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**Press Release**

The Election Commission of India had convened a meeting of all the Chief Electoral Officers in the country on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February, 2008 on re-alignment of electoral rolls and re-organisation of polling stations consequent on Delimitation. The Election Commission of India has also communicated a number of Formats for quantitative and qualitative analysis of electors' data and for monitoring EPIC coverage and photo rolls preparation. CEOs and DEOs have been directed to analyse the electoral rolls and submit their report to the Commission on the fidelity of the Rolls. The Formats provide for comparison of electorate size with projected population, overall as well as in age cohorts of 18 -19, 20-24, 25-29 and 30-39 etc. The Election Commission of India has appointed Electoral Roll Observers at regional level to oversee the rolls preparation and updation and evaluate the quality of the rolls. They are required to make 3 visits to the districts allotted to them (i.e., during April, May and June) and send reports directly to the Election Commission of India.

The exercise of re-organisation of polling stations consequent on Delimitation had been ~~taken up~~<sup>initiated</sup> in Tamil Nadu a few months ago. This exercise was taken up centrally in the CEO's office by the Officer on Special Duty and is likely to be completed by April, 2008. Field verification to check whether the movement of the polling areas to the new ACs has been done correctly will be taken up in May during which identification of surplus and missing names in the electoral rolls will also be done and action for deletion or inclusion, as the case may be.

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