

ELECTORAL ROLL UPDATION

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Electoral Roll updation takes place under DEO and ERO with continuous public and political parties participation.

India's Electoral Rolls are the biggest database of electors across the globe with over 99 crore registered electors. In addition to the continuous updation of Electoral Rolls, the Election Commission conducts Annual Special Summary Revision (SSR) exercise every year for updation of electoral rolls which happens during the period of October-December every year with publication of final rolls in the following month of January. For the poll going States/UTs, SSR is also conducted prior to the elections. For the recently concluded SSR 2025, the schedule was issued on August 7, 2024 and the final rolls were published during January 6-10, 2025 and the participatory and transparent process is enumerated below:

At every booth, a Booth Level Officer (BLO) is appointed by the Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) amongst the officials of the state government. At every booth, political parties also have the right to appoint Booth Level Agents (BLAs). All BLAs have the right to verify the electoral roll of the concerned booth and raise a complaint for anomaly, if any.

After house-to-house field verification, the concerned BLO submits the recommendations to the concerned ERO. After taking into cognizance the above facts, ERO verifies the details of each elector for updation of electoral rolls. The draft electoral rolls prepared are published on the website and also made available to political parties and the public. Only after verification of draft Electoral rolls and settling any claims and objections received during a one month period, final rolls are published which are made available to political parties and also available polling station wise on ECI website (<https://voters.eci.gov.in/download-eroll>).

If any person has any objection, he has the option to file the first appeal to the DM/District Collector/Executive Magistrate under section 24(a) of RP Act 1950. Even if the person is not satisfied with the decision of the first appellate authority, a second appeal to Chief Electoral Officer of the concerned State/UT under section 24(b) of RP Act 1950 can be filed.

For the recently concluded SSR, the relevant details as reported by CEOs for Goa is as follows, the electors as per final roll published after last SSK is 11,79,195. A total of 1,725 BLO's were appointed while 1,158 were appointed as BLA's. Hardly any 1st or 2nd appeals were made under Section 24 for correction of any entries in Electoral Rolls (Section 22) or Inclusion (Section 23) during the recent SSR published on 6th/ 7th January 2025.

Therefore, there is no option but to accept the Electoral Rolls published after the completion of SSR in January 2025 as undisputed by all. The data also includes the SSR which was specifically done for States/ UTs which went for assembly

elections after Lok Sabha elections in 2024. This data is as on 7th January 2025 after the countrywide Special Summary Revision (SSR) of Electoral Rolls in nearly 10.5 Lakh Polling Booths of the country with the active participation of 13.87 Lakhs Booth Level Agents (BLAs) which are appointed by Political Parties and in all 4,123 Assembly Constituencies of the country.

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