

REPRESENTATIONS OF THE PEOPLE ACT, 1950

PART IIA

OFFICERS

13A. **Chief electoral Officers.**- (1) There shall be for each State a chief electoral officer who shall be such officer of Government as the Election Commission may, in consultation with that Government, designate or nominate in this behalf.

(2) Subject to the superintendence, direction and control of the Election Commission, the chief electoral officer shall supervise the preparation, revision and correction of all electoral rolls in the State under this Act.

13AA. **District election officers.**-(1) For each district in a State, other than a Union territory, the Election Commission shall, in consultation with the Government of the State, designate or nominate a district election officer who shall be an officer of Government :

Provided that the Election Commission may designate or nominate more than one such officer for a district if the Election Commission is satisfied that the functions of the office cannot be performed satisfactorily by one officer.

(2) Where more than one district election officer are designated or nominated for a district under the proviso to sub-section (1), the Election Commission shall in the order designating or nominating the district election officers also specify the area in respect of which each such officer shall exercise jurisdiction.

(3) Subject to the superintendence, direction and control of the chief electoral officer, the district election officer shall co-ordinate and supervise all work in the district or in the area within his jurisdiction in connection with the preparation and revision of the electoral rolls for all parliamentary, assembly and council constituencies within the district.

(4) The district election officer shall also perform such other functions as may be entrusted to him by the Election Commission and the chief electoral officer.

13B. Electoral registration officers.- (1) The electoral roll for each parliamentary constituency in the State of Jammu and Kashmir or in a Union territory not having a Legislative Assembly, each assembly constituency and each Council constituency shall be prepared and revised by an electoral registration officer who shall be such officer of Government or of a local authority as the Election Commission may, in consultation with the Government of the State in which the constituency is situated, designate or nominate in this behalf.

(2) An electoral registration officer may, subject to any prescribed restrictions, employ such persons as he thinks fit for the preparation and revision of the electoral roll for the constituency.

13C. Assistant electoral registration officers.- (1) The Election Commission may appoint one or more persons as assistant electoral registration officers to assist any electoral registration officer in the performance of his functions.

(2) Every assistant electoral registration officer shall, subject to the control of the electoral registration officer, be competent to perform all or any of the functions of the electoral registration officer, be competent to perform all or any of the functions of the electoral registration officer.

13CC. Chief Electoral Officers, District Election Officers, etc., deemed to be on deputation to Election Commission.- The officers referred to in this Part and any other officer or staff employed in connection with the preparation, revision and correction of the electoral rolls for, and the conduct of all elections shall be deemed to be on deputation to the Election Commission for the period during which they are so employed and such officers and staff shall, during that period, be subject to the control, superintendence and discipline of the Election Commission.

PART III

ELECTORAL ROLLS FOR ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCIES

16. **Disqualifications for registration in an electoral roll.**- (1) A person shall be disqualified for registration in an electoral roll if he -

- (a) is not a citizen of India; or
- (b) is of unsound mind and stands so declared by a competent court; or
- (c) is for the time being disqualified from voting under the provisions of any law relating to corrupt practices and other offences in connection with elections.

(2) The name of any person who becomes so disqualified after registration shall forthwith be struck off the electoral roll in which it is included :

Provided that the name of any person struck off the electoral roll of a constituency by reason of a disqualification under clause (c) of sub-section (1) shall forthwith be reinstated in that roll if such disqualification is, during the period such roll is in force, removed under any law authorizing such removal.

17. **No person to be registered in more than one constituency.**- No person shall be entitled to be registered in the electoral roll for more than one constituency.

18. **No person to be registered more than once in any constituency.**- No person shall be entitled to be registered in the electoral roll for any constituency more than once.

19. **Conditions of registration.**- Subject to the foregoing provisions of this Part, every person who -

- (a) is not less than eighteen years of age on the qualifying date, and
- (b) is ordinarily resident in a constituency,

shall be entitled to be registered in the electoral roll for that constituency.

