



How to Enrol and Vote

A guide for Service Personnel

Why Vote



The Constitution of India grants its every eligible citizen, regardless of gender, education, socio economic status or location - a right to vote and every vote counts the same

When few people vote, a small percentage ends up electing the winning candidate who is supposed to represent the majority. This is not true democracy.

The power of 1– there are many recorded cases of candidates having won or lost by one vote

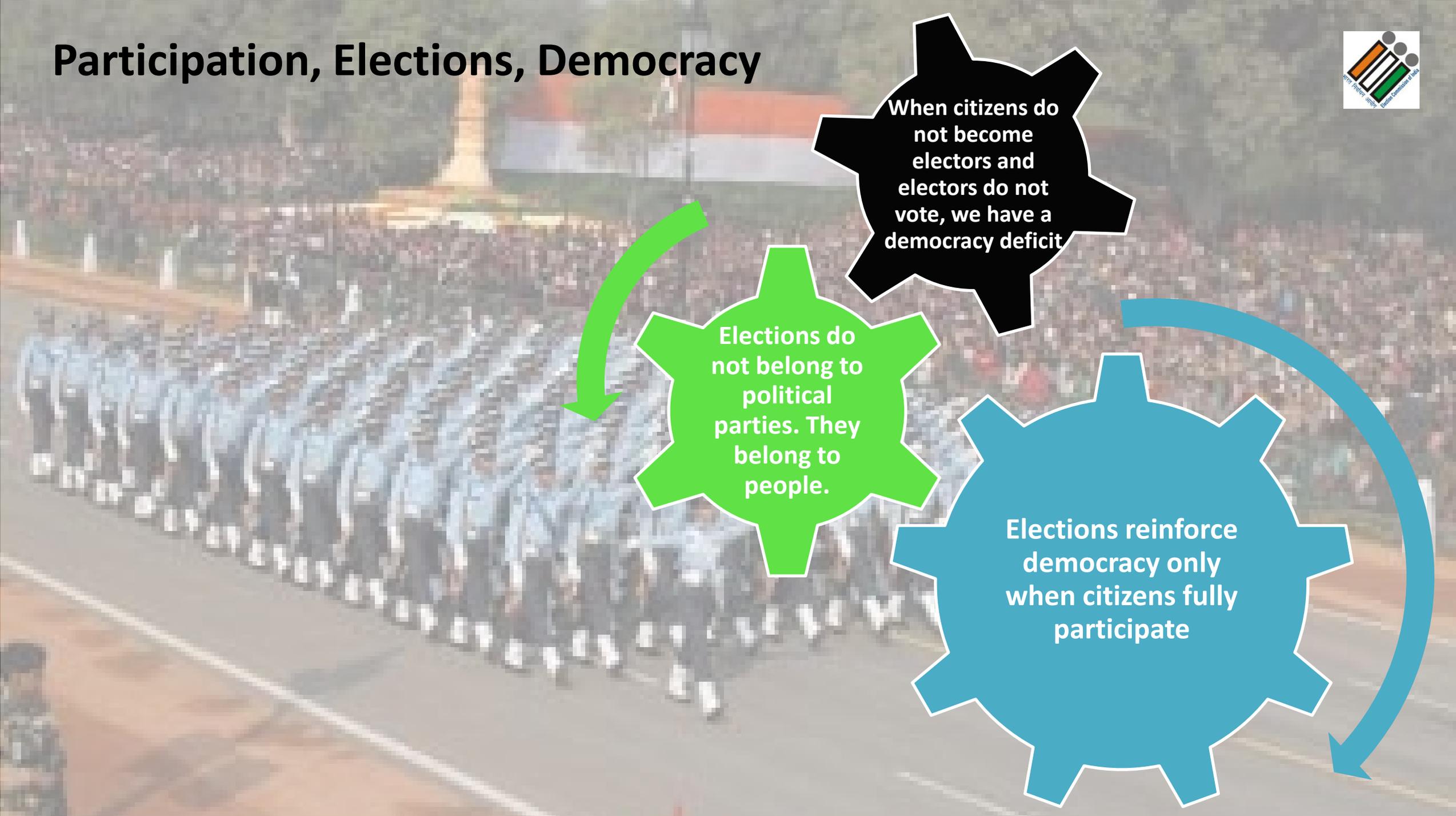
Participation, Elections, Democracy



When citizens do not become electors and electors do not vote, we have a democracy deficit

Elections do not belong to political parties. They belong to people.

