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PRESS NOTE

In order to provide polling booth information to the voters, Election Commission of India launched a major initiative of Electoral Roll Search at National level on 8th April 2014. This service can be used by voters to search their names and get the information related to polling stations in the nation-wide electoral rolls. The service is launched through Internet on mobiles, tablets or computers, and SMS through mobiles. Android users can also download an app from the mobile application store and run it to access the services.

While the service itself is free of cost, the users may need to bear the cost of SMS or internet access as per their service plans with their phone or internet operators. In a press release, the Election Commission provided the details of various methods to access the information.

Internet users can access the information by following "Voter Search" link provided on the website of the Election Commission of India (www.eci.gov.in). Mobile Internet users can also access the services through a specially designed website www.electoralsearch.in. Alternately Android phone based users can installed an application from the Mobile Seva AppStore of the Government (apps.mgov.gov.in under electoral category).

SMS users can access the information by sending preformatted SMS to predefined numbers. The services are available on a special three digit code **166** provided for BSNL, Idea, MTNL, Tata Docomo, Tata Indicom and Vodaphone users. A special five digit code **51969** is provided by operators such as Aircel, Airtel, BSNL, Idea, MTS, Reliance, Tata Docomo, Tata Indicom, Uninor, Videocon and Vodafone for the same service. Finally any user can access the service by sending the SMS to a 10-digit number 09223166166.

In order to access the services through SMS, Voters must send a pre-formatted SMS with a word "ECI" followed by details such as name, name of father/husband, locality, age or date of birth and gender separated by commas. As an example, an SMS "ECI Prabhat Singla" would fetch the details of a voter by name "Prabhat Singla" on a nation-wide search of voters.

The application is designed and developed by Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) using the state-of-the-art technologies and includes advance features like phonetic search on names across multiple languages.

Initially, the service is launched with electoral data from fourteen States and Union Territories, namely Arunachal Pradesh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Delhi, Goa, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Nagaland, Pondicherry, Punjab, Sikkim, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand. Other states are likely to be made available soon.


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