

02.10.2026**PRESS RELEASE****FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Independent Commission of Former Supreme Court & High Court Judges
Constituted to Probe Electoral Rolls Special Intensive Revision (SIR)**

NEW DELHI - In response to growing concerns raised by citizens regarding the design, implementation, and consequences of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls undertaken by the Election Commission of India, the **Lawyers Association for Constitution (LAFC)** is pleased to announce the constitution of an independent inquiry commission.

The newly formed **Independent Commission of Former Judges on the Special Intensive Revision of Electoral Rolls** will function with complete autonomy to examine the constitutional and statutory validity, methodology, and overall impact of the SIR exercise on eligible voters.

Commission Composition

The five-member Commission is chaired by **Justice Madan B. Lokur** (former Judge, Supreme Court of India) and comprises the following distinguished judicial figures:

- **Justice A.K. Patnaik** (former Judge, Supreme Court of India)
- **Justice Badar Durrez Ahmad** (former Chief Justice, Jammu & Kashmir High Court)
- **Justice Rekha Sharma** (former Judge, Delhi High Court)
- **Justice Anjana Prakash** (former Judge, Patna High Court)

Key Objectives & Scope of Inquiry

The Commission will independently evaluate whether the SIR exercise ensured that every eligible citizen was retained while ineligible entries were properly excluded. Key elements of the inquiry include:

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- **Nationwide Public Hearings:** Full and regional benches of the Commission will travel across the country to hear testimony directly from affected citizens, civil society groups, and experts.
 - **Empirical & Field Research:** A dedicated Research Wing will collate and analyse the data regarding voter roll additions/deletions across the country and present it before the Commission
 - **Legal Scrutiny:** A Legal Support Team will review relevant legislation, notifications, and verification processes to assess compliance with constitutional safeguards.

Expert Legal & Administrative Support

The Commission retains sole responsibility for all final findings and recommendations:

- **Senior legal practitioners**, including **Mr Kapil Sibal, Mr Prashant Bhushan, Mr Chander Uday Singh, Mr Prashanto Chandra Sen, Mr Raju Ramachandran, Ms Rebecca Mammen John, Ms Warisha Farasat, Ms Vrinda Grover**, etc will provide strategic legal advice.
- **Coordination Committee & Secretariat:** A coordination team featuring prominent civic voices will facilitate operational support, housed at LAFC

Neither the sponsoring organisations nor supporting committees will influence the substantive decisions, conclusions, or recommendations of the judges.

Timeline

The Commission aims to complete its inquiry on an intensive schedule, with a target to release its final report to the public by **December 2026**.

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