20. **Meaning of “ordinarily resident”**.- (1) A person shall not be deemed to be ordinary resident in a constituency on the ground only that he owns, or is in possession of, a dwelling house therein.

(1A) A person absenting himself temporarily from his place of ordinary residence shall not by reason thereof cease to be ordinarily resident therein.

(1B) A member of Parliament or of the Legislature of a State shall not during the term of his office cease to be ordinarily resident in the constituency in the electoral roll of which he is registered as an elector at the time of his election as such member, by reason of his absence from that constituency in connection with his duties as such member.

(2) A person who is a patient in any establishment maintained wholly or mainly for the reception and treatment of persons suffering from mental illness or mental defectiveness, or who is detained in prison or other legal custody at any place, shall not by reason thereof be deemed to be ordinarily resident therein.

(3) Any person having a service qualification shall be deemed to be ordinarily resident on any date in the constituency in which, but for his having such service qualification, he would have been ordinarily resident on that date.

(4) Any person holding any office in India declared by the President in consultation with the Election Commission to be an office to which the provisions of this sub-section apply, shall be deemed to be ordinarily resident on any date in the constituency in which, but for the holding of any such office, he would have been ordinarily resident on that date.

(5) The statement of any such person as is referred to in sub-section (3) or sub-section (4) made in the prescribed form and verified in the prescribed manner, that but for his having the service qualification or but for his holding any such office as is referred to in sub-section (4) he would have been ordinarily resident in a specified place on any date, shall, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, be accepted or correct.

(6) The wife of any such person as is referred to in sub-section (3) or sub-section (4) shall if she be ordinarily residing with such person be deemed to be ordinarily resident on in the constituency specified by such person under sub-section (5).

(7) If in any case a question arises as to where a person is ordinarily resident at any relevant time, the question shall be determined with reference to all the facts of the case and to such rules as may be made in this behalf by the Central Government in consultation with the Election Commission.

(8) In sub-sections (3) and (5) “ service qualification” means -

- (a) being a member of the armed forces of the Union; or
- (b) being a member of a force to which the provisions of the Army Act, 1950 (46 of 1950), have been made applicable whether with or without modifications; or
- (c) being a member of an armed police force of a State, who is serving outside that State; or
- (d) being a person who is employed under the Government of India, in a post outside India.

21. Preparation and revision of electoral rolls.-(1) the electoral roll for each constituency shall be prepared in the prescribed manner by reference to the qualifying date and shall come into force immediately upon its final publication in accordance with the rules made under this Act.

(2) The said electoral roll –

- (a) shall, unless otherwise directed by the Election Commission for reasons to be recorded in writing, be revised in the prescribed manner by reference to the qualifying date –
 - (i) before each general election to the House of the People or to the Legislative Assembly of a State; and

- (ii) before each bye-election to fill a casual vacancy in a seat allotted to the constituency; and
- (b) shall be revised in any year in the prescribed manner by reference to the qualifying date if such revision has been directed by the Election Commission :

Provided that if the electoral roll is not revised as aforesaid, the validity or continued operation of the said electoral roll shall not thereby be affected.

(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (2), the Election Commission may at any time, for reasons to be recorded, direct a special revision of the electoral roll for any constituency or part of a constituency in such manner as it may think fit :

Provided that subject to the other provisions of this Act, the electoral roll for the constituency, as in force at the time of the issue of any such direction, shall continue to be in force until the completion of the special revision so directed.

22. Correction of entries in electoral rolls.- If the electoral registration officer for a constituency, on application made to him or on his own motion, is satisfied after such inquiry as he thinks fit, that any entry in the electoral roll of the constituency -

- (a) is erroneous or defective in any particular,
- (b) should be transposed to another place in the roll on the ground that the person concerned has changed his place of ordinary residence within the constituency, or
- (c) should be deleted on the ground that the person concerned is dead or has ceased to be ordinarily resident in the constituency or is otherwise not entitled to be registered in that roll,

the electoral registration officer shall, subject to such general or special directions, if any, as may be given by the Election Commission in this behalf, amend, transpose or delete the entry :

Provided that before taking any action on any ground under clause (a) or clause (b) or 1 action under clause (c) on the ground that the person

concerned has ceased to be ordinarily resident in the constituency or that he is otherwise not entitled to be registered in the electoral roll of that constituency, the electoral registration officer shall give the person concerned a reasonable opportunity of being heard in respect of the action proposed to be taken in relation to him.

