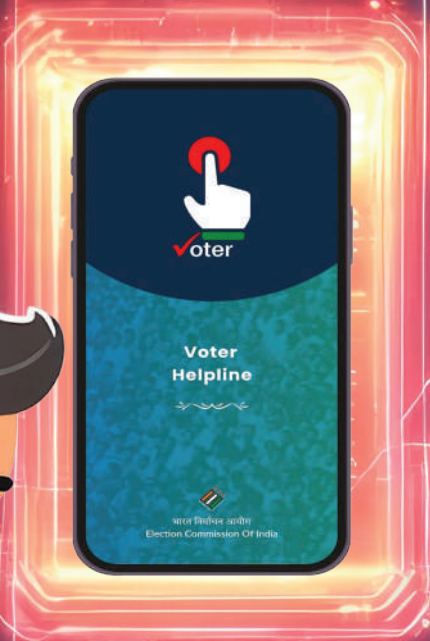# Booth Level Officer
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Message from Hon'ble CEC, Shri Gyanesh Kumar

भारत के मुख्य चुनाव आयुक्त का मतदाताओं के लिये संदेश

राष्ट्र सेवा के लिये पहला कदम है मतदान;
अतःभारत के हर नागरिक जो 18 वर्ष की आयु पूरी कर चुके हों;
उन्हें मतदाता जरूर बनना चाहिये और मतदान अवश्य करना चाहिये;
भारत के संविधान लोक प्रतिनिधित्व क़ानूनों, नियमों और उनके अन्तर्गत जारी निर्देशों के अनुरूप;

चुनाव आयोग हमेशा मतदाताओं के साथ था, है और रहेगा।

Chief Election Commissioner of India - Message for the Voters

First step for Nation Building is Voting;
Therefore, every Citizen of India; Who has completed 18 Yrs of age;
Should become an Elector; And should always Vote;
In accordance with the Constitution of India, Electoral Laws, Rules
and Instructions issued therein;

Election Commission was, is and will always be with the Voters.

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Concept of Electoral Roll (ER)

Importance of The Electoral Roll in the electoral process

- Electoral Roll is the fundamental document for conducting elections in a democracy.
- It records and maintains the names of all eligible citizens as electors.
- The accuracy and integrity of electoral rolls are essential for fair and transparent elections.
- Any inaccuracies or gaps in voter registration not only create issues but also impact the overall election process.

Mode of Inclusion and deletion in Electoral Roll

- **Form 6** – Application for New Voters.
- **Form 6A** – Application for Overseas Electors.
- **Form 7** – Request for Deletion/Objection of Name in Electoral Roll (Due to Death/Shifting/Other Reasons).
- **Form 8** – Application for Address Change, Corrections, EPIC Replacement, or PwD Marking.
- **Offline** – Forms submitted via BLOs or at Voter Registration Centers (VRC).
- **Online** – Applications through Voter Helpline App or visit voters.eci.gov.in

Eligibility

- A person should be a citizen of India.
- Should not be less than eighteen years (18) of age on the qualifying date as prescribed by the ECI.
- Should be an ordinary resident of the Constituency.

Disqualification (as per section 16 A of RPA of 1950)

- Is not a citizen of India.
- Is of unsound mind and declared so by competent court.
- Is disqualified from voting under the provisions of any law relating to corrupt practices and other election related offences.

Ensuring an Error-Free Electoral Roll

Eliminating Discrepancies in ER

- To eliminate discrepancies and ensure accuracy in the electoral roll during the ongoing pre-revision activities, it is essential to include contact details such as phone/mobile numbers and email IDs.

Deletion Procedure

- Repeat/Multiple Entries: Conduct field verification for reported cases from citizens, political party BLAs, and RWAs.
- Demographically Similar, Permanently Shifted, & Deceased Electors:
  - Remove confirmed cases upon receiving Form-7 from the elector or a family member (for deceased).
  - Serve notice before deletion.
  - Deletion of deceased electors can proceed without Form-7, if verified through a death certificate or official records.

Safeguards Against Wrongful Deletions

- Delete registered deaths only after proper verification or a death certificate.
- Require Form-7 for deletions due to unregistered death or shifting.
- BLOs must provide specific remarks in field verification reports.
- Obtain Form-8 for shifting cases and confirm prior enrollment before adding a new entry.
- BLO reports are mandatory for deletions.

