

MY VOTE, MY RIGHT

How Do I Secure my Vote?

**RECEIVED AN SIR NOTICE? DON'T PANIC. ACT FAST!
YOUR VOTE IS YOUR RIGHT. PROTECT IT.**

IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A SPECIAL INTENSIVE REVISION (SIR) NOTICE FROM THE ELECTION COMMISSION THROUGH BLO CONCERNED, IT DOES NOT MEAN YOU HAVE LOST YOUR CITIZENSHIP OR YOUR VOTE.

IT SIMPLY MEANS THE ADMINISTRATION NEEDS TO VERIFY YOUR DETAILS.

Immediate Steps You Must Take:

- 1. Read the Deadline:** Check the exact date and time of your hearing printed on the notice.
- 2. Gather Your Documents:** You do not need impossible-to-find 20-year-old papers. Start collecting your current identity proofs today and whatever is available with you.
- 3. Do Not Ignore It:** Failing to respond to the notice or attend the hearing can lead to your name being mechanically deleted from the Final Electoral Roll.

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WHY DID YOU GET A NOTICE?

UNDERSTANDING THE REASON

DEMYSTIFYING THE BUREAUCRACY

VOTERS USUALLY RECEIVE AN SIR NOTICE FOR ONE OF TWO MAIN REASONS.

KNOWING YOUR REASON HELPS YOU FIGHT IT:

- **Reason 1: "Unmapped"** The system's software could not automatically link your current Voter ID (EPIC) to your parents' or grandparents' names in the 2002–2004 legacy voter lists.
- **Reason 2: "Logical Discrepancy"** The software flagged a minor error in your data, such as a spelling mismatch in your surname, a recorded age gap between you and your parents of more than 50 years, or having more than six family members listed under one guardian.

ACTION: TAKE YOUR CORRECT, VALID IDENTITY DOCUMENTS TO THE HEARING TO CLEAR UP THESE SIMPLE TECHNICAL MISTAKES.

REMEMBER: THERE HAVE BEEN MASS MISTAKES/DISCREPANCIES CAUSED BY THE USE OF UNTESTED SOFTWARE AND OTHER TECHNOLOGICAL TOOLS. THEREFORE, YOU COULD HAVE JUST BECOME A VICTIM OF THIS SYSTEMIC LAPSE!

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SUPREME COURT MANDATE: YOUR AADHAAR IS VALID!

YOU CANNOT BE HARASSED FOR LEGACY DOCUMENTS

DURING THE INITIAL PHASES OF THE SIR, OFFICIALS DEMANDED DECADES-OLD PAPERWORK AND REFUSED AADHAAR CARDS. THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA HAS STOPPED THIS.

- **The Law (Sept 8, 2025 and Jan 19, 2026 Order):** The Supreme Court explicitly directed the Election Commission to accept the Aadhaar Card as a valid "12th document" for proof of identity and inclusion in the revised voter list and Madhyamik (Class-10) Admit Card or Pass Certificate (Mandated by SC vide order dated 19.01.2026).
- **Your Right:** If a Booth Level Officer (BLO) or Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) refuses to accept your Aadhaar card, remind them of the Supreme Court mandate.

ACTION: TAKE A COPY OF THE SUPREME COURT ORDERS DATED SEPT 8, 2025 & JAN 19, 2026 WITH YOU!

IN ADDITION PLS TAKE A COPY OF THE ECI ORDER DATED SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 [NO. 23/2025-ERS/VOL. II] AS WELL.

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THE OFFICIAL LIST OF ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENTS

BRING SELF-ATTESTED COPIES OF ANY OF THESE VALID PROOFS TO YOUR HEARING

THANKS TO SUPREME COURT INTERVENTIONS, THE LIST OF ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENTS HAS BEEN EXPANDED. THE INDICATIVE (NOT EXHAUSTIVE) LIST INCLUDES:

- 1. Identity card/Pension Payment Order issued to a regular employee/pensioner of any Central Govt./State Govt./PSU.**
- 2. Any Identity Card/Certificate/Document issued in India by the 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 the 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 the Government.**
- 12. For Aadhaar, the Commission's directions issued vide letter No. 23/2025-ERS/Vol.II dated 09.09.2025 (Annexure II) shall apply. (Note: This was NOT accepted in the Bihar SIR)**
- 13. Madhyamik (Class-10) Admit Card or Pass Certificate (Mandated by SC vide order dated 19.01.2026)**

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AGE-SPECIFIC RULES: WHOSE DOCUMENTS DO YOU NEED?

Check Your Birth Year Before Your Hearing!

The Election Commission requires different sets of documents depending on when you were born.

Read carefully:

- **Born BEFORE July 1, 1987:**

You only need to provide an acceptable document for Yourself to establish your date and place of birth.

