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ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No. ECI/PN/24/2011/Media

Dated 28.03.2011

To

The Chief Electoral Officer of
All States/UTs
(As per list attached)

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Subject: - Forwarding of Press Note No. 24- regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of the Press Note No. ECI/PN/24/2011/Media dated 28.03.2011 issued by the Election Commission of India for your kind information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,


(J.K. RAO)
UNDER SECRETARY

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PRESS NOTE

Subject: Registration of Overseas Electors in Electoral Rolls-regarding

Under Section-20A of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, inserted vide Representation of the People (Amendment) Act, 2010, which has come into force w.e.f. 10th February, 2011, every overseas elector, i.e., an Indian citizen who is absenting from his place of ordinary residence in India owing to employment, education or otherwise, and has not acquired citizenship of any other country and who is not included in the electoral roll, is entitled to have his/her name registered in the electoral roll of the constituency in which his/her place of residence in India as mentioned in his/her passport is located.

In terms of rule 8A of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960, every overseas elector whose place of residence in India is located in the States/Union Territories of India, who has completed 18 years of age as on 01-01-2011, and is desirous of registering his/her name in the electoral roll, has been invited by the Chief Electoral Officers of respective States/UTs to submit claim application in Form-6A for registration in the electoral roll of the constituency in which his/her place of residence as shown in the passport is located. Prescribed Application Form for the purpose i.e Form-6A alongwith guidelines for the applicants is available with the Indian Missions in Foreign Countries/ Chief Electoral Officers/Electoral Registration Officers/Booth Level Officers and on the Commission's Website i.e <http://eci.nic.in> and also on the Website of the Chief Electoral Officers of States, a link provided on the Commission's Webpage. The claim application in Form-6A may either be submitted in person directly to the registration officer of the constituency concerned or sent to such registration officer by

post alongwith the documents mentioned in Form-6A and the guidelines. If the application is submitted in person before the Electoral Registration Officer, the original passport should be produced for verification. When the claim application is sent by post, it should be accompanied by self attested photocopies of the relevant pages of the passport.

Verification of self-attested documents which accompany applications in Form 6A received by post shall be done by Booth Level Officers (BLOs). For this purpose, BLOs will visit the home address mentioned in the passport. They will ask relatives of the applicant, if any, to verify the self-attested copies of documents and give a declaration to this effect. In those cases, where no relatives are available or relatives are not willing to give the declaration for verification of documents or the Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) is not satisfied with verification of documents by relatives, documents will be sent for verification to the concerned Indian Mission in the foreign country where the applicant resides.

Identification of overseas electors at the time of casting of votes at polling station shall be done only on the basis of their original Passports. For this purpose, they will be required to bring their original Passport to the polling station.

Addresses of the registration officers of each of the Assembly constituencies in the State/UTs can be seen on the website of the Chief Electoral Officer of the respective State.



(Ashish Srivastava)
Director