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ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001.

No.23/2010/ERS

Dated 23rd June, 2010.

To

The Chief Electoral Officers of
All States and Union Territories.

Subject:- Revision of Forms appended to R.E. Rules, 1960 – regarding.

Sir/Madam,

The Commission has modified the application Forms 6 to 8A appended to R.E. Rules, 1960 for inclusion, deletion, correction and transposition of entries in the electoral roll to collect the photo of the applicant for printing the photo in photo electoral roll and use of the image for preparing EPIC, wherever necessary, and also to clearly provide space for verification remarks of Field Level Officers (e.g. Booth Level Officer, Designated Officer, Supervisory Officer) to assist the ERO in taking appropriate decision on each application. The Guidelines for filling up each of the application Forms were also appended at the end of each Form to educate and facilitate each applicant to fill up the Form properly supported by necessary documentary evidence, wherever necessary.

2. In the guidelines for *“How to Fill the Form –6”*, a note has been appended below Item No. 5 Date of Birth (With Documentary Proof) which reads as follows *“N.B. In the case of applicants born on or after 26.01.1989, only birth certificate issued by the Municipal Authorities or district office of the Registrar of Births & Deaths is acceptable.”*

3. It has since come to the notice of the Commission that inconvenience is being caused to the applicants born on or after 26.01.1989 as they are being asked to produce birth certificate from the local authorities even if they possess certificate showing date of birth issued by recognized educational institutions like SSLC, CBSE certificates, or documents issued by

other Govt. agencies like Passport, Driving License etc. in which the date of birth is indicated after proper verification by the agencies.

4. In order to mitigate the above inconvenience being faced by some citizens, the Commission hereby clarifies that the Note below item No.5, referred to above, would apply only to those who are not in a position to produce other recognized documentary evidence of date of Birth, for example, the School Leaving Certificate, Passport etc. That is to say that if someone born on or after 26.01.1989, produces any documentary evidence issued by any other Government Agency in which the date of birth is mentioned after due verification or a certificate of date of birth issued by the School (Govt. / recognized) last attended or any other recognized educational institutions, in such cases the applicant should not be insisted upon to produce birth certificate from local authority. It is also clarified that attested copies of birth certificate should be accepted and production of certificate in original may not be insisted.

5. Please take note that the intention of the Commission is to ensure due registration of eligible citizens without difficulty. At the same time, necessary documents should be verified so as to ensure satisfaction of the ERO as a quasi-judicial authority.

6. Kindly bring the instructions to the notice of all concerned with the work of revision of electoral rolls to ensure that the citizens are not put to unnecessary inconvenience. A copy of the instructions issued may be endorsed to the Commission for reference and record.


Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Yashvir Singh)
Director

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Copy forwarded to all DEOs & KEDO for kind
information and necessary action.


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