Public (Elections-1) Department

PRESS RELEASE

As per the directions of the Election Commission of India, the draft rolls under the Special Summary Revision of Electoral Rolls, 2016 were published on 15.09.2015. Claims and objections were received from 15.09.2015 to 24.10.2015.

2. As per the draft electoral rolls of Special Summary Revision, 2016, the total electorate in Tamil Nadu was 5,66,81,842 (Male – 2,82,49,651 ; Female – 2,84,28,472 and Third Gender 3,719).

3.   Wide publicity was given about the revision process.   Voter awareness programmes including on a digital platform were conducted in all the districts calling upon the eligible persons to file claims and objections. Political parties were requested to extend their cooperation.   All officers involved in the roll revision process (including the Booth Level Officers and the Designated Officers) were imparted training on the aspects of the roll revision.   Three special   campaigns were conducted on 20.09.2015, 04.10.2015 and 11.10.2015.   As a result of all the initiatives undertaken by the election machinery, a good number of claims and objections have been received particularly on the Special Campaign days.

4.   As per the information received from the District Election Officers, a total number of **22,81,392** applications have been received during the Special Summary Revision 2016, of which 16,94,098 applications are for first time inclusion and shifting across Constituencies in Form 6,   11 applications for inclusion of overseas electors in Form 6A,   1,76,920 applications for deletion in Form 7, 2,69,227 applications for correction of

entries in Form 8, and 1,41,136 applications for transposition of entries in Form 8A have been filed.

5. These forms will be processed in 6 stages at the districts and at each stage a notification by SMS / Email would be sent to the applicants who had given their mobile numbers / Email IDs. The 6 stages are as follows:

(i) Data entry status.

(ii) Scanning completed.

(iii) Check list printed and verification under process.

(iv) Booth Level Officer's verification status.

(v) Electoral Registration Officer's approval status.

(vi) Card printing status (if fresh voter application or for 001 Forms)

6. Special Provisions have been made for complete automation of electoral roll updation process from the Electoral Registration Officers till the Booth Level Officers on the internet as a decision support system called ERO Net and mobile based system BLO Net. BLO Net is a mobile application that is developed for the Booth Level Officers to update the verification status of the application from the field level itself, thereby saving time in processing.

7. All the applicants may track their applications in CEO's website, whereas those who have given their mobile numbers would get periodical SMS Notifications.

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