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in the  
voter list



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Ground-Level Impact: BLOs excel in executing ECI's Special Summary Revision (SSR) Initiative.



After the successful completion of the General Election to the 18th Lok Sabha, the Election Commission of India has initiated the preparations for forthcoming State Assembly Elections in the States of Haryana, Maharashtra, and Jharkhand & UT of Jammu and Kashmir with updation of the electoral rolls.

Accordingly, the Commission provides ample opportunity to all eligible and un-enrolled citizens to get themselves enrolled in the electoral roll and thereby get the chance to vote in the upcoming elections. The 2nd SSR was conducted with 1st July 2024 as the qualifying date in the states of Haryana, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, and UT of Jammu & Kashmir.

The schedule for the upcoming assembly elections in UT of Jammu & Kashmir and Haryana has been announced. The electoral rolls are published and finalised on the 20th and 27th August 2024 respectively to ensure that every eligible elector is included. In Jammu & Kashmir, voters will head to the polls in three phases starting September 18, 2024, and running through October 1, 2024. The results will be declared on October 8, 2024, after counting of votes. In Haryana, elections are scheduled for October 5, with results also set for October 8, 2024.

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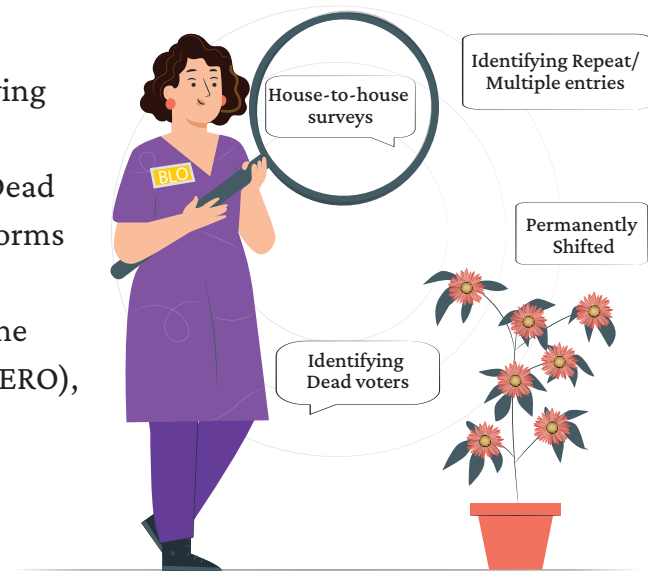
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# Role of BLO in purifying & updating of electoral roll

A BLO plays a pivotal role in meticulously updating and purifying the electoral roll through systematic house-to-house surveys, identifying Repeat/Multiple entries, Permanently Shifted, or Dead voters in the electoral roll. This involves collecting necessary forms with appropriate signatures and supporting proofs from the residents. Once these details are gathered, the BLO submits the collected forms and data to the Electoral Registration Officer (ERO), facilitating the continual refinement and enhancement of the electoral roll in alignment with the dynamic nature of the population.



## Aspects of Healthy Roll

### Enrolling the Un-enrolled Eligible Citizens

Booth Level Officer (BLO) plays a crucial role in ensuring that all eligible citizens are included in the electoral roll. This involves identifying and registering individuals who are eligible but not yet enrolled. The BLO conducts outreach efforts, organises registration drives, and assists residents in filing necessary forms to ensure that no eligible voter is left out.

### Deletion of Identified Repeat/Multiple Entries/Demographically Similar Entries

BLOs are responsible for identifying and verifying repeat or wrong entries in the voter list. The BLO must carefully verify repeat or multiple demographically similar entries for getting the same deleted by the ERO concerned, after following due procedure for maintaining the integrity of the electoral roll. This process ensures that each voter has a single, accurate entry, which helps prevent impersonation and other connected malpractices by unscrupulous means during elections.

### Removal of Shifted/Dead Electors with Due Care and Proof

BLOs need to remove the names from the voter list of individuals who have permanently shifted to a different place or passed away. This task requires careful verification and collection of appropriate documentation to provide proof of their status.

