

What changed for voters?

A short timeline of the 2025 Bihar Special Intensive Revision

The interim orders added ways to find an omission, submit a claim and get help. Their existence does not establish that every voter received those protections.

- 24 JUN 2025**

ECI starts Bihar SIR

Existing electors receive enumeration forms; returned forms and documents feed the draft roll. The qualifying date is 1 July 2025.

[ECI instruction](#) | printed pp. 1-2 (PDF pp. 4-5)
- 10 JUL 2025**

Court opens scrutiny

The Court identifies power, procedure and timing issues. It asks ECI to consider Aadhaar, EPIC and ration cards; this is a prima facie view, not the later Aadhaar acceptance direction.

[Court order](#) | corrected version pp. 5-6
- 14 AUG 2025**

Make omissions visible

Publish district/booth lists and reasons, enable EPIC search, display local copies and publicise access. Notices must mention claims with Aadhaar. ECI must collate compliance reports.

[Court order](#) | pp. 6-8, para. 3
- 22 AUG 2025**

Make claims easier

Voters may apply online. Political-party agents must help; physical forms must receive acknowledgement. A receipt does not certify that a form is complete.

[Court order](#) | pp. 10-11, paras. 8-13
- 01 SEP 2025**

Continue claims; add help

The Court records ECI's position on later claims and lets filing continue. It requests para-legal volunteers to help with online submissions and report through legal-services authorities.

[Order recording ECI position](#) | pp. 3-5, paras. 2-3
- 08-09 SEP 2025**

Aadhaar becomes document 12

The Court directs acceptance for identity, subject to authenticity checks. ECI issues instructions the next day. Aadhaar does not prove citizenship.

[Court order](#) | 8 Sep, p. 10; [ECI letter](#) | 9 Sep, pp. 1-2

Sources: 10 July, 22 August and 1 September are court-record PDFs from a third-party mirror; issuer-hosted copies remain unconfirmed. Other timeline sources are hosted by ECI or the Court. All page numbers refer to the retained PDFs unless stated otherwise.

What the evidence establishes

Read the requirements separately from implementation claims

If your name was missing from the draft

The 14 August measures required accessible lists, exclusion reasons, local display and publicity. The 22 August order clarified online filing and physical-form receipts. These provisions concern draft omissions; they do not establish the final outcome for an individual. [14 Aug, pp. 6-8](#); [22 Aug, pp. 10-11](#).

What “claims continued” meant

On 1 September, the Court recorded ECI’s position that later claims could be filed, considered after finalisation, with consideration continuing until the last nomination date. It allowed filing to continue. Do not describe this as a blanket two-week extension or guaranteed inclusion. [1 Sep, pp. 3-5](#).

Aadhaar: instruction verified, field acceptance unverified

The 8 September order made Aadhaar a twelfth identity document. The signed 9 September ECI letter tells the CEO Bihar to inform DEOs, EROs, AEROs and other authorities for strict implementation. This verifies that instructions were issued; it does not verify acceptance in every office. [8 Sep, p. 10](#); [9 Sep, pp. 1-2](#).

Disclosure compliance: the key remaining gap

The 22 August order, p. 8, paras. 1-2, records that ECI handed over a status report and asserted compliance. The separate report and its district/BLO evidence were not obtained. The September note also asserts compliance. Neither statement is an independent check of publication, notices or voter access. [22 Aug order, p. 8](#); [ECI note, p. 4 para. 9](#).

Your feedback

1. Is the difference between a court requirement and verified implementation clear?
2. Which sentence needs a simpler explanation or stronger evidence?
3. Would you publish with these gaps disclosed, or hold the implementation section?

Evidence boundary: petitions state allegations; ECI affidavits and notes state its position; orders contain judicial directions. No independent district or booth compliance sample was checked in this batch.

Source note: June notification is Annexure I, PDF pp. 4-22, in an ECI-hosted later compilation. The 9 September letter contains apparent date/year typos in paras. 2 and 3(b); its operative instructions are clear. Original bytes are preserved.