23. Inclusion of names in electoral rolls.- (1) Any person whose name is not included in the electoral roll of a constituency may apply to the electoral registration officer for the inclusion of his name in that roll.

(2) The electoral registration officer shall, if satisfied that the applicant is entitled to be registered in the electoral roll, direct his name to be included therein :

Provided that if the applicant is registered in the electoral roll of any other constituency, the electoral registration officer shall inform the electoral registration officer of that other constituency and that officer shall, on receipt of the information, strike off the applicant's name from that roll.

(3) No amendment, transposition or deletion of any entry shall be made under section 22 and no direction for the inclusion of a name in the electoral roll of a constituency shall be given under this section, after the last date for making nominations for an election in that constituency or in the parliamentary constituency within which that constituency is comprised and before the completion of that election.

PART V

GENERAL

31. Making false declarations.- If any person makes in connection with -
(a) the preparation, revision or correction of an electoral roll, or
(b) the inclusion or exclusion of any entry in or from an electoral roll,

a statement or declaration in writing which is false and which he either knows or believes to be false or does not believe to be true, he shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine, or with both.

32. Breach of official duty in connection with preparation, etc., of electoral rolls. (1) if any electoral registration officer, assistant electoral registration officer or other person required by or under this Act to perform any official duty in connection with the preparation, revision or correction of an electoral roll or the inclusion or exclusion of any entry in or from that roll, is without reasonable cause, guilty of any act or omission in breach of such official duty, he shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than three months but which may extend to two years and with fine.

(2) No suit or other legal proceeding shall lie against any such officer or other person for damages in respect of any such act or omission as aforesaid.

(3) No court shall take cognizance of any offence punishable under sub-section (1) unless there is a complaint made by order of, or under authority from, the Election Commission or the chief electoral officer of the State concerned.

PART V

STATUTORY RULES AND ORDERS

THE REGISTRASATION OF ELECTORS RULES, 1960

PART II

Electoral rolls for Assembly Constituencies

4. **Form of languages of roll.-** The roll for each constituency shall be prepared in such form and in such language or languages as the Election Commission may direct.

5. **Preparation of roll in parts.-** (1) The roll shall be divided into convenient parts which shall be numbered consecutively.

(2) The last part of the roll shall contain the names of every person having a service qualification and of his wife, if any, who are entitled to be included in that roll by virtue of a statement made under rule 7.

(3) The names of any person holding a declared office and of his wife, if any, who are entitled to be included in the roll by virtue of a statement made under rule 7 shall be included in the part of the roll, pertaining to the locality in which they would, according to that statement, have been ordinarily resident.

(4) The number of names included in any part of the roll shall not ordinarily exceed two thousand.

6. **Order of names.-** (1) the names of electors in each part of the roll shall be arranged according to house number, unless the chief electoral officer, subject to any general or special instructions issued by the Election Commission determines in respect of any part that the alphabetical order is more convenient or that the names shall be arranged partly in one way and partly in the other.

(2) The names of electors in each part of the roll shall be numbered, so far as practicable, consecutively with a separate series of numbers beginning with the number one.

7. **Statement under section 20.-** (1) Every person who holds a declared office or has a service qualification and desires to be registered in the roll for the constituency in which, but for holding such office or having such

qualification, he would have been ordinarily resident, shall submit to the registration officer of the constituency, a statement in such one of the Forms 1, 2, 2A and 3 as may be appropriate.

(2) Every statement submitted under sub-rule (1) shall be verified in the manner specified in the Form.

