

Consulate General of India San Francisco

PRESS RELEASE

Registration of Overseas Voters of India

1. Under Section 20A of the Representation of People Act, 1950 and rules made thereunder every citizen of India:

(a) whose name is not included in the electoral roll;

(b) who has not acquired the citizenship of any other country; and

(c) who is absenting from his place of ordinary residence in India owing to his employment,

education or otherwise outside India, is entitled to have his/her name registered in the electoral roll as "Overseas electors" in the constituency in one's place of residence in India as mentioned in one's passport is located.

2. The application (Form 6A) for this purpose can be filed in the prescribed form in person before the concerned Electoral Registration Officer or sent by post or can be filed online on the website of Chief Electoral Officer of the concerned state or website of Election Commission of India (www.eci.gov.in). After getting enrolled in the electoral rolls, such person though will not be issued Elector Photo Identity Card but can cast one's vote in India during Assembly or Parliamentary elections at the respective polling station after showing his/her valid original Indian Passport.

3. The Consulate General of India in San Francisco requests all the NRIs (**holding Indian passports**) in the consular jurisdiction of CGI, San Francisco to get their names registered on the electoral rolls as NRI voters to enable them to become the part of the election process.

(i) For further information regarding overseas electors, please refer to website of Election Commission of India

http://ecisveep.nic.in/voters/overseas-voters/ or www.nvsp.in

(ii) A Guide on How Do I vote, prepared by Election Commission of India for Electoral Voters and Service Voters can be seen at the following websites:

https://mea.gov.in/Images/pdf/nri-brochure-english-at-18012019.pdf and https://mea.gov.in/Images/pdf/service-voters-brochure.pdf

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