

ECI ISSUES ORDER RELATING TO IDENTIFICATION OF ELECTORS

The Election Commission of India has in a notification stated that taking into account all relevant factors and the legal and factual position, the Commission has directed for forthcoming General Elections to the Nagaland Legislative Assembly that all electors who have been issued EPICs shall produce their EPICs for their identification at the Polling Stations before casting their votes. Those electors who are not able to produce the EPIC shall have to produce one of the following alternative photo identity documents for establishing their identity:-

- I. Passport
- II. Driving License
- III. Service Identity Cards with photograph issued to employees by Central/State Govt. PSUs/Public Limited Companies
- IV. Passbooks with photograph issued by Bank/Post Office
- V. PAN Card
- VI. Smart Card issued by RGI under NPR
- VII. MNREGA Job Card
- VIII. Health Insurance Smart Card issued under the scheme of Ministry of Labour
- IX. Pension document with photograph
- X. Authenticated Photo Voter Slip issued by the election machinery
- XI. Official identity cards issued to MPs/MLAs/MLCs; and
- XII. Aadhaar Card.

The Commission further mentioned that in case of EPIC- clerical errors, spelling mistakes, etc. should be ignored provided the identity of the elector can be established by the EPIC.

If an elector produces an EPIC, which has been issued by the Electoral Registration Officer of another Assembly Constituency, such EPICs shall also be accepted for identification provided the name of that elector finds place in the electoral roll pertaining to the polling station where the elector has turned up for voting.

If it is not possible to establish the identity of the elector on account of mismatch of photograph, etc. the elector shall have to produce one of the alternative photo documents mentioned above.

The Commission also stated that 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 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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