

Press Release

The Chief Election Commissioner reviewed on 1st August, 2006 at Raj Bhavan, the progress in the preparation of Photo Electoral Rolls with the Chief Electoral Officer, Naresh Gupta and other officers of the State Elections Department. The Chief Electoral Officer indicated the methodology, procedure and status of the preparation of Photo Electoral Rolls in Tamil Nadu.

In response to a query from the media, the Chief Election Commissioner indicated that the photo rolls would be published as draft rolls for the next revision of electoral rolls with 1st of January 2007 as the qualifying date and the State Electoral machinery has to work on that basis. The Chief Election Commissioner also indicated that the residual electors will be covered with Electors' Photo Identity Cards in the course of preparation of photo rolls. The EPIC coverage in the State was 75% with reference to the electoral roll data base. In addition, it was estimated that 8% electors are possessing EPICs but the EPIC numbers are not reflected in the electoral rolls. For the remaining 17%, images will have to be taken and the EPICs produced and distributed.

The Chief Election Commissioner also reviewed the status of the cases referred by the Election Commission of India based on media and other reports during or after the recent General Elections to Tamil Nadu.

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