(3) Every such statement shall cease to be valid when the person making it ceases to hold a declared office or, as the case may be, have a service qualification.

8. **Information to be supplied by occupants of dwelling houses.-** The registration officer may, for the purpose of preparing the roll, send letters of request in Form 4 to the occupants of dwelling-houses in the constituency or any part thereof; and every person receiving any such letter shall furnish the information called for therein to the best of his ability.

9. **Access to certain registers.-** For the purpose of preparing any roll or deciding any claim or objection to a roll, any registration officer and any person employed by him shall have access to any register of births and deaths and to the admission register of any educational institution, and it shall be the duty of every person incharge of any such register to give to the said officer or person such information and such extracts from the said register as he may require.

10. **Publication of roll in draft.-** As soon as the roll for a constituency is ready, the registration officer shall publish it in draft by making a copy thereof available for inspection and displaying a notice in Form 5-

- (a) at his office, if it is within the constituency, and
- (b) at such place in the constituency as may be specified by him for the purpose, if his office is outside the constituency.

11. **Further publicity to the roll and notice.-** The registration officer shall also -

- (a) make a copy of each separate part of the roll, together with a copy of the notice in Form 5 available for inspection at a specified place accessible to the public and in or near the area to which that part relates;

- (b) give such further publicity to the notice in Form 5 as he may consider necessary; and
- (c) supply free of cost two copies of each separate part of the roll to every political part for which a symbol has been exclusively reserved in the State by the Election Commission.

12. **Period for lodging claims and objections.-** Every claim for the inclusion of a name in the roll and every objection to an entry therein shall be lodged within a period of thirty days from the date of publication of the roll in draft under rule 10, or such shorter period of not less than fifteen days as may be fixed by the Election Commission in this behalf.

Provided that the Election Commission may, by notification in the Official Gazette, extend the period in respect of the constituency as a whole or in respect of any part thereof.

13. **Form for claims and objections.-**

- (1) Every claim shall be -
 - (a) in Form 6; and
 - (b) signed by the person desiring his name to be included in the roll;
- (2) Every objection to the inclusion of a name in the roll shall be -
 - (a) in Form 7; and
 - (b) preferred only by a person whose name is already included in that roll;
- (3) Every objection to a particular or particulars in an entry in the roll shall be -
 - (a) in Form 8; and
 - (b) preferred only by a person to whom that entry relates.

14. **Manner of lodging claims and objections.-** Every claim or objection shall -

- (a) either be presented to the registration officer or to such other officer as may be designated by him in this behalf; or
- (b) be sent by Post to the registration officer.

15. Procedure of designated officers.-

(1) Every officer designated under rule 14 shall -

- (a) maintain in duplicate a list of claims in Form 9, a list of objections to the inclusion of names in Form 10 and a list of objections to particulars in form 11; and
- (b) keep exhibited one copy of each such list on a notice board in his office.

(2) Where a claim or objection is presented to him, he shall, after complying with the requirements of sub-rule (1) forward it with such remarks, if any, as he considers proper to the registration officer.

16. Procedure of registration officer.- The registration officer also shall-

- (a) maintain in duplicate the three lists in Form 9, 10 and 11, entering thereon the particulars of every claim or objection as and when it is received by him whether directly under rule 14 or on being forwarded under rule 15; and
- (b) keep exhibited one copy of each such list on a notice board in his office.

17. Rejection of certain claims and objections.- Any claim or objection which is not lodged within the period, or in the form and manner, herein specified, shall be rejected by the registration officer.

18. Acceptance of claims and objections without inquiry.- If the registration officer is satisfied as to the validity of any claim or objection, he may allow it without further inquiry after the expiry of one week from the date on which it is entered in the list exhibited by him under clause (b) of rule 16 :

Provided that where before any such claim or objection has been allowed, a demand for inquiry has been made in writing to the registration officer by any person, it shall not be allowed without further inquiry.