Flagging of Persons with Disabilities (Benchmark disability) in the ER

- PwD electors providing disability details in Form-6 or Form-8 must be flagged in the database with their disability category to ensure polling station facilities.

Purification of the ER adopting Technology & Transparency is prime duty of BLO

The Booth Level Officer (BLO) plays a crucial role in ensuring the accuracy and integrity of the Electoral Roll. With the adoption of technology-driven solutions like Voter Helpline App, Service Voter Portal.

Role of BLO in Electoral Roll Purification

- *The BLO is the local field officer responsible for voter verification and data accuracy at the booth level. Their key duties include:*
  - Verifying new voter applications and updating voter details.
  - Detecting duplicate, deceased, or shifted voters for deletion.
  - Conducting door-to-door verification to ensure accuracy.
  - Assisting voters in inclusion, deletion, and correction requests.

Technology-Driven Purification Methods Used by BLOs

- *BLO Mobile App for Real-time Data Verification:*
  - Verify voter details on the spot during door-to-door surveys.
  - Upload real-time data and flag discrepancies.
  - Scan documents using a mobile and store them digitally.
  - Track and update applications for new voter inclusion or deletion.

Aadhaar-Voter ID Linking for avoiding De-duplication (Voluntary)

- *BLOs assist voters in linking Aadhaar with their Voter ID, helping to:*
  - Identify multiple registrations across different constituencies.
  - Prevent fraudulent voting by fake or ineligible voters.

Real-time SMS & Online Monitoring

- BLOs receive instant SMS alerts regarding voter registration requests.
- Voters can track the status of their application online, ensuring transparency.

Transparency Measures in Electoral Roll Purification through BLO during the process of SSR
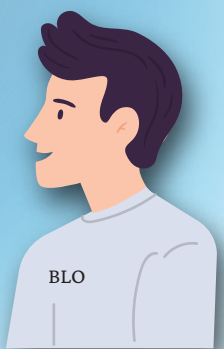

- *Public Scrutiny & Citizen Participation:*
  - Voters can submit objections or corrections through the Voter Service Portal or directly to the BLO.
- Verification to be done by the BLO through BLO App.

Impact of BLO-Based Technology & Transparency Initiatives

- Faster and more efficient voter verification.
- Elimination of false entry, duplicate, and ineligible voters.
- Greater public confidence in electoral rolls.
- Error-free elections with higher voter participation.

By leveraging digital tools, and citizen engagement, BLOs ensure that India's electoral roll remains transparent, accurate, and credible—a strong foundation for free and fair elections!

BLO

Stories from the ground

Name: Mr. Jatinder Singh
Polling Station No.: 08 Anaganwadi Building No.02, Maloya Colony, **Chandigarh**

Mr. Jatinder, has actively participated in voter awareness campaigns, helping to increase voter turnout in his polling station. He has successfully completed 100% house-to-house (H2H) field verification with the following parameters during SSR-2025:

- Identification of Prospective electors and distributions of relevant forms.
- Correction of Entries in Electoral Roll.
- Bridging gender gap.
- Efforts in enrolling of young electors 18-19 years.

It is worth mentioning that the field-level data he was provided during the rationalization process and house to house field verification was both reliable and decisive. During the GELS-2024, he was organized extensive voter registration campaigns & ChunavPathshalas in their respective areas to motivate and encourage of residents for participation in electoral process, voting as well as about the ICT application i.e. Voter Helpline App, Voters' Service Portal, Saksham(PwD App) c-Vigil, Suvidha etc.

Name: Mr. Narendra Kumar Sharma
Polling Station No.: 06-Garhi Mohan
AC: 92-Kheragarh, Agra , **Uttar Pradesh**

Shri Narendra Kumar Sharma, Headmaster of Prathmik Vidyalaya Garhi Mohan and BLO of 92-Kheragarh Assembly Constituency, worked tirelessly to raise voter awareness in a remote, backward, and hilly region where people knew little about elections.

He took on the challenge of eradicating an evil practice—villagers refused to enroll their daughters, believing it was unnecessary. Despite resistance, he persisted, seeking help from SDM Kheragarh, who repeatedly visited the village to convince the people.

His dedication paid off, gaining the support of the village women. He successfully achieved 100% voter enrollment, Aadhar-EPIC linkage, and removal of absentee voters, empowering the community with electoral awareness. His commendable efforts transformed the village, and we extend our best wishes for his continued service to society.

