

Election Commission of India (ECI) - 9 New Decisions

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Why in News?

Recently, the Election Commission of India announced **nine decisions** after a meeting of the three-member Commission.

9 New Decisions

- The decisions were made in response to internal objections raised by Election Commissioners regarding the following issues:
 - Management of electoral rolls
 - Voter registration, deletion, and restoration
 - Information technology systems
 - Internal decision-making processes and administrative procedures.



ECI's Nine Key Decisions

1		Meeting agendas	Agendas to be circulated before every Commission meeting.
2		Meeting minutes	Minutes to be issued after meetings.
3		Foreign visits	Officers' foreign trips require EC approval.
4		New IT modules/portals	To be examined by a committee of officers before being placed before the Commission.
5		ECINet review	Review by a committee headed by a Senior Deputy Election Commissioner.
6		Independent IT expert	ECINet review committee to include an expert from an IIT/IIT.
7		Field officers' access	Necessary flexibility/access to electoral-roll systems to be provided to field officers.
8		Commissioners' directions	Directions issued by Commissioners to officers must be meticulously complied with.
9		Goa voter inclusion	Of 97 voters reportedly missing from the final roll, 81 have since submitted Form 6 ; CEO directed to facilitate their inclusion.

Electoral Roll & IT Systems

- ECINet is the Election Commission of India's integrated digital platform.
- ERONet is the electoral roll management system.

- **Key concerns** - It includes the need for an independent database audit, sufficient access for field officers, ECI oversight of IT modules, and greater transparency in IT administration.

Form 6

- **Purpose** - To apply for **inclusion of a name in the electoral roll**.
- **Issue** - Online Form 6 reportedly included a mandatory question regarding parents. While the ECI clarified that the prescribed form under the Registration of Electors Rules is used outside SIR, it did not specify whether the disputed question was removed.

Constitutional/Legal Institutions

- ECI is a **constitutional body** under **Article 324**.
- It supervises, directs, and controls elections for the following offices:
 - Parliament
 - State Legislatures
 - President
 - Vice-President.

Reference

[Indian Express | ECI 9 Decisions](#)

