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To

- 1 Hon. Prime Minister of India
New Delhi-110 001.
- 2 Hon. Governor of Maharashtra
Raj Bhawan, Mumbai.
- 3 The Election Commission of India
Nirvachan Bhawan, New Delhi-110 001.
- 4 The State Election Commission of Maharashtra
Mantralaya, Mumbai.

Subject : **Protect our democratic/ fundamental rights.**

Respected Sir,

The number one democratic rights in every democratic country is **Rights to Vote. Govt. do not have power to curtail the democratic and fundamental rights of citizen.** In India Voter's ID Card is an important document. In any type of election (lower to upper level) from Gram Panchayat to Loksabha election, Voter's ID Card is being demanded from citizens by the Polling Officer at election booth.

It is an experience since last 50 years that whenever any elections are due, large numbers of voter's names have become invisible from Voter's List for the reason best known to election machinery of Govt. When the voter whose name is deleted from Voter's list approach concerned Govt. office to add or to rectify his name in Voter's list, the voter encountered with very complicated procedure.

A question raise that how the name of citizen who has been once issued Voter's ID card, is deleted from Voter's list !

When Govt. has declared that Aadhaar Card - UID Card prepared and manufactured with biometric and digital technology is an authenticated full fledged card, then why the Govt. body asked for so many other documents at the time of applying new Voter's ID card or rectifying errors in Voter's ID card/ Voter's List.

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The Govt. servant deputed for this work is harassing the common man and asking for numerous documents and baseless papers while carrying out the process of issuing Voter's ID card. Concerned Govt. office must have to quote reason behind rejecting the name of citizen from Voter's List and for not issuing the Voter's ID card to him, in writing.

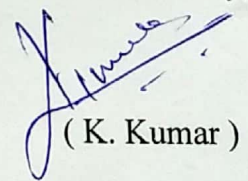
It is an experience that whenever a common man approach Govt. body to get Voter's ID card and produce his Aadhaar Card UID card as a proof of residence and as a proof of his genuine identity, the Govt. official give reply that only Aadhaar Card UID card is not sufficient to fulfill the criteria of procedure of Voter's ID Card. It means the Govt. machinery itself looking to Aadhaar Card with doubtful glance. Then what is the use of Aadhaar Card-UID Card in India.

In order to protect our democratic right i.e. Rights to Vote, the procedure of getting Voting ID card has to be made smoothen. The process of issuing Voter's ID card must have to be simplified. Then and then only 100% voting is possible in this Nation. In fact the Govt. machinery should have well verse with the fact that large number of population is home less in this country. Large number of home less people are residing at foot path. Large number of citizens are not in a position to afford ownership house and they compelled to live in rented accommodation and therefore, the place of their residence can be changed after few years. Why Govt. machinery is so keen on this count. The citizen is having every right to vote at election booth as mentioned in his address at Voter's ID Card. The legitimate rights to vote cannot be snatched away even though the name of citizen is deleted from Voter's List. The voting jurisdiction must be cited in the Voter's ID card whereby the citizen shall be eligible to vote at the specific address as shown in his Voter's ID card though his name is deleted from the Voter's list. In short, the rights to vote shall not be refused to any of the citizen who is having Voter's ID card or not having Voter's ID card. An Officer on Special Duty should be deputed in Voter's ID card issuing Cell with his Mobile Number and Toll Free Complaint No. for the convenience of citizen who are refused to issue them Voter's ID card. There is need to make a provision if the citizen found at the eleventh hour on a day of election that his name is deleted from the Voter's list, he must have right to approach Officer on Special Duty to provide him special provision and on the basis of available document with him, he must have given an opportunity to perform his fundamental rights to vote on the same day either within the cut off time or beyond the cut off time of election, but in any condition Citizen of this Nation should not be deprived off from his legitimate Rights to Vote.

If Govt. machinery feel that only Aadhaar Card is not an eligible or adequate document for issuing Voter's ID card to the citizen then Govt. must have to envisage any other concrete single Identity Proof like Citizenship Card as mentioned in Citizenship Rule 1955. In this context, kindly go through our NGO's earlier letter dated 26th January 2014 (copy enclosed herewith).

With profound regards,

Yours Sincerely,


(K. Kumar)

Encl.-As above.



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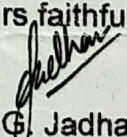
Sub :- Protect our democratic/fundamental rights.

Sir,

We are forwarding your letter dated 12.11.2015 to the office of Chief Electoral Officer, Maharashtra, General Administration Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai-400032 for further necessary action as the subject matter pertains^{to} that office.

you are requested to make further correspondence in the above matter with the Chief Electoral Officer, Maharashtra, Mumbai.

Yours faithfully,


(A. G. Jadhav)
Desk Officer
State Election commission,
Maharashtra

Copy along with a copy of letter of Shri.K.Kumar, dated 12.11.2015, forwarded to Chief Electoral Officer, General Administration Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai-400032 for further necessary action.