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Summary Revision of Electoral Rolls, 2013, Bye Election to the 9, Jangipur Parliamentary Constituency and Introduction of Nirvachak Sahayata Sammaan

A) Summary Revision of Electoral Rolls ,2013

- Qualifying date- 1st January,2013
- Schedule

Sl No	Stages of Revision	Period allowed for
1.	Draft Publication of Rolls	1st Octotober,2012
2.	Period for filing of claims & objections	1st October,2012 to 19th October,2012 & 30th October,2012 to 9th November,2012
3.	Special Campaign dates with Booth Level Agents of political parties for receiving claims & objections	7th October,2012, 14th October,2012 & 4th November,2012
4.	Disposal of claims & objections and preparation of database	9th January,2013
5.	Final Publication of Electoral Rolls	15th January,2013

- Emphasis on covering non image electors in order to achieve 100% EPIC & Photo Electoral Roll which is presently 99.16% .Many of the districts have already achieved the target and others are very near the target of 100% EPIC & PER coverage.
- This time our focus is to increase the enrolment of females belonging to all cross sections like youth, students, working women, married women & particularly those belonging to disadvantaged groups like migrated workers ,sex workers etc.
- One person from every College has been made the Nodal Officer who will work as facilitator for the enrolment of young voters by providing information & forms.
- Women members of the Self Help Groups are being associated with the programme of Summary Revision as information messengers.
- Departments of the state governments like Panchayat & Rural Development, Youth Services, Self Help Group & Self Employment are being associated as partners.

B) Bye Election to the 9, Jangipur Parliamentary Constituency

- Schedule

Sl no	Activity	Date
1.	Issue of Public Notice	15th September,2012
2.	Period of receiving nominations	15th to 22nd September,2012
3.	Scrutiny	24th September,2012
4.	Withdrawal	26th September,2012
5.	Date of Poll	10th October,2012
6.	Date of Counting	13th October,2012

- Total number of polling stations is 1530(1032 Main+498 Auxiliary) & number of voters is 12,43,398 (Males 6,43,147 & Females 600251) (approx)
- Model Code of Conduct is already in vogue in the entire district since 5th Sepetember,2012.
- Observers (General Observer: Shri Raju Narayan Swamy and Shri Vipin Kumar & Expenditure Observer-Shri Perumal Devraj) have been engaged by the Commission.

- The poll will be taken by EVMs using the electoral roll in force published on 5.1.2012 names added in continuous up dation up to 22.09.2012.
- Security arrangement with Central & State forces will be made as per the sensitivity requirement in consultation with the Observers.
- The process of identification of vulnerable hamlets and persons has started and Sector Magistrates have been deployed to do vulnerability mapping.
- All anticipatory preparations like seizure of arms, tracking of NBWs & habitual offenders, excise raids, have been initiated.

Due to the Bye Elections, the Commission has deferred the Summary Revision of Electoral Rolls for the 7 Assembly Constituencies of Jangipur. Here, the period of filing claims & objections will be from 30th October,2012 to 27th November,2012. Final publication will be made on 21st january,2013.

C) Introduction of Nirvachak Sahayata Sammaan

- Background: The enrolment of persons as electors and participation of people is traditionally low in the urban particularly cosmopolitan areas of West Bengal.
- Studies have revealed that one major reason behind this is the lack of information on electoral matters amongst the eligible persons.
- Objective is to involve more people with the Summary Revision Progarmme to ensure greater participation through dissemination of information like the schedule of revision & where, how one can get enrolled and its terms etc.
- Special initiative like campaigning at the time of festival like Durga Puja has been taken up this year. Which is quite unique and unprecedented.
- Durga Puja ensures participation of people of all sections in great & overwhelming numbers, this opportunity of big gatherings is to be garnered for involving and motivating people for the Revision programme.
- Puja Committees of Commissionarate areas of Kolkata, Bidhannagar, Barrackpore, Howrah, Durgapur- Asansole & Siliguri will be asked to make **Display** in the puja pandals where people can come and gather information about the programme. The Committees will be at liberty to display the spirit & message of the programme in an attractive and creative manner.
- Based on the merit of display which will be evaluated by an expert team, cash prizes as **Nirvachak Sahayata Sammaan** will be given to the Committees for their endeavor to promote participatory democracy.
- The office of the Commissioners of Police will co ordinate with the Puja Committees for taking part in the campaign.