

Press Release

The progress in Summary Revision of photo electoral rolls with the 1st of January, 2007 as the qualifying date was reviewed by the Chief Electoral Officer on 24.07.07 with the officers of the elections wing of the districts. While the initial verification of the claims and objections received has been completed by the field staff, the DEOs have been instructed to have the cases re-verified to eliminate chances of possible multiple and bogus entries. Further, claims received in respect of those whose names were deleted during the exercise of preparation of photo rolls on the ground that they were not residing in the registered address, need to be re-verified. In view of the need for proper verification of the claims, publication of the final rolls is likely to take another month's time.

As regards preparation of photo rolls while the overall percentage of images captured in relation to electorate size is 94% for the State, it is 77% in Chennai, 85% in Coimbatore and 87% in Tiruvallur Districts. The coverage in Chennai has been low in view of the fact that a large number of images were lost due to failure to take proper back up of images or to note the Part and Serial Number correctly on the photos. A schedule has been drawn up for coverage in Chennai commencing with Anna Nagar for coverage AC-wise so as to enable close monitoring. It will take about 3 months to complete the coverage for Chennai district. In Tiruvallur and Coimbatore districts, passport size photos are being obtained for the residual electors. For the images captured in the last few months, the printing of Electors' Photo Identity Cards (EPICs) and their distribution has been taken up.

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