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Part V—Section 4

Notifications by the Election Commission of India

NOTIFICATIONS BY THE ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

ISSUE OF POSTAL BALLOT TO ELECTORS ABOVE THE AGE OF 85 YEARS AND PERSON WITH
BENCHMARK DISABILITY

No. SRO G-8/2026.

No. 52/2026/SDR/Vol-IV.--The following Notifications of the Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110 001, dated 15th March, 2026 is published:

In pursuance of the provisions of clause (c) of section 60 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, the Election Commission hereby specifies that the elector above the age of 85 years and person with benchmark disability as already marked/flagged in the data base of the electoral rolls of the State and, who requests for voting by postal ballot paper and subject to the verification of his request by Returning Officer concerned, would be a class of persons to give his vote by postal ballot in the current general election to the Legislative Assemblies of Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Puducherry and bye-elections to 8 Assembly Constituencies in 6 States (as per Annexure-I) Schedule to be notified on 16.03.2026, 30.03.2026 and 02.04.2026 under Section 30 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, as per the provision in part-III A of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961.

(By Order)

S.B. JOSHI,
*Principal Secretary,
Election Commission of India.*

Secretariat,
Chennai-600 009,
17th March, 2026.

ARCHANA PATNAIK,
*Chief Electoral Officer and
Principal Secretary to Government,
Public (Elections) Department.*

ISSUE OF POSTAL BALLOT TO COVID-19 SUSPECT OR AFFECTED PERSONS

No. SRO G - 9/2026.

No. 52/2026/SDR/Vol-IV.--The following Notifications of the Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110 001, dated 15th March, 2026 is published:

In pursuance of the provisions of clause (c) of section 60 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, the Election Commission hereby specifies that the Covid-19 suspect or affected person, Certified by competent authority, who applies for voting by postal ballot paper and subject to verification of their request by the Returning Officer concerned, would be a class of persons to give their vote by postal ballot in the current general election to the Legislative Assemblies of Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Puducherry and bye-elections to 8 Assembly Constituencies in 6 States (as per Annexure-I) schedule to be notified on 16.03.2026, 30.03.2026 and 02.04.2026 under Section 30 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, as per the provisions in part-III A of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, as amended *vide* Ministry of Law & Justice, Govt. of India, Notification SO No.1964(E), dated 19th June, 2020 read with the directions and guidelines issued by the Election Commission on the subject.

(By Order)

S.B. JOSHI,
Principal Secretary,
Election Commission of India.

Secretariat,
Chennai-600 009,
17th March, 2026.

ARCHANA PATNAIK,
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Annexure - I

Sl.No	Name of the State	Number and Name of the AC
1.	Maharashtra	223-Rahuri AC
2.		201-Baramati AC
3.	Goa	21-Ponda AC
4.	Karnataka	24-Bagalkot AC
5.		107-Davanagere South AC
6.	Nagaland	28-Koridang (ST) AC
7.	Tripura	56-Dharmanagar AC
8.	Gujarat	111-Umreth AC

(By Order)

Secretariat,
Chennai-600 009,
17th March, 2026.

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ISSUE OF POSTAL BALLOT TO ABSENTEE VOTERS IN THE CATEGORY OF PERSONS
EMPLOYED IN ESSENTIAL SERVICES.**No. SRO G - 10/2026.**

No. 52/2026/SDR/Vol-I.--The following Notifications of the Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110 001, dated 15th March, 2026 is published:

In pursuance of the provisions of clause (c) of section 60 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, and on due consideration of the matter in consultation with the Government of Tamil Nadu, the Election Commission hereby notifies the persons employed in the essential services as mentioned in Annexure-I (copy enclosed) as a class of persons to give vote by postal ballot on account of being on duty on the day of poll in the current General Election to the Legislative Assembly of Tamil Nadu, 2026 as per the relevant provisions of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, and the Commission's directions and guidelines. The programme of the said election is scheduled to be notified on 30th March, 2026.

(By Order)

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Annexure

1.	Southern Railway under jurisdiction of Tamil Nadu
2.	All India Radio
3.	Marine Department
4.	Airport Authority of India
5.	Ministry of Information of Broadcasting
6.	Media Persons
7.	Chennai Metro Rail
8.	Tamil Nadu State Transport Undertaking
9.	Tamil Nadu Power Distribution Corporation Limited
10.	Fire and Rescue Services
11.	Prison and Correctional Services
12.	Traffic Police

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