19. Notice of hearing claims and objections.- (1) Where a claim or objection is not disposed of under rule 17 or rule 18, the registration officer shall -

- (a) specify in the list exhibited by him under clause (b) of rule 16 the date, time and place of hearing of the claim or objection; and
- (b) give notice of the hearing –
 - (i) in the case of a claim to the claimant in form 12
 - (ii) in the case of an objection to the inclusion of a name, to the objector in Form 13 and to the person objected to in Form 14; and
 - (iii) in the case of an objection to a particular or particulars in an entry, the objector in Form 15.

(2) A notice under this rule may be given either personally or by registered post or by affixing it to the person's residence or last known residence within the constituency.

20. Inquiry into claims and objections.- (1) The registration officer shall hold a summary inquiry into every claim or objection in respect of which notice has been given under rule 19 and shall record his decision thereon.

(2) At the hearing, the claimant or as the case may be, the objector and the person objected to and any other person who, in the opinion of the registration officer, is likely to be of assistance to him, shall be entitled to appear and be heard.

- (3) The registration officer may in his discretion –
 - (a) require any claimant, objector or person objected to, to appear in person before him,
 - (b) require that the evidence tendered by any person shall be given on oath and administer an oath for the purpose.

21. Inclusion of names inadvertently omitted.- (1) If it appears to the registration officer that owing to inadvertence or error during preparation, the names of any electors have been left out of the roll and that the remedial action should be taken under this rule, the registration officer shall –

- (a) prepare a list of the names and other details of such electors;
- (b) exhibit on the notice board of his office a copy of the list together with a notice as to the time and place at which the inclusion of these names in the roll will be considered, and also

publish the list and the notice in such other manner as he may think fit; and

- (c) after considering any verbal or written objections that may be preferred, decide whether all or any of the names should be included in the roll.

21A. Deletion of names.- If it appears to the registration officer at any time before the final publication of the roll that owing to inadvertence or error or otherwise, the names of dead persons or of persons who have ceased to be, or are not, ordinarily residents in the constituency or of persons who are otherwise not entitled to be registered in that roll, have been included in the roll and that remedial action should be taken under this rule, the registration officer shall,

- (a) prepare a list of the names and other details of such electors;
- (b) exhibit on the notice board of his office a copy of the list together with a notice as to the time and place at which the question of deletion of these names from the roll will be considered, and also publish the list and the notice in such other manner as he may think fit; and
- (c) after considering any verbal or written objections that may be preferred, decide whether all or any of the names should be deleted from the roll;

Provided that before taking any action under this rule in respect of any person on the ground that he has ceased to be, or is not, ordinarily resident in the constituency, or is otherwise not entitled to be registered in that roll, the registration officer shall make every endeavour to give him a reasonable opportunity to show cause why the action proposed should not be taken in relation to him.

22. final publication of roll.- (1) The registration officer shall thereafter -

- (a) Prepare a list of amendments to carry out his decisions under rules 18, 20, 21 and 21A and to correct any clerical or printing errors or other inaccuracies subsequently discovered in the roll;

- (b) publish the roll, together with the list of amendments, by making a complete copy thereof available for inspection and displaying a notice in Form 16 at his office; and
- (c) subject to such general or special directions as may be given by the Election Commission supply, free of cost, two copies of the roll, as finally published, with the list of amendments, if any, to every political party for which a symbol has been exclusively reserved by the Election Commission.

(2) On such publication, the roll together with the list of amendments shall be the electoral roll of the constituency.

(3) Where the roll (hereafter in this sub-rule referred to as the basic roll), together with the list of amendments, becomes the electoral roll for a constituency under sub-rule (2), the registration officer may, for the convenience of all concerned, integrate, subject to any general or special directions issued by the Election Commission in this behalf the list into the basic roll by incorporating inclusion of names, amendment, transposition or deletion of entries in the relevant parts of the basic roll itself, so however that no change shall be made in the process of such integration in the name of any elector or in any particulars relating to any elector as given in the list of amendments.

