to Lok Sabha, 2019 and General elections to Legislative Assemblies of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha and Sikkim, has already been announced by the Commission, and in order to ensure enhanced accessibility in electoral process, the Commission has desired that Braille EPIC shall be issued to all the visually impaired electors.

2. In view of this, the Commission has directed that a new EPIC in Braille script shall be issued to all visually impaired electors, free of cost, with the same EPIC number already issued to him/her earlier. This new EPIC shall be prepared by pasting a transparent sticker with braille dots embossed on it containing the following fields, on both sides of the existing EPIC that has already been issued to the visually impaired elector.

Front Side of EPIC:-

- EPIC No.
- Name of elector
- Date of Birth / Age of elector

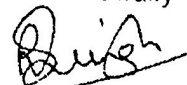
Back Side of EPIC:-

- Polling Station No.
- Number & Name of Constituency

3. In case of newly enrolled electors in visually impaired category, who are being issued fresh EPIC, the transparent stickers with above fields in Braille Script, shall be pasted on PVC EPIC.

4. The Chief Electoral Officer of the State/UT may decide on outsourcing the work of preparation and distribution of Braille EPIC to vendors. As General election to Lok Sabha has already been announced, the preparation of Braille EPIC with above mentioned specification shall be done immediately and distribution of same to blind electors shall also be ensured.

Yours faithfully



(RITESH SINGH)
UNDER SECRETARY