

**PRESS RELEASE**

For the upcoming Bye-Elections to Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly from 75.Vikravandi 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 and
- (xii) Unique Disability ID (UDID) Card, M/o Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India

2. In order to facilitate the voter to know the serial number of electoral roll of his/her polling station date of poll, time etc., the Commission vide letter No.464/INST/VIS/2023/EPS, dated:08.06.2023 has decided to issue "Voter Information Slip" to the voters in place of Photo Voter Slip. Voter Information slip will include information like Polling Station, Date, Time etc. Voter Information Slip will be distributed at least 5 days before the date of poll to all enrolled electors, by the District Election Officer, However, Voter Information Slip will not be allowed as proof of identity of Voters.

**3. It is also clarified that if any elector uses an Elector's Photo Identity Card, which has been issued by the Electoral Registration Officer of another Assembly Constituency, such cards shall also be taken into account provided the name of that elector finds place in the electoral roll pertaining to the polling station. The possession of Elector's Photo Identity Cards or other form of identity prescribed by the Commission above will not entitle a person to exercise his/her vote, unless his/her name is found in the Electoral Roll supplied to the Polling Station.**

4. It is further clarified that the overseas electors who are registered in the electoral rolls under Section 20A of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, based on the particulars in their Indian Passport, shall be identified on the basis of their original passport only (and no other identity document) in the polling station.

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