23. Appeals from orders deciding claims and objections.- (1) An appeal shall lie from any decision of the registration officer under 20, rule 21 or rule 21A to such officer of Government as the Election Commission may designate in this behalf (hereinafter referred to as the appellate officer) :

Provided that an appeal shall not lie where the person desiring to appeal has not availed himself of his right to be heard by, or to make representation to, the registration officer on the matter which is the subject of appeal.

- (2) Every appeal under sub-rule (1) shall be -
 - (a) in the form of a memorandum signed by the appellant, and
 - (b) presented to the appellate officer within a period of fifteen days from the date of announcement of the

decision or sent to that officer by registered post so as to reach him within that period.

(3) The presentation of an appeal under this rule shall not have the effect of staying or postponing any action to be taken by the registration officer under rule 22.

(4) Every decision of the appellate officer shall be final, but in so far as it reverses or modifies a decision of the registration officer, shall take effect only from the date of the decision in appeal.

(5) The registration officer shall cause such amendments to be made in the roll as may be necessary to give effect to the decisions of the appellate officer under this rule.

24. Special provision for preparation of rolls on redelimitation of constituencies.- (1) If any constituency is delimited in accordance with law and it is necessary urgently to prepare the roll for such constituency, the Election Commission may direct that it shall be prepared -

- (a) by putting together the rolls of such of the existing constituencies or parts thereof as are comprised within the new constituency; and
- (b) by making appropriate alterations in the arrangement, serial numbering and headings of the rolls so compiled.

(2) The roll so prepared shall be published in the manner specified in rule 22 and shall, on such publication, be the electoral roll for the new constituency.

25. Revision of rolls.- (1) The roll for every constituency shall be revised under sub-section (2) of section 21 either intensively or summarily or partly intensively and partly summarily, as the Election Commission may direct.

(2) Where the roll or any part thereof is to be revised intensively in any year, it shall be prepared afresh and rules 4 to 23 shall apply in relation to such revision as they apply in relation to the first preparation of a roll.

(3) When the roll or any part thereof is to be revised summarily in any year, the registration officer shall cause to be prepared a list of amendments to the relevant parts of the roll on the basis of such information

as may be readily available and publish the roll together with the list of amendments in draft; and the provisions of rules 9 to 23 shall apply in relation to such revision as they apply in relation to the first preparation of a roll.

(4) Where at any time between the publication in draft of the revised roll under sub-rule (2) or of the roll and list of amendments under sub-rule (3) and the final publication of the same under rule 22, any names have been directed to be included in the roll for the time being in force under section 23, the registration officer shall cause the names to be included also in the revised roll unless there is, in his opinion, any valid objection to such inclusion.

26. Correction of entries and inclusion of names in electoral rolls.- (1) Every application under section 22 or sub-section (1) of section 23 shall be made in duplicate in such one of the Forms 6, 8, 8A and 8B as may be appropriate.

Provided that the statements in Forms 2, 2A and 3, from persons having service qualifications, received after the final publication of the electoral roll shall be deemed to be the applications under sections 22 and 23.

(1A) Every such application as is referred to in sub-rule (1) shall be presented to the registration officer in such manner as the Election Commission may direct.

(3) The registration officer shall, immediately on receipt of such application, direct that one copy thereof be posted in some conspicuous place in his office together with a notice inviting objections to such application within a period of seven days from the date of such posting.

27. Appeals from orders under rule 26 –

- (1) Every appeal under section 24 shall be -
- (a) in the form of a memorandum signed by the (appellant);
 - (b) accompanied by a copy of the order appealed from and (a fee of five rupees) to be -
 - (i) paid by means of non-judicial stamps; or
 - (ii) deposited in a Government treasury or the Reserve Bank of India in favour of the chief electoral officer; or

(iii) paid in such other manner as may be directed by the Election Commission; and)

(c) presented to the chief electoral officer within a period of fifteen days from the date of the order appealed from or sent by registered post so as to reach him within that period:

Provided that the chief electoral officer may condone the delay in the presentation of the appeal to him, if he is satisfied that the appellant had sufficient cause for not presenting it within the time prescribed.