Elections reinforce democracy only when citizens fully participate





General Elections to the 16th Lok Sabha

Electors

- 834 Million
- Male 437 million; Female 397 million

Polling Stations

- 923849

EVMs used

- 15,50,000

Staff & Security deployed

- 1.1 crore (about)

Observers

- 1200

Political parties

- 464

Candidates

- 8251

Member of the Armed Forces of the Union

Personnel of Assam Rifles, CRPF, BSF, ITBP; GREF personnel in Border Road Organisation; Central Industrial Security Force; India Coast Guard; National Security Guard

**Who is a
SERVICE
VOTER**

Member of an Armed Police Force of a State serving outside the state

Person employed by the Government of India, serving outside India

Wife of a service voter, if she is ordinarily residing with him, shall also be deemed to be a service voter in the constituency; Under the existing law, this facility is available only to the wife of a male service voter and not to the husband of a female service voter

De Novo (Intensive) Registration



ECI has ordered de novo revision of electoral roll with respect to Service Electors...a fresh electoral roll with respect to Service Voters is being prepared now

So all service personals who had earlier enrolled themselves as Service Electors shall also be required to ENROL AGAIN

Last Date for receiving duly forwarded registration forms for registration as Service Elector – **31st January 2015**; Accordingly you should apply sufficiently ahead of this dead line

There is a designated Service officer in each Station/Unit whom you can access for any information/assistance related to enrolment

How to become a Service Voter



Find the name of your Constituency and Polling Station in the district/state of original residence

Download the relevant form from the website

Forms also available with Designated Officer of your Unit



Fill Form in duplicates
Form 2 for Armed forces

Form 2A for Armed Police serving outside the state

Form 3 for Govt officials serving abroad



Fill the Declaration Form & submit to the Record Office or nodal officer

Your name will appear on the last part of electoral roll of your original constituency



When elections are announced, Returning Officer of your constituency shall send you the postal ballot either by post or electronically

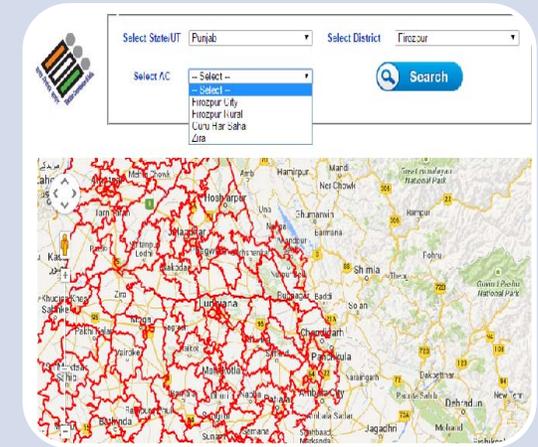
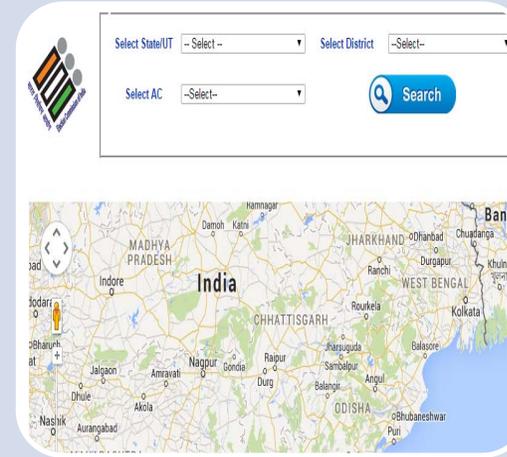
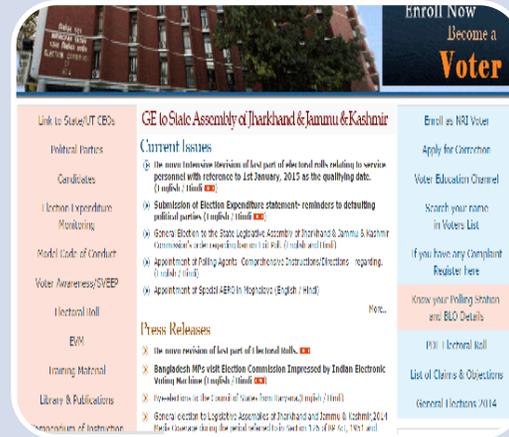


