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The Election Commission of India has envisaged more opportunities for youth to become part of voters list. Among others they are

- Four chances in a year to enroll need not wait for 1<sup>st</sup> January qualifying date only. (1<sup>st</sup> April, 1<sup>st</sup> July and 1<sup>st</sup> October)
- Advance application facility to 17+ year youngsters
- New User-friendly forms for voter registration w.e.f 01.08.2022
- Single Form 8 devised for Correction of entries, if required
- Voluntary Aadhaar collection to link with Voter card
- Focus on removing Demographically/ Photo Similar Entries
- Commission orders Annual Summary Revision; Pre-revision activity to begin in August.
- 2. The Election Commission of India, has modified various forms, namely 6, 6A, 6B, 7 & 8 in order to make them more user-friendly. The modified Forms will be available from 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2022 in the Election Commission of India's website (<a href="https://eci.gov.in/">https://eci.gov.in/</a>) and the Chief Electoral Officer's website (<a href="https://www.elections.tn.gov.in/">https://www.elections.tn.gov.in/</a>).
- 3. The Election Commission of India has directed the CEOs/EROs/AEROs of all States to work out tech-enabled solutions such that the youth are facilitated to file their advance applications with reference to three subsequent qualifying dates i.e. 01st April, 01st July and 01st October and not just 01st January. Henceforth, the Electoral Roll will be updated every quarter and eligible youngsters can be registered in the next quarter of the year in which he/she has attained the qualifying age of 18 years. After getting enrolled, he/she will be issued an Electoral Photo Identity Card (EPIC). For the current round of annual revision of electoral roll, 2023, any citizen attaining the age of 18 years by April 1, July 1 and October 1 of 2023 can also submit an advance application for registration as a voter from the date of draft publication of electoral roll.



- 4. The Election Commission of India has introduced Collection of Aadhaar data on purely Voluntary basis from the existing electors for linking and authentication of Electoral Rolls data. The elector can fill up Form-6B and submit the same to the concerned BLO physically or online through NVSP, VHA etc. The collection drive will begin on 01.08.2022 and is to be completed before 01.04.2023.
- 5. The Election Commission of India has announced the following schedule for the conduct of Special Summary Revision, 2023:-

S1. No.	Activity	Period	
Pre-revision activities			
1.	(i) Rationalization/ Re- arrangements of Polling Stations.	( 3,	
	<ul> <li>(ii) Removal of discrepancies of DSEs, PSEs and EPICs.</li> <li>(iii)Improvement of image quality ensuring good quality photographs, by replacing blurred, poor quality and not to specification and non-human images in electoral roll, wherever necessary.</li> <li>(iv) Recasting of Section/ Parts and Finalization of proposed restructuring of section/part boundaries location of polling stations and getting approval of list of polling stations.</li> <li>(v) Identification of the Gaps and finalizing the strategy and timeline to bridge such gaps.</li> </ul>		
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2.	<ul><li>(i) Preparation of Format 1 to 8.</li><li>(ii) Preparation of Supplements and integrated draft roll with reference to 01.10.2022 as the qualifying date</li></ul>	25.10.2022 (Tuesday) to 07.11.2022 (Monday)	
Revision Activities			
3.	Publication of Integrated draft electoral roll.	09.11.2022 (Wednesday)	
4.	Period for filing claims & objections	09.11.2022 (Wednesday) to 08.12.2022 (Thursday)	

5.	Special campaign dates	Two Saturdays and Sundays within claims and objection period to be proposed by the CEO.
6.	Disposal of claims and objections	By 26.12.2022 (Monday)
7.	<ul> <li>(i) Checking of health parameters and obtaining Commission's permission for final publication</li> <li>(ii) Updating database and printing of supplements</li> </ul>	By 03.01.2023 (Tuesday)
8.	Final publication of electoral roll	05.01.2023 (Thursday)

- 6. During the claims and objections period i.e. from 09.11.2022 to 08.12.2022 of Special Summary Revision, 2023 all eligible citizens can apply for getting enrolled, carry out deletion/correction/transposition in existing entry or furnish their Aadhaar numbers for linking. The relevant application forms, namely, Forms 6, 6B, 7 or 8 can be submitted to:
  - (i) Booth Level Officer or Electoral Registration Officer / Assistant Electoral Registration Officers office on any working day.
  - (ii) Booth Level Officers on Special Campaign Days at the respective Polling Stations (Dates of Special Campaign will be intimated later).
  - (iii) The Designated Officer at the designated location on any working day during the Summary Revision claims and objections period.
- 7. As per the ECI instructions, the recognized political parties can appoint Booth Level Agents (BLAs) for each polling station. The Booth Level Agents can assist the Booth Level Officers (BLOs) in identifying corrections, etc. during Special Summary Revision, 2023 and also in Special campaign days. Booth Level Agents can list out the dead and shifted electors and present the list to the Booth Level Officers in the formats prescribed by the Election Commission of India.
- 8. In this regard, a brief power point on various activities and schedules for Special Summary Revision, 2023 was presented during the meeting with the representatives of Recognized Political parties. The Chief Electoral Officer & Principal Secretary to Government, explained the various new features on Special Summary Revision, 2023 and clarified the doubts of the Recognized Political parties in the above meeting.

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