(1A) Where the fee is deposited under clause (b) (ii) of sub-rule (1), the appellant shall enclose with the memorandum of appeal a government treasury receipt in proof of the fee having been deposited.

(2) for the purposes of sub-rule (1), an appeal shall be deemed to have been presented to the chief electoral officer, when the memorandum of appeal is delivered by, or on behalf of, the appellant to the chief electoral officer himself or to any other officer appointed by him in this behalf.

28. Identity cards for electors in notified constituencies – (1) The Election Commission may, with a view to preventing impersonation of electors and facilitating their identification at the time of poll, by notification in the Official gazette of the State, direct that the provision of this rule shall apply to (any such constituency or part thereof) as may be specified in the notification.

(2) The registration officer for such notified constituency shall, as soon as may be, after the issue of the notification under sub-rule (1), arrange for the issue to every elector of an identity card prepared in accordance with the provisions of this rule.

(3) The identity card shall –

- (a) be prepared in duplicate;
- (b) contain the name, age, residence and such other particulars of the elector as may be specified by the Election Commission;
- (c) have affixed to it a photograph of the elector which shall be taken at the expense of the Government; and

- (d) bear the facsimile signature of the registration officer:

Provided that if the elector refuses or evades to have his photograph taken, or cannot be found at his residence by the official photographer in spite of repeated attempts, no such identity card shall be prepared for the elector and a note of such refusal or evasion or that the elector could not be found at his residence in spite of repeated attempts shall be made in the copy of the roll maintained by the registration officer.

(4) One copy of the identity card prepared under sub-rule (3) shall be retained by the registration officer and the other copy shall be delivered to the elector to be kept by him for production at the time of poll.

PART V

Preservation and disposal of Electoral Rolls

32. **Custody and preservation of rolls and connected papers.** (1) After the roll for a constituency has been finally published, the following papers shall be kept in the office of the registration officer or at such other place as the chief electoral officer may by order specify until the expiration of one year after the completion of the next intensive revision of that roll :-

- (a) one complete copy of the roll;
- (b) statements submitted to the chief electoral officer under rule 7;
- (c) statement submitted to the registration officer under rule 8;
- (d) register of enumeration forms;
- (e) applications in regard to the preparation of the roll;
- (f) manuscript part prepared by enumerating agencies and used for compiling the roll;
- (g) papers relating to claims and objections;
- (h) papers relating to appeals under rule 23; and
- (i) applications under sections 22 and 23

(2) One complete copy of the roll for each constituency duly authenticated by the registration officer shall also be kept in such place as the chief electoral officer may specify as permanent board.

33. **Inspection of electoral rolls and connected papers.**- Every person shall have the right to inspect the election papers referred to in rule 32 and to get attested copies thereof on payment of such fee as may be fixed by the chief electoral officer.

34. **Disposal of electoral rolls and connected papers.**- The papers referred to in rule 32 shall, on the expiry of the period specified therein, and subject to such general or special directions, if any as may be given by the Election Commission in this behalf, be disposed of in such manner as the chief electoral officer may direct.

(2) Copies of the electoral roll for any constituency in excess of the number required for deposit under rule 32 and for any other public purpose shall be disposed of at such time and in such manner as the Election Commission may direct and until such disposal shall be made available for sale to public.

PART VI

Miscellaneous

35. **Use of old Forms.**- If, at any time, during a period of six months from the date on which any amendment to a form for making any claim, objection or other application to the registration officer under these rules takes effect, a person makes, such claim, objection or, as the case may be, other application in the Form as it stood before such amendment, the registration officer shall deal with such claim, objection or other application and he may, for this purpose, require such person, by notice in writing, to furnish such additional information (being the information which would have been furnished if the amended Forms had been used) within such reasonable time as may be specified in the notice.