

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE  
LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4082**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, 18<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2020**

**FAKE VOTERS**

†4082. SHRI SADASHIV KISAN LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are several fake voters as on date;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the entry of the name of fake voters in the voters list; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to remove the names of these fake voters from the voters list?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)**

(a) to (b) : No, Sir. As informed by the Election Commission there may be instances of duplicate/multiple entries of names, incorrect details or names of dead electors still existing in the electoral roll.

(c): The Election Commission of India have informed that efforts are constantly being made by the Commission to ensure error-free electoral rolls in the country which, *inter alia*, include the following:-

- (i) The annual exercise of revision of electoral roll is an effort to prepare a healthy, updated/authentic and error-free electoral roll. Before the actual revision process is started,

de-duplication software is run to identify the demographically similar entries and remove the same. After taking corrective measures, an integrated electoral roll is published as a draft which is put in public domain, inviting claims from the citizens. The revision exercise also involves various stake holders like political parties and their booth level agents etc.

- (ii) The Commission conducts Elector's Verification Programme (EVP) in order to achieve improvement in the health of electoral rolls. Citizens are encouraged to come forward to authenticate/verify their details in electoral rolls.
- (iii) Booth Level Officers (BLOs) make field verification of electors in the polling area assigned to them to collect information regarding dead/shifted voters so that names of ineligible voters are removed by the Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) by following due procedure of law.
- (iv) On the National Voters Service Portal a person could check whether one is enrolled at two or more places and report to the ERO for deletion of duplicate/multiple registration.
- (v) A list of dead persons is obtained from Registrars of Births and Deaths twice in a year and names of dead voters are deleted by the ERO concerned.

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