- **Born BETWEEN July 1, 1987, and December 2, 2004:**

You must provide acceptable documents for Yourself AND your Father OR your Mother.

- **Born AFTER December 2, 2004:**

You must provide acceptable documents for Yourself, your Father, AND your Mother.

(Note: If a parent is not an Indian citizen, provide a copy of their valid passport & visa from the time of your birth).

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WHERE TO SUBMIT? YOU HAVE LOCAL ACCESS!

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO TRAVEL FAR TO PROTECT YOUR VOTE.

THE SUPREME COURT (ORDER DATED JANUARY 19, 2026)
RECOGNISED THE IMMENSE HARDSHIP FACED BY VOTERS AND
ORDERED DECENTRALISATION.

- **Submit Locally:** You are legally permitted to submit your documents and objections at your local Gram Panchayat Bhawans, Block/Taluka Offices, or urban Ward Offices.
- **Public Display:** The lists of affected persons (notices) **MUST** be displayed at these local offices for public viewing.
- **Demand a Receipt:** The official receiving your documents **MUST** provide you with a certified receipt and officially certify that a hearing was conducted.

DO NOT LEAVE THE DESK WITHOUT YOUR RECEIPT!

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CAN'T ATTEND THE HEARING? SEND A REPRESENTATIVE!

ARE YOU A MIGRANT WORKER, ELDERLY, OR UNABLE TO LEAVE YOUR JOB?

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO LOSE YOUR VOTE JUST BECAUSE YOU CANNOT PHYSICALLY ATTEND THE HEARING.

THE SUPREME COURT HAS SECURED YOUR RIGHT TO REPRESENTATION (JANUARY 19, 2026 ORDER).

- **You do not have to appear in person.**
- **You can submit your documents and be heard through an Authorised Representative.**
- **This representative can be a trusted family member, a community leader, or a Booth Level Agent (BLA) from a recognised political party.**
- **Requirement:** You must provide your representative with an Authority Letter. This letter must be either signed by you or bear your thumb-mark.

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BEWARE OF FAKE "FORM 7" OBJECTIONS

TARGETED BY A FAKE COMPLAINT? FIGHT BACK!

ACROSS MANY STATES, FORM 7 IS BEING ILLEGALLY MISUSED BY MALICIOUS ACTORS TO FILE FALSE OBJECTIONS, CLAIMING GENUINE VOTERS ARE "DEAD," "MIGRATED," OR "NOT GENUINE."

- **It is a Crime:** Under Section 31 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, making a false declaration to delete someone from the electoral roll is a punishable offense. The complainant can face up to one year in prison, a heavy fine, or both.
- **Your Action:** If you get a deletion notice based on an objection, demand the details of the complainant from the ERO/BLO. Stand your ground, present your documents, and warn the authorities that the complaint is fabricated.

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ATTENTION TENANTS & MIGRANTS: DEFEND YOUR VOTE!

STRUGGLING WITHOUT LEGACY DATA OR LANDLORD COOPERATION?

IF YOU LIVE IN A RENTED HOME, YOU MIGHT NOT HAVE 2003 LEGACY DATA FOR THAT SPECIFIC AREA, OR YOUR LANDLORD MIGHT REFUSE TO PROVIDE HOUSE RENT/TAX RECEIPTS FOR A DOMICILE CERTIFICATE.

- **Do Not Give Up: Proceed to your hearing anyway.**
- **Present What You Have: Submit your Aadhaar Card, PAN Card, Bank Passbook, or your current Voter ID (EPIC).**
- **State the Facts: Explain your history of tenancy clearly to the ERO. You have a constitutional right to vote where you are "ordinarily resident."**
- **Seek Support: Reach out to local civil society help desks, trade unions, or legal aid volunteers operating in your area to accompany you.**

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WAS YOUR NAME DELETED? HOW TO FILE AN APPEAL

**THE FIGHT DOESN'T END AT THE FINAL ROLL.
HERE IS YOUR APPEAL PATH:**

**IF YOUR NAME IS WRONGFULLY REMOVED FROM THE FINAL
ELECTORAL ROLL, YOU HAVE STRONG LEGAL AVENUES TO
RESTORE IT.**

- 1. First Appeal:** File a written Memorandum to your District Magistrate (DM) / District Election Officer against the ERO's decision.
- 2. Second Appeal:** If the DM rejects it, appeal to the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of your State.
- 3. Free Legal Aid:** The Supreme Court mandated that District Legal Services Authorities (DLSAs) must provide free legal aid and paralegal volunteers to assist excluded persons.
- 4. Special Appellate Body:** In states like West Bengal, a special mechanism of former/sitting High Court judges has been formed to hear these exact challenges.
- 5. Supplementary Lists:** The ECI must publish "supplementary lists" even after the final list is out. If you win your appeal, your name will be restored legally!