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In the ongoing Special Summary Revision of Electoral Rolls arising out of Delimitation of Assembly Constituencies, there were complaints that the designated centres where claims for inclusion in the Rolls are filed did not function properly on the Special Campaign days, i.e. on the 2nd and 3nd of August, 2008 (Saturday and Sunday). In one case, a Booth Level Officer (Teacher) had given the Forms for inclusion to a Member of Political Party instead of delivering during the house to house visit to members of family whose names are missing in the Electoral Rolls. He has been placed under suspension. In another case, a Booth Level Officer (Teacher) had told a Senior Officer (without knowing the identity of the Officer) that there was no need to make a house-to-house visit. In this case, disciplinary action has been initiated against the Booth Level Officer concerned.

100% verification by the Booth Level Officers by going from house to house is very crucial in the ongoing Summary Revision of Electoral Rolls. They are supposed to put a sticker on the house they visit and to give a slip containing the names of those who figure in the e-roll so that those whose names do not figure can get Forms 6 (with 001A) from the BLOs and apply for inclusion. Having this in mind, the Booth Level Officers are being given another 7 to 10 days time beyond 18th of August for field verification. District Election Officers/ Electoral Registration Officers/ Assistant Electoral Registration Officers/ all other officials including the Booth Level Officers connected with the process of Summary Revision have been warned that in case of any dereliction of duty or lack of involvement on their part, the matter will be reported to the Election Commission of India for taking action against them.

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