PRESS RELEASE

<u>**Public (Elections-1) Department**</u>

As per the directions of the Election Commission of India, the draft rolls under the Special Summary Revision of Electoral Rolls, 2015 were published on 15.10.2014. Claims and objections were received from 15.10.2014 to 10.11.2014.

2. As per the draft electoral rolls of Special Summary Revision, 2015, the total electorate in Tamil Nadu was 5,48,70,296 (Male – 2,74,20,556 ; Female – 2,74,46,615 and Third Gender 3125).

3. Wide publicity was given about the revision process. Voter awareness programmes were conducted in all the districts calling upon the eligible persons to file claims and objections. Political parties were requested to extend their cooperation. All officers involved in the roll revision process (including the Booth Level Officers and the Designated Officers) were imparted training on the aspects of the roll revision. Two special campaigns were conducted on 26.10.2014 and 02.11.2014 (except Thoothukkudi where it was held on 01.11.2014). As a result of all the initiatives undertaken by the election machinery, a good number of claims and objections have been received particularly on the Special Campaign days.

4. As per the information received from the District Election Officers, a total number of **20,68,420** applications have been received during the Special Summary Revision 2015, of which 16,28,600 applications are for inclusion in Form 6 (offline 15,66,297 + online 62,303), 225 applications for inclusion of overseas electors in Form 6A, 42,832 applications for

deletion in Form 7 (offline 41,498 + online 1,334), 2,86,208 applications for correction of entries in Form 8 (offline 2,47,869 + online 38,339), and 1,10,555 applications for transposition of entries in Form 8A (offline 1,02,672 + online 7,883) have been filed.

5. The field verification of these applications is under process. To ensure error-free rolls, de-duplication process is being undertaken. After the due process of field verification, enquiry, de-duplication exercise, etc., the final electoral rolls will be published on 05.01.2015.

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