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The credibility of electoral rolls is fundamental to free and fair elections. Examine the significance of intensive revision of electoral rolls and discuss the challenges involved in ensuring accuracy, inclusiveness and transparency.

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Answer Hint

Electoral integrity, Article 324, Representation of the People Act 1950, accurate voter registration, duplicate and ineligible entries, wrongful deletion, migrant and vulnerable populations, due process, transparency, grievance redressal, public trust.

Model Answer

Introduction

Electoral rolls form the foundation of representative democracy. Their accuracy ensures that eligible citizens can exercise their voting rights while preventing duplication and ineligible entries.

Significance of Intensive Revision

Special Intensive Revision (SIR) enables election authorities to verify voter details, identify duplicate entries, update records and include newly eligible citizens. It can strengthen electoral integrity and improve the reliability of constituency-wise voter lists.

Challenges

Inadequate documentation, migration, administrative errors and limited awareness can result in wrongful exclusion. Vulnerable groups, including elderly persons, persons with disabilities and economically disadvantaged

citizens, may face difficulties in completing verification procedures. Allegations of selective deletion can also undermine public confidence if not addressed transparently.

Way Forward

The Election Commission should ensure clear communication, accessible verification facilities and adequate opportunities to submit claims and objections. Transparent deletion procedures, independent scrutiny, time-bound grievance redressal and public disclosure of revision data are essential. Political parties and civil society can assist through lawful monitoring.

Conclusion

Electoral roll revision must balance accuracy with universal electoral inclusion. A transparent, accessible and accountable process strengthens democratic legitimacy.

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