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For the upcoming General Elections to Lok Sabha and Bye-Elections to Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly from 233. Vilavancode Assembly Constituency, the Election Commission of India has directed that all electors, who have been issued Electors Photo Identity Card (EPIC) have to produce the Elector's Photo Identity Card for their identification at the polling station before casting their votes. Those electors who are not able to produce the EPIC shall produce one of the following alternative photo identity documents for establishing their identity:-

- (i) Aadhaar Card,
- (ii) MNREGA job Card,
- (iii) Passbooks with photograph issued by Banks/Post Office,
- (iv) Health Insurance Smart Card issued under the scheme of Ministry of Labour,
- (v) Driving License,
- (vi) PAN Card,
- (vii) Smart Card issued by RGI under NPR,
- (viii) Indian Passport,
- (ix) Pension document with photograph,
- (x) Service Identity Cards with photograph issued to employees by Central/ State Govt./ PSUs/Public Limited Companies,
- (xi) Official identity cards issued to MPs/ MLAs/ MLCs and
- (xii) Unique Disability ID (UDID) Card, M/o Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India

2. In order to facilitate the voter to know the serial number of electoral roll of

his/her polling station, date of poll, time etc., the Commission vide letter No.464/INST/2021-

EPS dated 26-02-2021 has decided to issue "Voter Information Slip" to the voters in place of

Photo Voter Slip. Voter Information slip will include information like Polling Station, Date,

Time etc. Voter Information Slip will be distributed at least 5 days before the date of poll to

all enrolled electros, by the District Election Officer. However, Voter Information Slip will

not be allowed as proof of identity of Voters.

3. It is also clarified that if any elector uses an Elector's Photo Identity Card, which

has been issued by the Electoral Registration Officer of another Assembly Constituency, such

cards shall also be taken into account provided the name of that elector finds place in the

electoral roll pertaining to the polling station. The possession of Elector's Photo Identity

Cards or other form of identity prescribed by the Commission above will not entitle a person

to exercise his/her vote, unless his/her name is found in the Electoral Roll supplied to the

Polling Station.

4. It is further clarified that the overseas electors who are registered in the electoral

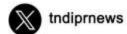
rolls under Section 20A of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, based on the

particulars in their Indian Passport, shall be identified on the basis of their original passport

only (and no other identity document) in the polling station.

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