#### DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE

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F.NO. 1(59)/2020/DSW/Estt/ 9992-1005/

Dated 0 1 SEP 2023

#### <u>Circular</u>

Sub: Strict action against the BLOs/BLOs Supervisors for not performing the said duty as well as against the concerned officers who are not permitting them to perform the BLO/BLO Supervisor duty.

Please find enclosed herewith a letter bearing No. CEO/Admn/106(01)/Misc.Corress/2023/17964-975 dated 11.08.2023 received from Office of Chief Electoral Officer, Delhi on the above mentioned subject.

Encl: As above.

Section Officer(Admn.)

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## **ELECTION MATTER** MOST URGENT

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To

Secretary, Department of Social Welfare, GLNS Complex, Feroz Shah Kotla, Delhi Gate, New Delhi-110002

Sub: Strict action against the BLOs/ BLOs Supervisors for not performing the said duty as well as against the concerned officers who are not permitting them to perform the BLO/BLO Supervisor duty.

Sir/ Madam,

I am directed to invite your kind attention that under Section 13 B (2) of Representation of People Act, 1950, BLOs are appointed from amongst the officers of the Govt./Semi Govt./Local Bodies. Generally, one BLO is responsible for the electoral roll of one polling booth. The District Election Officers (DEOs) in consultation with the EROs of the Assembly Constituency (AC) appoint the BLOs. The Election Commission of India vide letter dated 04.10.2022 issued the directions regarding appointment of BLOs from the category of employees such as the teachers, Anganwadi workers, Patwari/Amin/Lekhpal, Panchayat Secretary, Village Level Workers, Electricity Bill Readers, Postman, Auxiliary Nurses & Mid-wives, Health workers, Mid-day meal workers, Contract Teachers, Corporation Tax Collectors, and Clerical Staff in Urban area (UDC/LDC etc.).

As per Section 13CC of the Representation of the People Act, 1950:-

"The Officers referred to in this part and any other officer or staff employed in down) connection with the preparation, revision and correction of the electoral rolls for, and the conduct of, all election shall be deemed to be on deputation to Election Commission for the Speriod during which they are so employed and such officers and staff shall, during that period, be subject to the control, superintendence and discipline of the Election Commission".

Election Commission of India (ECI) has issued schedule for Special Summary Revision of Electoral Roll -2024 (SSR -2024) and the house to house survey has already started. Also, as per planner issued by ECI, this office has started preparedness for forthcoming General Election to Lok Sabha, 2024. For conduct of smooth and fair elections an updated electoral roll is topmost priority of the Election Commission of India. The BLOs/BLOs Supervisor are the most important ground/field level officers for regular modification/updation of electoral roll. But, during the meeting held by the

CEO, Delhi with District Election Officers on 08.08.2023, it was informed that many departments like Education, MCD etc. are not allowing teachers/officials for performing the said duty.

Further, Section 29 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950 stipulates that

"Every local authority in a State shall, when so requested by the chief electoral officer of the State, make available to any electoral registration officer such staff as may be necessary for the performance of any duties in connection with the preparation and revision of electoral roll".

In this regard, I am directed to mentioned here that "for breach of official duty in connection with the preparation, revision or correction of an Electoral Roll or the inclusion or exclusion of any entry in or from that roll the concerned official shall be liable to be punished under Section 32 of the Representation of People Act, 1950 (a punishment with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than three months but which may extend to two years and with fine)". Also, the act of the officer concerned who is not allowing the BLOs/BLOs Supervisor to perform the duty shall be treated as his direct hindrance in the preparation of a healthy electoral roll/conduct of elections and if any such case comes to the notice of this office, the same will be brought in to the notice of Election Commission of India for recommendation of strict action under Representation of People Act, 1950, against the erring officer.

Therefore, The Chief Electoral Officer, Delhi has directed that no department/officer shall preclude their officials from performing BLO/BLO Supervisor duty and further directed to issue necessary directions to all the concerned officers/officials working under their jurisdiction to perform BLO/BLO Supervisor duty.

This is for strict compliance please.

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Copy for information and necessary action:-

Yours faithfully,

(SATENDRA KUMAR)
ASSTT. CEO (ADMN.)

Dated: 11 8 2-23

 All eleven District Election Officers, NCT of Delhi: with the request to intimate the name and designation of officer who is not allowing the concerned BLO/BLO supervisor to perform the duty with clear cut recommendations for initiating disciplinary proceeding against the concerned officer.

(SATENDRA KUMAR)
ASSTT. CEO(ADMN.)