

Press Release

With the preparation and publication of photo rolls for most of the Assembly Constituencies in the State on May 25 and for the remaining Constituencies by June 4 and 11, Tamil Nadu has joined the comity of those few States in the country to have achieved this well ahead of the Lok Sabha elections to be held in 2009. The other States/UTs in the country are Kerala, Pondicherry, Rajasthan, Haryana and Tripura.

Except for Chennai where the coverage of electors with images is only 78%, all other districts have reached a coverage of more than 90%. The overall coverage in the State is now 94.90%. Hereafter all inclusions in the rolls will be made only after capturing the image of the claimants. For this purpose, Forms 6, 8 & 8A have been revised by providing a box for affixing passport size photograph on the right hand side top corner. In addition, Election Commission of India has prescribed a new form, Form 001A in which also a photo has to be affixed for issue of EPIC. The revised Forms will be kept in all the designated centres.

Claims and objections may be filed within 15 days of the publication of the draft rolls. As the photo rolls are being prepared and published for the first time, it is likely that there may be case of mismatch of images. These should be brought to the notice of the concerned officials.

It is seen that when people shift, they seek to get registered in the new place of residence without corresponding deletion in the old place of registration in the roll. Girls would continue to have their names in their parent's place while seeking registration in their husband's place after marriage and similarly those who get employment elsewhere would get themselves registered in the place of their work-spot while their name would continue to figure in the parent's residence. The previous address is not indicated in the Form (6/ 8A) and also EPIC number is not furnished (by those possessing EPICs). This results in duplication of entries in the rolls.

A person is entitled to be registered only in one place. The claimants should note that registering their names in more than one place either within the same constituency or

in different constituencies and giving false information about the age and other particulars is an offence under the Representation of the People Act which will invite penal action including prosecution under Section 31 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950.

The schedule for the revision of electoral rolls with 1st of January as the qualifying date is as follows:

Activity	All ACs except those in Villupuram, Madurai, Chennai & Villivakkam & Tiruvottiyur	All ACs of Villupuram & Madurai distts. (except Madurai West)	All ACs of Chennai distt. & Villivakkam & Tiruvottiyur of Tiruvallur district
Publication of (photo) rolls as draft rolls	May 25	June 4	June 11
Filing of claims and objections by	June 11	June 19	June 26
Processing of claims and objections, capture of images by	July 2	July 7	July 16
Final publication of rolls	July 11	July 20	July 26

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