Name: Mr. Sumit Kumar Gautam
Polling Station No.: 44 Urdu Primary School, Maner
AC.: 187 - Maner, **Bihar**

Mr. Brajesh Kumar Brajesh, was appointed as the Booth Level Officer (BLO), allocated area, he observed that voters were not aware of their voting rights. They showed little interest in casting their votes or getting their names registered. As a Booth Level Officer (BLO), he noticed a lack of voter awareness & interest in his area. A major reason was that 25% of voters had lost their homes and documents in a fire, making them believe they couldn't vote.

To address this, he educated them about alternative documents provided by the Election Commission of India and assisted them in filling out Form-8 to obtain voter ID cards.
His efforts restored their confidence. With the support of community leaders, officials, and social workers, he further spread awareness about the importance of voting, gradually increasing voter participation.

Name: Mr. P. Lalengmawia
Polling Station No.: 25 Khawhri
AC.: 29-Tuipui South, Lunglei District, **Mizoram**

Mr. P.Lalengmawia is currently working as a Teacher at Gov't Middle School Khawhri. He has been acting as the BLO of 29/25 Khawhri, Hnahthial District, Mizoram ever since he was appointed in 2012. His assigned polling station is the Govt Primary School, Khawhri.

The actions taken by him before and during the conduct of the Hearing process in relation to the Special Summary Revision (SSR) showcased that he was a credible person. His efforts were a major factor in smoothening the entire process. Some of the efforts like linking the submitted forms with individual EPIC numbers, marking of E-roll etc., had vastly increased the efficiency and effectiveness of the entire hearing process.

Name: Ms. Sunita Kumari
Polling Station No.: 56-Motey
AC: 73-Suchetgarh (SC), Jammu District, **UT of J&K**

Ms. Sunita Kumari, removed discrepancies (i.e. logical errors, duplicate entries, bad quality images, etc.) from Electoral Rolls. She has collected and updated colour photographs in Electoral Roll 100%. She conducted awareness among public particularly female voters for participation in electoral process.

She has corrected family grouping in Electoral Rolls. She has distributed about 100% EPICs/Voter-slips by conducting house to house visit well in time during Lok Sabha Election 2024 & J&K Legislative Assembly Election 2024. She attended special camp days during Special Summary Revisions and received no of claims & objections Forms, special focus on Young (future) voters & female voters. She also collected & updated 100% Mobile Numbers & Aadhaar Numbers of all Electors.

Name: Ms. B. Jayaprada
Polling Station No.: 58 of Parkal, 104 LAC, **Telangana**

Ms. B. Jayaprada, a resource person in the Mission for Elimination of Poverty in Municipal Areas[MEPMA] and BLO for the last 5 years at Telangana State.

As duties in addition to regular job and BLO responsibility are actually complementing each other especially while participating in the Municipal surveys, attending applications for loan from the MEPMA scheme helped in influencing the families to take interest in voter enrolment, modifications if any and voting on the poll-day. Simultaneously, in a peer approach, the youth provide information / awareness to those are not much educated or out of school/colleges to access the electoral services by referring to the BLO of the entire hearing process.

Rapport building and reinforcing the messages are key to achieve a good relation, particularly among the Young Women & Men who are somehow 'very busy' in their regular activities. So, I approached them through technology by encouraging them to use the Voter Helpline App and apply for registration, any changes in details like phone number, change of address, EPIC card etc. and it worked – a committed BLO, who received a Best BLO award on NVD.

Name: Mr. Indra Ram Devda
Polling Station No.: 172 of Pali, Jodhpur, **Rajasthan**

Mr. Indra Ram Devda, working as Teacher Level-1, in Mahatma Gandhi Government School, English Medium Mathania. Due to lack of awareness in villages, the voters here hesitate to provide us with all the required information-immediately though, he prepared a voter register at his level, in which he recorded a list of all the voters of the family with their name, father's name, Aadhar card number and date of birth mentioned on Aadhar along with their residential address. For this, he always had to work extra for about 1 to 2 hours. For this, he had to keep aside many important responsibilities of his family and of his personal life. When the list was ready, he matched it with my voter list and started contacting all the voters who were 18 + and were still not included in the electoral roll. He started collecting the necessary documents to add their names to the list. He was honoured by the District Magistrate of Jodhpur at the district level for my excellent work. To fulfill the saying *'Mehnat Kar Re Manva, Mehnat Rakha Maan',* one should always be ready to test oneself on the path of duty.