### 100% House-to-House Verification

To ensure the accuracy of the electoral roll, BLOs conduct comprehensive house-to-house verification. This involves visiting every household in his area to confirm the details of registered electors and update any changes. This process helps in identifying errors or omissions in the voter list and ensures that all eligible electors are accurately recorded.

### Tagging of Families to Avoid Splitting of Family Members

BLOs also ensure to tag families in the electoral roll to avoid splitting family members across different polling stations or electoral rolls. This practice ensures that all family members are registered together, simplifying the voting process and reducing logistical issues on election day.



# SSR: When, Where, What, and Why



**1. When:** SSR is conducted periodically to ensure the electoral roll is updated before significant elections.

**2. Where:** The process is carried out across all polling stations and involves every eligible elector in the constituency.



**3. What:** The process is carried out across all polling stations and involves every eligible elector in the constituency

**4. Why:** The primary purpose of SSR is to maintain the integrity and fidelity of the electoral roll, as such electoral roll is the bedrock for fair, impartial, and credible elections.



## Duties of BLOs during SSR

**1. Time-Bound Operations:** During SSR, BLOs operate under strict timelines to update the electoral roll effectively and efficiently.

**2. Field Verification:** BLOs perform field verification tasks, ensuring that all information is correct and accurate.

**3. Community Outreach:** They spread awareness through available channels such as WhatsApp groups, personal interaction, etc to encourage eligible citizens to register and participate SSR.

Improvement of image quality ensuring good quality photographs by replacing blurred, poor quality and not to specification and non-human images in the roll.

## BLO's Impact on Credibility and Goodwill

### 1. Building Trust:



By maintaining an accurate and updated electoral roll, BLOs help build trust in the electoral process and the Election Commission's mechanisms.

### 2. Positive Community Engagement:



Effective communication and availability make the BLOs a trusted point of contact within the community, enhancing their popularity and the Election Commission's reputation.

**Do you know**

## Form M

This form is for the Migrant Electors of Kashmir who want to cast vote from any one special polling station of Delhi, Jammu and Udhampur.

## Form 12C

This form is for Migrant Electors of Kashmir who want to cast vote through postal ballot.

# Stories from Ground

*Mr. Mumtaz Hussain is serving as a BLO for booth 182-89 - Poonch Haveli Legislative Assembly, UT of Jammu & Kashmir*

**A BLO exemplifies the importance of grassroots leadership**

He serves as a dedicated BLO. With limited road connectivity, he often travels on foot to reach the far-flung areas where his electors reside. His commitment to voter registration and electoral participation stands out, as he actively engages with the community to ensure no one is left out of the democratic process.

Mumtaz has been instrumental in enhancing voter registration in his constituency. He organised several meetings to raise electoral awareness, particularly in the remotest villages, ensuring maximum participation. In the recent SSR, he added more than eight new voters, focusing on young and first-time voters. His tireless efforts have ensured that no eligible voter is left out, and his electoral list is accurate and complete in all respects.

Mumtaz's dedication to both his community and his role as a BLO exemplifies the importance of grassroots leadership in enhancing voter registration and ensuring a more inclusive electoral process in even the most remote regions.



Mr. Mumtaz Husain



Mr. Mumtaz Husain, first from the right.



*Mr. Ashok Kumar BT Teacher at Government Model Sanskriti Prathmik Vidyalaya in Devidas Pura, Kurukshetra, Haryana, and BLO of Booth No. 134*

**Overcoming challenges of unnumbered houses to timely update the voter list**

Mr. Ashok Kumar is played a crucial role in transforming the electoral exercise of his village. Initially faced with the challenge of unnumbered houses—about 129 in total—he took the initiative to correct the voter list by assigning numbers to each one. Since 2021, he has organised continuous awareness camps on National Voter's Day and other electoral events, personally encouraging villagers to vote.



