

Election Commission of India
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No.23/ Inst/2026-ERS

Dated: 9th October, 2026

To,

The Chief Electoral Officers of
All States/UTs.

Subject: Prescribing reasonable limits on filing of Form-7 applications by an individual elector-reg

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to state that instances have been brought to the notice of the Commission of filing of form 7 objections in bulk by individual electors on unsubstantiated grounds, resulting in avoidable inconvenience to the elector objected upon and increased workload on field-level functionaries.

2. As per Rule 13(2) of the Registration of Electors Rules 1960 (RER, 1960), every objection to the proposed inclusion of name or application for deletion of name in the electoral roll of a constituency shall be in Form 7 and preferred only by a person whose name is already included in the roll of that constituency. Disposal of Form-7 applications requires examination by the ERO in accordance with the provisions of the Registration of Electors Rules 1960.

3. For the SIR period, the Commission has already allowed BLAs of the recognised political parties to file applications in bulk subject to the condition that the BLA shall not submit more than 50 forms per day to BLO before the draft publication and 10 forms per day thereafter.

4. For an individual elector of a constituency the filing of applications is as per para 11.3.2(ii) of the *Manual on Electoral Rolls, 2023* which provides that claims and objections presented in bulk including those sent by post, by an individual should not be entertained. Further, Para 11.4.5(ii) provides for personal cross-verification by the ERO where the same person is the objector in more than five cases.

5. Although, the number of applications to be filed online by an individual elector has been fixed as 6 at a time subject to disposal, the number of physical forms presented in bulk has not been defined and has been left to the judgement of the EROs, which is creating challenges for the field functionaries. Accordingly, the Commission with the intent to discourage bulk filing of objections by an individual elector has decided to prescribe the following limits on filing of Form 7 applications in both online and offline mode:

(i) Maximum number of Form 7 applications during the entire period of claims and objections by an individual elector: 10

(ii) Maximum number of Form 7 applications during the period of continuous updation of electoral rolls by an individual elector: 5 per month.

6. As per rule 17 of the RER, 1960 any claim or objection which is not lodged within the period or in the form and manner specified in the rules shall be rejected by the ERO. Accordingly, the ERO should ensure that full details are filled in the Form 7 and the form is signed by the objector at appropriate place. Seal of the signature of the objector can't replace the original signature. The ERO should also check the genuineness of the applicant by verifying with the electors list details.

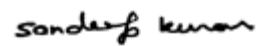
7. Further, as per rule 19 of the RER, 1960, if the objection is not disposed of under rule 17 or 18 the ERO will first issue notice to the objector, hear him personally, record his statements separately for each Form 7 and satisfy himself about the validity of objections. When the ERO is satisfied, he shall dispose of the application as per rule 19 and 20 of the RER, 1960 giving an opportunity of hearing to the person objected to, before passing an order.

8. It may also be ensured that in case the ERO finds that the complaint is false/fabricated, he shall proceed to take action against the applicant who has knowingly made false

statement or declaration in writing in the Form 7 as per the provisions of section 31 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950.

9. The Chief Electoral Officers are requested to bring the above to the notice of all concerned EROs/AEROs and other field-level functionaries for necessary compliance and also sufficient publicity be given to these instructions.

Yours faithfully,



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UNDER SECRETARY

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