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The Election Commission of India instructed this office that, the EPIC number already assigned to the elector is not in standard EPIC Number format (old series with 16 digit numbering system), then new standardized EPIC number (new system with 10 digit alphanumeric code) shall be allotted and a new PVC Color EPIC with both old EPIC (which is printed on the rear side of the EPIC) and new EPIC numbers printed on it, shall be issued to the elector concerned.

- 2. The Election Commission of India has also instructed on prerequisites for conversion from non-standard to standard EPIC and SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) for bulk conversion from non-standard to standard EPIC.
- 3. Based on the above instructions, the process of changing all non-standard EPIC numbers (old series with 16 digit numbering system) into the standard EPIC number (new system with 10 digit alphanumeric code), is completed and being ready for distribution to the electors concerned through the Booth Level Officers (BLOs). Hence, the electors those having the Non standard EPICs is hereby requested to collect their new standard color PVC EPICs from the BLOs while they are came to the residence of the electors concerned for distribution of new standard color PVC EPIC.
- 4. The BLOs while distributing the new EPICs at the doorstep of the elector, shall obtain acknowledgment from them in the prescribed format. All the recognized National and State Political parties are also informed about the distribution of standard color PVC EPICs.
- 5. If any other information required, the electors may contact the officials of the Election section in the O/o the Electoral Registration Officer/the Assistant Electoral Registration Officer and the electors may also contact the Toll free number 1950.

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