

ELECTION COMMISSION INSISTS EPIC FOR VOTING

Panaji: August 9, 2017

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The Election commission of India in a order issued has directed that, for current bye elections for 11-Panaji and 19-Valpoi Assembly constituencies in Goa, as notified on July 29, 2017 all electors who have been issued EPIC will have to produce the EPIC for their identification at the polling station before casting their votes.

Those electors who are not able to produce the EPIC will have to produce one of the alternative photo identify documents such as passport, Driving License, Service Identity Cards with photograph issued to employees by Central/State Government. PSUs/Public Limited Companies; Passbooks with photograph issued by Bank/Post Office, PAN Card, Smart Card issued by RGI under NPR, MINREGA Job Card, Health Insurance Smart Card issued under the scheme of Ministry of Labour, Pension document with photograph, Authenticated Photo Voter Slip issued by the election machinery and Official identity cards issued to MPs/MLAs/MLCs and Aadhar Card for establishing their identity.

It is also informed 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 Electors Photo Identify Card, which has been issued by the Electoral Registration Officer of another Assembly Constituency, such EPICs can be accepted for identification provided the name of that elector has turned up for voting.