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## Press Note

### **ECI Launches "National Electoral Roll Purification" (NERP) 2016 to Improve health of Electoral Rolls and Optimize the Polling Station location and Area**

The Election Commission of India (ECI) gives utmost importance to enrolment of all eligible citizens and to assist electors to reach and cast their votes in a hassle free way by establishing Polling stations (PSs) at a conveniently located building. "No voter to be left behind" is the motto of ECI for year 2016. National Electoral Roll Purification" (NERP) programme has been launched (on 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2016) across the country with intensive verification by the Commissions' field functionaries and stakeholders interaction, to enhance the purity and fidelity of Electoral Rolls (ERs) and to standardization of PS for electors convenience and facilitate electors' reach his PS with ease.

The twin objectives of NERP 2016 are: (1) Improving Health of ERs by-inclusion of all eligible citizens in mission mode; ERs to be Free from errors; Single ER entry for every eligible elector with unique Elector Photo Identity Card (EPIC) number; Removal of all Absent (A)/ Shifted (S)/ Dead (D) electors' entries and Repeat Entries (REs) and ensuring Photo Electoral Rolls (PERs) with good quality correct images of every elector confirming to ECI standards, and linking Electors with ECI by obtaining their contact details (2) Standardization of Sections, PS boundaries & Location and improved PS map by- Optimization of part boundaries with Standardization of sections using GIS technology; Relocation of PS with in Part or in adjacent parts and Improved PS Map with part map, 'how to reach to PS', PS building image and dimensioned PS room drawing with Basic Minimum facilities (BMF) details.

The Commission has launched the intensive field implementation phase of NERP 2016 which would culminate well before the next draft publication of ERs for annual summary revision with 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 as qualifying date. Booth Level Officers (BLOs) will conduct door to door field verification of entries identified under A/S/D/RE categories apart from collecting electors' information on contact details, family members, including non-enrolled and persons going to become eligible on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 which will be entered the details in the NERP portal for further processing and action by Electoral Registration Officers (EROs). Optimization of section, PS boundaries and location will be completed on GIS under NERP 2016.

To provide easy access to citizens and electors for enhanced electoral rolls related services, voluntary collection of mobile number/e-mail ids and details of family members is being done under NERP 2016 by the field staff. However the Commission has ordered that such information, under no circumstances, shall be put in public domain or shared with any authority. Facility to share above information electronically by the citizen have also been provided on NVSP. To improve the PER, poor quality and black and white images are proposed

