

ELECTION COMMISSION  
Daman and Diu,  
F-204, M.S. Apartments,  
Kasurba Gandhi Marg,  
New Delhi – 110 001

No.7-2/EC/DD/2010

Dated the 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2010

**ORDER**

Whereas it is necessary to check impersonation of voters in the interest of purity of elections to Panchayats and for conducting such elections in a fair manner;

Whereas rule 60 of the Daman and Diu Panchayats (Election Procedure) Rules, 1995, empowers the Presiding Officer to employ at the polling station such persons as he thinks fit to help in the identification of electors;

Whereas the said rule 60 of the Daman and Diu Panchayats (Election Procedure) Rules, 1995, also provides that where the polling station is situated in a ward, electors of which have been supplied with identity cards under the provisions of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960, the elector shall produce his identity card before the presiding officer or the polling officer authorized by him in this behalf;

Whereas according to the information received from UT Administration of the Daman and Diu, about 16% of the voters are yet to be issued Electoral Photo Identity Cards (EPICs);

Now, therefore, after taking into account all relevant factors and the legal and factual position, the Election Commission for the superintendence, direction and control of the preparation of electoral rolls for, and the conduct of, elections to the Panchayats in the Union territory of Daman and Diu, hereby directs that the following alternative documents to EPICs may be used for establishing the identity of those voters who have not been provided with EPICs:-

- (i) Indian Passports
- (ii) Motor Vehicle Driving Licences
- (iii) PAN Cards issued by Income Tax Department
- (iv) Service Identity Cards issued to their employees by the Central Government, Public Sector Undertakings and Local bodies
- (v) Service Identity Cards issued to its employees by the UT Administration of Daman and Diu or any other documents issued under an order or authority of the UT Administration of Daman and Diu which would be helpful in establishing the identity of the person possessing it
- (vi) Bank/Kisan/Post Office Passbooks having photo affixed on it
- (vii) Valid Student Identity Cards issued by recognized educational institutions

- (viii) Property documents, such as, Pattas, Registered Deeds having photo affixed on it
- (ix) SC/ST/OBC Certificates issued by the competent authority
- (x) Pension documents, such as, ex-servicemen's Pension Book/Pension Payment Order, ex-servicemen's Widow/Dependent Certificates, Old Age Pension Order, Widow Pension Order
- (xi) Freedoms Fighter Identity Cards
- (xii) Arms Licences
- (xiii) Certificates of Physical Handicap issued by the competent authority

Besides above documents, domicile certificate issued by the respective BDO, Tehsildar, Dy. Tehsildar for identification of a voter may also be allowed.

The above alternative documents for identification will also apply in respect of such of the odd electors, who have been supplied with EPICs but are not able to produce them for reasons beyond their control.

It is clarified that any document, as enumerated above, which is available only for the Head of Family, shall be allowed for the purpose of identification of other members of the family. Similarly, any document in the name of any other member of the family can be used for identification of other members, provided the other members can be identified on the basis of such document.

(Renu Sahni Dhar)  
Election Commissioner