



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of Electoral Rolls – 2026 – Grant of duty off to Booth Level Officers during the Enumeration Phase from 4th November to 4th December 2025 – Orders issued – Reg.

ELECTION (GENERAL) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.588/2025/ELEC Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 03-11-2025

Read 1 Election Commission of India's Order No. 23/2025-ERS dated 27th October 2025.

2 Section 13B(2) of the Representation of the People Act, 1950.

3 Article 324 of the Constitution of India.

ORDER

As per the directions contained in the Order No. 23/2025-ERS dated 27th October 2025, the Election Commission of India has announced the conduct of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of Electoral Rolls, 2026 in the State of Kerala. The Commission has further directed the Chief Secretary to ensure that all required administrative support and assistance are provided to the officials engaged in the implementation of SIR as mandated under Article 324 of the Constitution of India.

The Booth Level Officers (BLOs) have been appointed under Section 13B(2) of the Representation of the People Act,

1950, and are on deputation to the Election Commission of India. During the period of their deputation, BLOs function under the superintendence, direction, and control of the Election Commission of India.

The Enumeration Phase of the Special Intensive Revision will be conducted from 4th November to 4th December 2025, during which BLOs are required to undertake house-to-house verification and collection of data to ensure the accuracy and integrity of the electoral rolls.

This is a high-priority national activity requiring complete and undivided attention from every BLO to ensure the fidelity and inclusiveness of the electoral roll.

Any diversion of the BLOs to other departmental duties during this crucial period would adversely affect the quality and accuracy of the electoral roll, which is the foundational document for the conduct of free and fair elections. It is therefore imperative that BLOs are relieved of all other official responsibilities during this period to enable them to focus entirely on the SIR-related work.

The Special Intensive Revision is a time-bound and critical exercise forming the foundation for future electoral processes. Ensuring an error-free and inclusive electoral roll requires sustained and continuous field work by BLOs. Fragmentation of their time or diversion to other duties would compromise the credibility and completeness of the electoral roll. Hence, granting duty off on all days during the Enumeration Phase,

and not on selective days alone, is essential to maintain the integrity of this exercise.

In view of the above and in exercise of the powers vested in the undersigned as the Chief Electoral Officer, Kerala, it is hereby ordered that:

All Booth Level Officers (BLOs) in the State of Kerala shall be treated as being on full-time duty with the Election Commission of India for the purpose of conducting the Enumeration Phase of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) from 4th November 2025 to 4th December 2025 (both days inclusive).

During this period, the BLOs shall be granted duty off from all other regular departmental duties and shall exclusively attend to SIR-related activities as per the instructions issued by the Election Commission of India and the Chief Electoral Officer, Kerala.

All District Election Officers (DEOs) and Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) shall ensure strict compliance with this order and issue necessary directions to the Heads of Offices where BLOs are employed, so that they are relieved of other assignments during the said period.

The concerned Heads of Departments and Offices shall extend full cooperation and ensure that the BLOs are not assigned any other duty during the said 31 days, except those directly related to the Special Intensive Revision of Electoral

Rolls.

Orders regarding the grant of duty off to BLOs during the subsequent phases of the Special Intensive Revision, including the Claims and Objections and Final Publication phases scheduled between 5th December 2025 and 9th February 2026, will be issued in due course.

(By order of the Governor)
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CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER & SECRETARY

To:

All District Election Officers / Electoral Registration Officers / Assistant Electoral Registration Officers / Heads of Departments / Institutions employing BLOs.

Forwarded /By order

Section Officer

Copy to:

The Chief Secretary, Government of Kerala – for necessary instructions to all Departments.

The Election Commission of India, New Delhi – for information.

All District Election Officers– for strict compliance.