

PRESS RELEASE

For the upcoming bye-Elections to Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly from 98.Erode (East) Assembly Constituency, the Election Commission of India has directed that all electors, who have been issued EPIC have to produce the Elector's Photo Identity Card for their identification at the polling station before casting their votes. Those electors who are not able to produce the EPIC shall produce one of the following alternative photo identity documents for establishing their identity:-

- (i) Aadhaar Card
- (ii) MNREGA job Card
- (iii) Passbooks with photograph issued by Banks/Post Office
- (iv) Health Insurance Smart Card issued under the scheme of Ministry of Labour
- (v) Driving License
- (vi) PAN Card
- (vii) Smart Card issued by RGI under NPR
- (viii) Indian Passport
- (ix) Pension document with photograph.
- (x) Service Identity Cards with photograph issued to employees by Central/ State Govt. PSUs/Public Limited Companies
- (xi) Official identity cards issued to MPs/ MLAs/ MLCs
- (xii) Unique Disability ID (UDID) Card, M/o Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India

2. In the case of EPIC, minor discrepancies in the entries therein should be ignored provided the identity of the elector can be established by the EPIC. If an elector produces an Electors Photo Identity Card, which has been issued by the Electoral Registration Officer of another Assembly Constituency, such EPICs shall also be accepted for identification provided the name of that elector finds place in the electoral roll pertaining to the polling station where the elector has turned up for voting. If it is not possible to establish the identity of the elector on account of

mismatch of photograph, etc. the elector shall have to produce one of the alternative photo documents mentioned in para 1 above.

3. The Commission has also directed that while Voter Information Slip will continue to be prepared and issued to electors as part of the awareness building exercise, it will not be permitted as an identifications document. In order to make it clear to the electors that Voter Information Slips shall not be accepted as a stand-alone identification document for voting, the words **“THIS SLIP WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF IDENTIFICATION IN POLLING STATION. YOU ARE REQUIRED TO CARRY EPIC OR ONE OF THE 12 ALTERNATIVE DOCUMENTS SPECIFIED BY THE COMMISSION FOR VOTING”** shall be printed on the Voter Information Slip in bold letters. Voter Information Slips shall continue to be printed.

4. It is also clarified that, the overseas electors shall have to produce their **original passport only** for identification.

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