Name: Mr. Mohammad Elias Wani
Polling Station No.: 4-Newa B , District Pulwama
AC.: 34 Pulwama, **UT of J&K**

Conducted extensive door-to-door voter awareness campaigns, ensuring maximum voter registration, especially among first-time voters, women, and marginalized communities. Personally assisted elderly & differently-abled citizens in completing their voter registration and obtaining their EPIC (Electors Photo Identity Card).

Organized Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) programs in schools, colleges, and local communities to encourage informed and ethical voting. Engaged with youth and first-time voters, motivating them to exercise their democratic rights responsibly. Transparency & Accuracy in Electoral Rolls:- Ensured error-free electoral rolls by meticulously verifying and updating voter lists. Identified and removed duplicate, shifted, and deceased voter entries to maintain the integrity of the electoral process.

Name: Ms. Sandhya Gaonkar
Polling Station No.: 43 Government Primary School Salgini
AC.: 39 Sanguem **(South Goa District)**

Miss Sandhya Gaonkar, a BLO who has conducted door to door campaign in her part No.43 and convinced and ensure each and every voter to come out and cast their vote on poll day.During Lok Sabha Election 2024 Booth No.43 of 39-Sanguem Assembly Constituency i.e."43-Government Primary School, Salgini "has attained 100% voting turnout first time in Goa history. This has happened only due to tremendous efforts taken by the concern

First ever voters awareness activity by AERO 39-Sanguem, AC at Netravali village with live performances and launching of T-shirts specially designed with message of ECI "ONEVOTE, ONEPLANT" to all the BLOs. The message of ECI "ONEVOTE, ONEPLANT" were also launched at the hands of local elderly villagers and voters launching of Audio voters awareness song "AMISANGUEM".

Name: Ms. Seema Soni
Polling Station No.: 81- Harda
AC.: 135-Harda, district of 29-Betul (ST), **Madhya Pradesh**

Ms. Seema Soni, Anganwadi Worker of Ward No. 32 has also been deputed as Booth Level Officer of polling booth number 81-Harda of Assembly Constituency.

During Assembly Elections-2023 and Lok Sabha Elections-2024, 91.21% and 68.36% voter turnout was recorded respectively which is higher in all the 274 polling stations falls within that AC. With the efforts of Mrs. Soni, total 25 names were added during Special Summary Revision- 2024, out of which there were 21 new voters of the age group of 18-19. The current gender ratio and EP ratio of polling station 81-Harda is 961 and 71.23% respectively.

Acknowledging her sincerity towards assigned task and for recording 91.20% of high voting at her Polling Booth during Assembly Elections 2023, Mrs. Soni was also honoured with a citation by the District Election Officer on the occasion of 14th National Voter's Day, 2024 celebrated at Government Polytechnic College, Harda. Mrs. Soni does all out efforts to aware and motivate the voters about their franchise. These include various innovative activities such as competitions and sports.

Name: Mr. Rajiv Sharma
Polling Station No.: 12- Pacheykhani-B
AC.: 19 Rhenock, Pakyong District, **Sikkim**

Mr. Rajiv Sharma, a dedicated and hardworking BLO has recently been awarded the Prestigious district level best BLO by the office of the chief electoral officer, election department, Gangtok, govt of Sikkim. This recognition highlights his exceptional contribution in ensuring smooth process and his outstanding performances in his role as a BLO.

The honor serves as a testament to his commitment efficiency and significant impact on the electoral system in his constituency. Mr. Sharma was very much excelled and was responsible for updating Voter lists, facilitating voter registration, conducting awareness programmes and ensuring that all logistical aspect related to voter participation are adequately addressed. His efforts have resulted in a significant increase in voter registration particularly among first time voters and marginalized sections of Society.

Embracing modern technology I have made effective use of Digital tools and software to manage Electoral data, making the process of voter registration, verification and communication more efficient. As a BLO Sharma has worked diligently to ensure that the voter list for the19-Rhenock assembly constituency is up to date and accurate. His attention in detail and thorough verification of records has minimized errors and ensured the integrity of the electoral rolls.