

Refusal by G.N to supply forms, entering the names of those who have gone abroad temporarily, registration as a result of shifting to a new house or of those who are living in rented out houses are many issues that have arisen in this process.

Particularly those who have changed their places of residence are faced with a difficult situation as they are being requested by many G.Ns.to obtain a letter from the GN of the original place of residence. We identify this request as not only an inconvenience caused to the voter but also as a discouragement for his registration. This request has affected gravely particularly the IDPs in the North who are living with their relatives and we have made a written request to the Commissioner of Elections for his intervention.

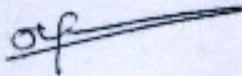
In response to our letter the Commissioner has informed us that it's not proper to request letters that would inconvenience the voters and he would take action to inform G.Ns not to request this kind of letters from the voters. Further he has informed that for the IDPs information copies of the 2009 voters register is being displayed at District Election Offices for their scrutiny.

Therefore we would like to request all G.Ns that, if they have not already distributed the BC forms to take immediate action to distribute the same without delay to the voters in their areas of concern. A request is also made to the voters that since it's their responsibility, if they have not received the BC form to get it from GN without delay and to fill the forms with correct information as requested particularly on the 7th Column and to submit it to G.N before 31st July. We also request them to get a receipt on submission of their perfected forms from the respective G.Ns.

Finally we emphasize that the political parties should play a more active role on this important issue.

Thanking you.

Yours Truly,



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