Vote and submit the postal ballot

Alternatively be a Classified Service voter CSV



How to find your constituency



Go to the ECI website
www.eci.nic.in

Click on **Know your BLO and Polling Station** button on the right column on the website

Select your **State and District**

You will get a drop down list of **Assembly Constituencies**

Remember



The wife will be enrolled as a service voter on the basis of declaration made by her husband in the form and no separate declaration is required to be made by the wife

While wife can be enrolled as Service Voter, a son / daughter can not be enrolled as Service Voter

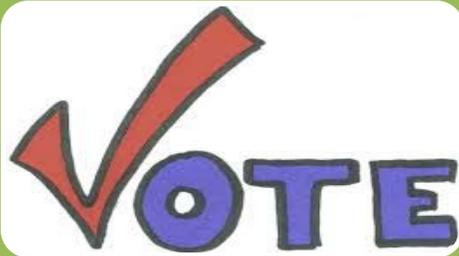
Alternatively you can also opt to enrol as a general elector at place of posting, if you are posted at a peace station

No person can be enrolled at two places, so when you enrol as a service voter you have to submit a declaration - that you are not enrolled as a general elector

How to fill the postal ballot



Please remember that you have only one vote. Accordingly you should not vote for more than one candidate



Record your vote by placing clearly a mark opposite the name of the candidate of your choice on the ballot paper; Your vote will be invalid if the mark does not clearly indicate your choice



Do not put your signature, any word, sign or any other mark on the ballot paper other than the mark required to record your vote, otherwise your vote will be rejected as **INVALID**



After recording your vote on the ballot paper, place the ballot paper in the smaller cover marked 'A' sent herewith; close the cover and secure it by seal or otherwise

How to fill the postal ballot



Sign the declaration in **Form 13A** also sent herewith in the presence of an officer appointed by the Commanding Officer of the Unit, ship or establishment



The officer will attest your signature and return the declaration to you; you must not show your ballot paper to the attesting officer nor tell him for whom you have voted



Place the **Declaration** and also the **smaller cover marked 'A'** containing the ballot in the larger cover marked 'B'. Give your **full signature in the space provided on the cover marked 'B'**. Close the larger cover, send it to the concerned returning officer by post or messenger



No postage stamp need be affixed by you. You must vote ASAP so that the postal ballot reaches the Returning Officer before the specified date i.e on the day of counting, before the counting starts

Alternatively You can opt for voting through PROXY

Fill Form 13F before the CO and send it to your proxy for his / her signature before a Notary / First Class Magistrate

Proxy can submit the Form to the Returning Officer(RO) concerned

Proxy should be ANY ordinary resident of that constituency; need not be a registered voter but must not be disqualified to be registered as a voter

Application for appointment of a proxy should be received by the RO before the last date of filing of nomination papers

If you are at native place, both you and your proxy can sign Form 13 F before a Notary / First Class Magistrate and send to the RO

Once appointed, the proxy will continue until his/her appointment is revoked by the service voter

Proxy can be changed/ revoked to revert back to postal ballot by filling Form 13 G and submitting to RO

Proxy appointed by you shall vote physically at the Polling Station of your Constituency

Classified Service Voter (CSV)





You can also enrol as a General Voter instead



You should be serving at a peace station to get enrolled there as a General Voter

FORM 6
(See rules 13(1) and 26)

Application for inclusion of name in electoral roll

To
The Electoral Registration Officer
.....Assembly/Parliamentary Constituency.

