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To, Shri. Sunil Arora Election Commissioner Election Commission of India Nirvachan Sadan New Delhi 110001

Subject: Electoral Roll in Bengaluru Urban District by CEO-Karnataka

Dear Shri. Arora,

Greetings from B.PAC!

Congratulations and thanks for the smooth and efficient conduct of assembly elections of Karnataka on 12 May 2018. We appreciate the dedication and massive efforts of CEO-Karnataka, and the entire machinery that worked under CEO-KA.

Chief Electoral Officer, Karnataka, web Page (http://ceokarnatakatemp.kar.nic.in/ceo1/GenELC_2018/GE2018_Voter_Turnout_End_Poll.PDF) gives the voter turnout percentage as **54.72 for Bengaluru Urban constituencies**.

Media stories have bitterly criticised the citizens of Bengaluru, leaning towards use of derogatory remarks. This is disturbing and demoralising. The citizens of Bengaluru think that the numbers require some introspection.

Age Structure And Marital Status <u>page</u> on Census India website http://censusindia.gov.in states that 41.1% of the population of the country is below 18 years old. That makes 58.9% of the population eligible to register as voters. Rounding it off for Bengaluru, we can generally accept that not more than 60% of the population can be registered voters.

In January 2018, District Electoral Officer, Bengaluru, published District Plan 2018 in which the projected population for the election is 1,31,11,500. If every eligible citizen register as a voter, Bengaluru would have 78,66,900 voters.

Electoral rolls of Bengaluru have 91,13,095 people. It is 12.46 lakh more than the maximum possible voters. Knowing that lakhs of eligible citizens have not registered as voters, we suspect that the electoral rolls of Bengaluru have more than 15 lakh



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ingenuine entries. Thus, the electoral rolls of Bengaluru should have about 76 lakh genuine voters.

54.72% turnout calculated against the elector count of 91,13,095 means 49,86,600 people have voted. They form 65.62% of the possible genuine voters in the electoral rolls.

Because the logic indicates that the electoral rolls of Bengaluru have close to 20% ingenuine entries, we strongly request that you conduct a thorough investigation and find out the reality. One constituency with the large number of registration during the last six months may be considered as a sample for the investigation. The checks would reveal more patterns that will help in further investigation.

As you are aware, during the following 2 years, Bengaluru city will witness elections to Lok Sabha followed by election to Bengaluru city municipality, we wish to draw your attention to the above said anomalies in the electoral rolls and B.PAC offers its help to you in conducting the investigation.

Anticipating positive response from your good office.

Regards,

-Sd-

Revathy

Ashok

Hon Managing Trustee & CEO

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