Mr. Ashok Kumar, second from the left.



Mr. Ashok Kumar, first from the left.

Over the past three years, his efforts have resulted in the addition of 238 new voters. Devidas Pura, where 75% of the population belongs to the working, backward, or scheduled caste communities, required special attention due to their busy schedules and limited time. Ashok Kumar personally reached out to them, from early morning until late evening, motivating them to participate in elections, get their votes registered, and engage in national democratic festivals.



Mr. Ashok Kumar, first from the left, interacting with the people.



Mr. Ashok Kumar, first from the left.

*Mr. Sheikh Mujthadul Islam is serving as a BLO for booth  
189-KHARPORA. 15- Bandipora, Legislative Assembly,  
UT of Jammu & Kashmir*

**Ensure the accuracy of voter details using BLO App**

During the recently concluded 2nd Special Summary Revision, Sheikh Mujthadul Islam, BLO for 89-Kharpora, Jammu & Kashmir visited every household within his polling station. As a result of these efforts, he collected 25 new voter registration applications using Form 06, 14 deletion requests through Form 07, and processed 420 correction applications via Form 08.

During his visits, several voters raised concerns about Elector Photo Identity Cards (EPICs). Addressing these concerns as a priority, he utilised the BLO App to correct and replace 420 entries, ensuring the accuracy of voter details.

Additionally, to facilitate effective communication, he established a WhatsApp group for the voters in his polling station, providing them with timely updates on the summary revision process, poll day information, and SVEEP-related activities.

Through these comprehensive efforts, Sheikh Mujthadul Islam ensured a smooth, inclusive, and thorough voter registration process, leaving no voter behind.



Mr. Sheikh Mujthadul Islam, first from the right.



Mr. Sheikh Mujthadul Islam, first from the left.

*Mr. Lakhwindr Singh is serving as a BLO for booth 69  
(SC), UT of Jammu and Kashmir.*

**Leveraging collaborations for enhancing electoral rolls during SSR**

My goal has been to cover all eligible households for enrolment into electoral rolls and to ensure that the rolls are without discrepancy. In this regard, during the recently concluded 2nd special summary revision w.r.t 01-07-2024 as qualifying date, I visited the households assigned to my polling station and began the task of distributing new registration applications, identifying eligible voters and personally encouraging them to register and also verified the existing voter information.



Mr Lakhwinder Singh from right to second.



Mr Lakhwinder Singh from left to third.

I also tried to make people understand about the purpose of Form 06, 07 and 08 and tried to attend to individual needs, especially of the first time voters. For this I made collaborative efforts with local schools and community places like Panchayat Ghars where voter awareness camps were organised

*Ms. Sunita Kumari is serving as a BLO for booth 206, Narkhoria Kala, Jharkhand.*

**Upholding democracy by overcoming challenges in updating photographs**

Sunita Kumari has been serving as the BLO for Polling Station for polling station No. 206, Government Upgraded Middle School, Narkhoria Kala, Jharkhand for the past two years. During Special Summery Revision, she encountered several challenges. The area, being entirely rural and heavilyreliant on agiculture, faces significantly issues due to a severe lack of employment opprtunites, resulting in substantail migrationthat complicates her work.

There are 700 registered voters at this polling station, with a gender ratio of 934. She successfully removed 18 duplicate entries from the voter list using Form 7, added 85 eligible individuals to the voter list through Form 6. Despite facing numerous challenges in updating black-and-white and low-quality photographs, Sunita managed to submit 85 entries using Form-8. In total, she has submitted 237 online entries through various forms.

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she has showed an example of dedication and sincerity to carry out her electoral duties.



Ms. Sunita Kumari, in green saree, filling out the form.



Ms. Sunita Kumari, in red saree, filling out the form.





# Technology helps in performance

## ECI Apps to install



cVIGIL



Saksham App



KYC Apps



Voter Helpline App

Register online or  
verify your details at  
[voters.eci.gov.in](https://voters.eci.gov.in)

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