

**PRESS RELEASE**

For the upcoming bye-Elections to Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly from 75.Vikravandi and 227.Nanguneri Assembly Constituencies, 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) Passport
- (ii) Driving License
- (iii) Service Identity Cards with photograph issued to employees by Central/State Govt. PSUs/Public Limited Companies
- (iv) Passbooks with photograph issued by Bank/Post Office
- (v) PAN Card
- (vi) Smart Card issued by RGI under NPR
- (vii) MNREGA Job Card
- (viii) Health Insurance Smart Card issued under the scheme of Ministry of Labour
- (ix) Pension document with photograph
- (x) Official identity cards to MPs/MLAs/MLCs; and
- (xi) Aadhaar Card.

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 Photo Voter 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 Photo Voter 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 11 ALTERNATIVE DOCUMENTS SPECIFIED BY THE COMMISSION FOR VOTING”** shall be printed on the Photo Voter Slip in bold letters. Photo Voter 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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