

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer
West Bengal
21, N. S. Road, Kolkata-700001

No. CEO/PN-25/2025

Dated 28.10.2025

Press Note

As per the instruction No.23/2025-ERS (Vol.II) dated 27th October, 2025 Election Commission of India Commission, in exercise of its powers under Article 324 of the Constitution of India,1950; Section 21 along with other applicable provisions of the Representation of the People Act, 1950 (the "RPA 1950"), and the relevant provisions of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960 has ordered Special Intensive Revision (SIR) in West Bengal.

A. Schedule of the Special Intensive Revision, 2026

Description	Date
House to House Enumeration Phase	4 th Nov to 4 th Dec 2025
Publication of Draft Electoral Rolls	9 th Dec 2025
Claims & Objection Period	9 th Dec 2025 to 8 th Jan 2026
Notice Phase (Hearing & Verification)	9 th Dec 2025 to 31 st Jan 2026
Publication of Final Electoral Rolls	7 th Feb 2026

Process Summary of Special Intensive Revision, 2026

EROs/AEROs will:

- Print Unique Enumeration forms (EFs) for each elector as on **27th October, 2025**
- EFs will contain necessary details as contained in the current voter list

BLOs will:

- Distribute the EFs to each existing Elector after house to house visit at least 3 times before 04.11.2025 and 04.12.2025
- Help the Elector in matching/ linking with either their name or their relative's name in last SIR held in 2002-2004
- For Matching/ Linking Electors/ BLOs can also access All-India database (<https://voters.eci.gov.in/>) of previous SIR in different states.

EROs/ AEROs will:

- Provide the list of enumerators with mobile numbers to enable the voters to contact them
- Include in the Draft Rolls, the names of all Electors whose Enumeration Forms are received with signature
- Issue Notice to all those Electors whose names could not be matched/ linked with last SIR
- Hear such cases for eligibility by asking about their whereabouts of family members during 2002-2004 and then decide on inclusion or exclusion of their names in Final Rolls after scrutinising the documents submitted by the voters

BLOs will:

- Collect Form 6 & Declaration form for inclusion of new Elector and help in Matching/Linking
- Help the Elector fill in the EF, collect it and submit it to the ERO/AERO
- Make at least 3 Visits to the house of each Elector
- Electors can also fill the EF Online, particularly urban voters/ temporary migrants.
- Identify Voters who are dead, permanently shifted, absent and registered at more than one place
- Except the EF, no other document needs to be collected with EF during Enumeration Phase
- List of voters for whom EF is not received and to be prepared in various categories - dead, shifted, duplicate, absent and put up in local panchayat, urban local bodies and Block Offices.

B. Phases of Special Intensive Revision, 2026

EROs/ AEROs must ensure that: No eligible citizen is left out; and No ineligible person is included.

District Magistrates (DMs) will hear the 1st Appeal against the decision of ERO

Chief Electoral Officers will hear the 2nd Appeal against the decision of DMs.

1. Pre-Enumeration Phase

- Printing of EF / instruction for user
- Training of BLOs on BLO App and latest Notification of ECI
- Training of Booth Level Agents (BLAs) appointed by all Recognised Political Parties

2. Enumeration Phase

- Printing, Distribution, Matching/ Linking with SIR in West Bengal in 2002 and other states between 2002-2004 and Collection of duly filled in Enumeration Forms (November 4, 2025 till December 4, 2025)
- Rationalisation of Polling Stations with an upper limit of 1,200 voters (upto Dec 4, 2025) including auxiliary PS, high-rises, slum clusters, etc

3. Publication of Draft Electoral Rolls

Draft Rolls will contain all Electors whose Enumeration Form has been received

List of Absent/Shifted/Death/Duplicate names not included in Draft Roll to be put on CEO website/public offices

4. Issuance of Notices and taking a Decision thereon by EROs/AEROs

Notices will be issued to all the Electors who could not be matched/linked with last SIR

Verifying indicative documents to ascertain their eligibility as an Elector

Hearing to ascertain their whereabouts at the time of last SIR (2002 in WB and 2002 to 2004 in other states)

5. Receiving and Deciding on Claims & Objections by EROs/ AEROs

Any elector or BLA of Recognised Political Parties can file a Claim or Objection

6. Publication of Final Electoral Rolls

C. List of Indicative (not Exhaustive) Documents

1. Any Identity card/Pension Payment Order issued to regular employee/pensioner of any Central Govt./State Govt./PSU.
2. Any Identity Card/Certificate/Document issued in India by Government/local authorities/Banks/Post Office/LIC/PSUs prior to 01.07.1987.
3. Birth Certificate issued by the competent authority.
4. Passport
5. Matriculation/Educational certificate issued by recognised Boards/universities
6. Permanent Residence certificate issued by competent State authority
7. Forest Right Certificate
8. OBC/SC/ST or any caste certificate issued by the Competent authority
9. National Register of Citizens (wherever it exists)
10. Family Register, prepared by State/Local authorities.
11. Any land/house allotment certificate by Government
12. For Aadhaar, Commission's directions issued vide letter No. 23/2025-ERS/Vol.II dated 09.09.2025 shall apply.
13. Extract of the electoral roll of Bihar SIR with reference to 01.07.2025

D. Deployment of Volunteers

Deployment of volunteers (all present Government servants and school teachers) who are voters in that Polling Station to take care that:

Genuine Electors, particularly old, sick, PwD, poor and other vulnerable groups, are not harassed and are facilitated to the extent possible

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Meeting with recognised National and State Political parties and press/internet media have been held at State Level on 28th October at the Office of CEO West Bengal.

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Additional Chief Electoral Officer
West Bengal