

**PRESS RELEASE**

**Public (Elections-1) Department**

Based on the interim orders passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in W.P.(Civil) No.494 of 2012, the Election Commission of India has directed that all further activities relating to collection/feeding/seeding of Aadhaar Number being undertaken currently under the National Electoral Rolls Purification and Authentication Programme (NERPAP) shall be suspended with immediate effect till further directions from the Commission. In other words, henceforth no more collection of Aadhaar Numbers from electors or feeding / seeding of collected Aadhaar data shall be done by any election authority or official connected with the NERPAP. A press release was issued in this regard. However, there seems to be confusions in some sections of the press and the matter has been reported differently.

2. It is clarified and reiterated that based on the directions of the Election Commission of India, all further activities relating to collection/feeding/seeding of Aadhaar Number being undertaken currently under the NERPAP have been suspended with immediate effect. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, in its above interim order referred to above, has ordered that "the matter would be decided finally by a larger Bench". Further action would be taken only on the further directions are received from the Election Commission of India in the above case.

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