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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The Election Commission of India (ECI) has introduced an important measure to further strengthen the integrity and transparency of the electoral process. Aadhaar-based authentication has now been made mandatory for all individuals seeking to make changes to the electoral roll through online applications.

Henceforth, applicants applying online for the following services must complete an OTP-based e-sign verification linked to their Aadhaar number:

- Form 6 Application for fresh enrolment
- Form 7 Objection to inclusion or exclusion of names in the electoral roll
- Form 8 Shifting, Correction or updating of voter details

This system ensures that the applicant's details, such as name, Electoral Photo Identity Card (EPIC) number, and mobile number, match the information stored in the Aadhaar database, thereby preventing fraudulent or duplicate applications.

The public is informed that individuals who do not possess an Aadhaar number may still apply through the traditional method. Physical forms may be obtained, filled out, and submitted directly to the Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) or the Booth Level Officer (BLO).

Form 7 applicants should note that Aadhaar-linked OTP authentication is now a compulsory step. The applicant must provide their own EPIC number and mobile number, or that of a close relative such as a parent, spouse, or legal guardian, to complete the verification process.

This Aadhaar-based e-sign initiative marks a significant step towards creating a more secure, transparent, and accountable electoral system. It enhances the accuracy of the electoral roll while ensuring flexibility for individuals without Aadhaar.

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