

STATE ELECTION COMMISSION

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Sub: State Election Commission – 4th ordinary elections to Gram Panchayats - Identification of Absentee, Shifted and Duplicate (ASD) voters at the time of Poll - Instructions – Issued.

The names of some dead, shifted and absentee electors continue to appear in the Photo electoral rolls of Gram Panchayats even though efforts were made to delete names of absentee, shifted and duplicate voters (enrolled at more than one place in the same or different Gram Panchayats). This creates a scope for impersonation.

The State Election Commission, hereby, directs that the following procedure shall be adopted in order to eliminate scope for impersonation by unscrupulous elements to vote in place of absentee, shifted and duplicate (ASD) voters at the time of poll.

- (a) A list of ASD voters should be prepared polling station wise and it should be ensured that the each presiding officer should be provided with separate lists of Absentee, Shifted and Duplicate electors (ASD List).
- (b) On the day of poll, in order to cast one's vote, the elector, who is in such list, shall have to produce EPIC for his identification or any one of the alternative photo documents permitted by the Commission. The Presiding Officer shall verify the identification document personally, ask about the identity from polling agents present and the details of documents will be properly registered by the polling officer concerned on the counterfoil of the ballot paper.
- (c) Thumb impression of such electors shall also be obtained in addition to signature against the column of "Signature / thumb impression" of the counterfoil of the ballot paper. The Thumb impression shall be in addition to the signature even in the case of an elector who is literate and can sign.

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- (d) Presiding Officer shall maintain a record and give a certificate at the end of the poll that so many electors from the list of ASD were allowed to vote after proper scrutiny.
- (e) Wherever possible, such electors may be photographed and record kept.
- (f) Micro Observers, wherever they are present, should ensure that these instructions with regard to ASD electors are meticulously followed.
- (g) The Presiding Officer shall be briefed specially about these procedures to be followed in polling stations for electors who are in the list of ASD electors.

This shall be brought to the notice of all concerned immediately.

Sd/- Navin Mittal
Secretary

To
All the Collectors & District Election Authorities.
All the District Panchayat Officers.
All the Observers.

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Joint Secretary