

**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
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PRESS NOTE

CEO Meghalaya Reviews Claims & Objections and Notice Phase of SIR 2026 with District Election Machinery and Political Parties

Shillong, 11th August, 2026: The Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Meghalaya, held a Virtual Review Meeting with the Deputy Commissioners/District Election Officers (DCs/DEOs), Sub-Divisional Officers (SDOs), Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) and Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (AEROs) on 11th August, 2026 to review the progress of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR), 2026 following the publication of the Draft Electoral Rolls on 5th August, 2026.

The Chief Electoral Officer also held a separate meeting with representatives of the Recognized National and State Political Parties to brief them on the progress of the SIR, the ongoing period for filing Claims & Objections, the Notice and Hearing process and other activities being undertaken to ensure transparency and participation in the revision exercise.

The Draft Electoral Roll was published on 5th August, 2026 by the Electoral Registration Officers of all 60 Assembly Constituencies in Meghalaya. The period for filing Claims & Objections is from 5th August to 4th September, 2026, while the Notice Phase and disposal of Claims & Objections will continue up to 3rd October, 2026. The Final Electoral Roll is scheduled to be published on 7th October, 2026.

During the Virtual Review Meeting, the Deputy Commissioners/District Election Officers (DCs/DEOs) informed that the Draft Electoral Roll were shared with recognized Political Parties, Traditional Heads, Village Dorbars/ Dorbar Shnongs, Nokmas etc.

The meeting also reviewed the display and hosting of the booth-wise lists of Absent, Shifted, Death and Duplicate (ASDD) electors whose names have not been included in the Draft Electoral Roll. Such lists have been made available on the CEO and respective DEO websites to enable citizens to verify the probable reasons for non-inclusion.

A detailed review was undertaken of electors requiring further scrutiny during the Notice and Hearing phase. Across the State, 2,22,786 electors have been identified under the **“No Mapping”** category, while 4,28,858 electors have been identified with **discrepancies in their mapping with the previous SIR 2025 records**. Thus, a total of **6,51,644** electors have been identified for scrutiny and appropriate action in accordance with the prescribed procedure.

The discrepancies identified through ECINET include,

- mismatch between the elector's name and the name available in the previous SIR 2005 records;
- mismatch in the parent's name as given in 2005;
- age difference between elector and parent being less than 15 years or more than 50 years;
- age gap of less than nine months between siblings linked to the same parent;
- more than six children being linked to the same parent;
- and an age difference of less than 40 years between an elector and grandparent.

The CEO directed all EROs/AEROs to carefully scrutinise such cases and ensure that notices are generated, printed and served in a timely manner. Districts were also instructed to prepare systematic hearing schedules and regularly update the prescribed monitoring sheet so that the progress of notice service and hearings can be analysed and monitored by the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer.

Upon receipt of a notice, the elector concerned may appear before the ERO/AERO and furnish the necessary supporting documents prescribed for the purpose.

Claims & Objections Received After Draft Publication

The meeting also reviewed applications received after publication of the Draft Electoral Roll. As per the latest position placed before the meeting, 2,449 applications have been received, comprising 1,121 applications in Form 6, 8 applications in Form 7, 253 applications in Form 8 for shifting, and 1,067 other applications in Form 8.

Electors who were unable to submit their filled-in Enumeration Forms during the Enumeration Phase may apply for inclusion by filing Form 6 along with the prescribed Declaration Form during the period for filing Claims & Objections. Form 7 is used for objections to proposed inclusion or seeking deletion of an existing entry, while Form 8 provides for shifting of residence, correction of particulars and other prescribed changes.

The CEO directed the EROs to ensure timely scrutiny and disposal of all applications received during the period for filing Claims & Objections.

Meeting with Political Parties

During the separate meeting with representatives of the Recognized National and State Political Parties, the CEO briefed them on the status of the Draft Electoral Roll, No Mapping cases, mapping discrepancies, the Notice and Hearing process and the Claims & Objections received after Draft Publication.

The political parties were requested to continue their active participation through their Booth Level Agents (BLAs) and assist eligible electors in verifying their names and particulars in the Draft Electoral Roll and in filing appropriate claims or objections within the prescribed period.

The CEO reiterated the importance of regular engagement with political parties throughout the SIR process and invited their observations and suggestions to further strengthen transparency and public participation in the revision exercise. Political parties had actively participated during the Enumeration Phase, including through the appointment of 1,733 BLAs across the State.

No Deletion Without Due Process

The Chief Electoral Officer reiterated that no entry or name appearing in the Draft Electoral Roll shall be deleted without due process. The ERO/AERO shall issue notice, conduct the necessary inquiry, provide a fair and reasonable opportunity to the person concerned and pass a reasoned speaking order before taking any decision.

Appeals:

In case any person is aggrieved by the decision of the ERO, he/she may prefer an appeal to the District Magistrate within 15 days of the ERO's order under Section 24(a) of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, read with rule 27 of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960. If the appellant remains unsatisfied, a second appeal may be preferred before the Chief Electoral Officer within 30 days of the District Magistrate's order, as per Section 24(b) of the Representation of the People Act, 1950 read with Rule 27 of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960.

The Commission reiterates its firm commitment to a transparent, participative and inclusive revision process, ensuring that no eligible citizen is left out while no ineligible person is included in the Electoral Roll.

The Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Meghalaya, appeals to all eligible electors to check their names and particulars in the Draft Electoral Roll and not wait until the last date to file claims or objections. The Draft Electoral Roll may be inspected through the concerned ERO/AERO/BLO and through the online facilities made available by the Election Commission of India.

The CEO also sought the continued cooperation of the district election machinery, political parties and BLAs, Traditional Institutions, civil society organisations, media and citizens during this important phase of SIR, 2026, with the objective of ensuring that no eligible citizen is left out and no ineligible person is included in the Electoral Roll.



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