

CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, ODISHA
HOME (ELECTIONS) DEPARTMENT
Behind Lok Seva Bhawan, Unit-V, Bhubaneswar-751001

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From

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Deputy Chief Electoral Officer-cum-
Deputy Secretary to Government

To

All DEOs & Collectors
All EROs-cum-Sub-Collectors

Sub

Decentralised selection of Computer Firms for preparation and printing of Electoral Rolls and Printing of Electors' Photo Identity Cards (EPICs)--reg.

Ref:

- (i) RFP No.4904/Elec. dt.21.08.2021
(ii) Addendum No.5471/Elec. dt.13.09.2021

Madam/Sir,

In inviting a reference to this Department Letter No.5476/Elec. dt.13th Sept, 2021 on the subject cited above, I am directed to say that Tender has been floated vide RFP No.4904/Elec. dt.21.08.2021 for decentralised selection of Computer Firms for preparation and printing of Electoral Rolls and Printing of Electors' Photo Identity Cards. After revision of the tender schedule vide Addendum No.5471/Elec. dt.13th Sept, 2021 the General bid of the tender have to be opened on 23.09.2021 at 3.00 PM.

In the meantime, Election Commission of India has decided to improve the security features of the Electors Photo Identity Cards and the CEOs of the State /UT have been directed to ensure the following;

1. New security features to be incorporated in EPICs-**Ghost Image, Micro-text, QR Code, Hologram, Invisible logo.**
2. CEOs can identify the printers for printing EPICs with security features (including hot fused Hologram) prescribed by ECI, printers to have secured manufacturing and inventory control processes.
3. CEOs to also identify hologram printers who could print holograms as per ECI's specifications.

4. CEOs will do regular audits of inventory as well as quality of cards and inventory of holograms at card manufacturers. ECI may also do audits whenever required.

The EPICs with new features will be effective with effect from 1st January, 2021. This aspect of EPIC has not been mentioned in the tender floated vide RFP No.4904/Elec. dt.21.08.2021. The scope of the work of the tender will be changed.

It is therefore, requested to defer the date of opening of tender till further instruction from Home(Elections) Department.

Yours faithfully,



22.9.2021

**Deputy Chief Electoral Officer-cum-
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