

PRESS RELEASE

The Election Commission of India has directed that all electors who have been issued with their Elector's Photo Identity Cards (EPICs), shall have to produce the EPICs to exercise their franchise, when they come to the polling stations for voting at the Bye-election to 142. Madurai West Assembly Constituency to be held on 26.06.2007. The Commission has also permitted the electors who have not obtained their EPICs to vote at the current Bye-election, provided their identity is otherwise established by the production of any of the following alternative documents:-

- i) Passports,
- ii) Driving Licence issued upto 31.01.2007,
- iii) Income Tax Identity (PAN) Cards,
- iv) Service Identity Cards with photo, issued to its employees by State/Central Government, Public Sector Undertakings, Local Bodies or Public Limited Companies,
- v) Passbooks with photo, issued by Public Sector Banks/ Post Office and Kisan Passbooks (Accounts opened on or before 31.01.2007),
- vi) Pension Documents with photo, such as ex-servicemen's Pension Book/Pension Payment Order, ex-servicemen's Widow/Dependent Certificates,
- vii) Old age Pensioner Order, Widow Pension Order with photo issued upto 31.01.2007,
- viii) Freedom Fighter Identity Cards with photo,
- ix) Arms Licenses with photo issued on or before 31.01.2007,

- x) Identity Cards with photo issued by Directorate of Disability for people with Disability, issued upto 31.01.2007.

2. Only the originals of the above documents will be accepted and not Xerox copies. It is clarified that any document, as enumerated above, which is available only for the Head of Family, shall be allowed for the purpose of identification of other members of the family, provided the other members can be identified on the basis of such document.

3. It is also clarified that possession of Elector's Photo Identity Cards or any other form of identity prescribed by the Commission above will not entitle a person to exercise his vote, unless his name is found in the Electoral Rolls supplied to the polling station.

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