

The Election Commission of India has introduced the concept of appointing Booth Level Officers (BLOs) to ensure the fidelity of electoral rolls. They are required to collect field information with regard to the electoral rolls corresponding to the particular Polling Station(s) assigned to them including identification of missing and surplus names, etc. and to maximize the coverage of Electors Photo Identity Cards (EPICs).

As the Booth Level Officers have to perform the above duties in addition to their normal duties in their parent office, and their work involves door-to-door visits in the area assigned to them, the Commission has prescribed a scheme of payment of remuneration to the BLOs.

Apart from the remuneration payable at the end of every financial year, it has been decided with a view to according recognition to the best BLOs, to issue a Certificate of Appreciation in the Diamond Jubilee Year of the Election Commission of India. This Certificate is being awarded by the Chief Election Commissioner to BLOs for their excellent performance in the discharge of duties as Booth Level Officer on the recommendations of the District Election Officers. 16 BLOs have been selected for receiving the Certificate of Appreciation by the Chief Election Commissioner on 06.07.2010.

Mrs. D. Priya was appointed as Polling Officer-I in polling station No.136 at Attupakkam village, 32.AraKonam Assembly Constituency

during the General Elections to Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly held in 2006. She met with an accident while she was proceeding to the polling station on a two-wheeler by road on the poll day, i.e. 8.5.2006 and sustained injuries in her left knee. She discharged the election duty notwithstanding the pain, she suffered on 8.5.2006. She had to undergo surgery and treatment in a private hospital.

A Certificate of Appreciation is being awarded to Mrs. D. Priya by the Chief Election Commissioner of India on 6.7.2010 for the sense of duty and sacrifice on the part of Mrs. D. Priya in performing the poll duties for the General Elections to Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly held in 2006 unmindful of the sufferings and pain caused to her by the injuries sustained as a result of the accident when she was proceeding for poll duty.

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