Sir,
I request that my name be included in the electoral roll for the above Constituency. Particulars in support of my claim for inclusion in the electoral roll are given below:

SPACE FOR PASTING
ONE RECENT
PASSPORT SIZE
PHOTOGRAPH
(3.5 CM X 3.5 CM)
SHOWING FRONTAL
VIEW OF FULL FACE
WITHIN THIS BOX

I. Applicant's details	Name	Surname (if any)
Age as on 1 st January	Years:	Months:
Date of birth, if known: Day:	Month:	Year:

Fill Form 6 for registration alongwith requisite documents



You will receive EPIC (Elector Photo Identity Card)



You can vote at the polling station physically



Check your name on the electoral roll ahead of elections



Only those whose names appear on electoral roll can cast their vote

Steps taken by ECI to facilitate Voters



Polling day reminders through SMS and on Radio, Television and Public address systems



EVM familiarisation camps



Extensive Search facility for name on voter list - website, SMS, Helplines, locating PS on net



Enrolment forms at prominent places including Banks and Post Offices, Colleges etc

Whats Happening around you - Lok Sabha Elections 2014



66.44%

- Highest ever turnout of in 2014 against 58.19% in 2009

554 million

- Voted in 2014, compared with 414 million in 2009

120 million

- more registered voters in 2014 compared to 2009 election

16 provinces

- have recorded highest ever turnout
- Almost all provinces have recorded higher turnout than 2009

Women Participation

65.71%

- Highest Ever Female Turnout in national election in 2014 against 55.82% in 2009

1.55

- Gender gap in 2014 against more than 4% in 2009

16 provinces

- recorded higher female turnout
- Among these, women outnumbered men for the first time in 9 provinces

Other Inclusions

68%

- turnout reported among first time voters in the age-group 18-22 years*- the most difficult category

Significant increase

- in registration and voting of vulnerable populations, homeless, transgender, sex workers, physically challenged, old and sick

Voting by staff and service voters

- increased significantly*

Source NES 2014 Post Poll Survey by CSDS

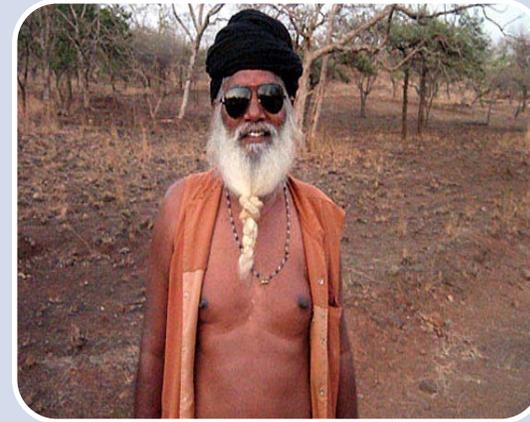
Unique Stories of Inclusion



Women from Dadaal in Rajasthan, who had never participated in elections due to socio-cultural reasons voted for the first time ever since the independence of the country in post SVEEP Assembly elections in 2013.



After efforts for SVEEP, two members of the Shompen tribe of Great Nicobar, considered to be one of the last surviving stone-age tribes, voted for the first time in Lok Sabha elections 2014.



SVEEP through its facilitation measures ensured that every voter gets to exercise their franchise, as polling stations were created for a single household in Serdanand in Chhattisgarh and even a single voter in Gir, Gujarat.



Despite difficult terrain and security issues, Jammu & Kashmir had a record turnout of 49.72% in Lok Sabha elections 2014, a significant increase of 10.05% over 2009, due to exhaustive SVEEP programme in the State.



**Come, join the movement....become a
registered elector today**

Thank You