

ENCORE software

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About ENCORE software

- This ENCORE software stands for Enabling Communications on Real-time Environment.

- This provides a seamless facility for Returning Officers to process candidate nomination, affidavit, Voter turnout, counting, results and data management.
- The ENCORE counting application is an end-to-end application for returning officers to digitize the votes polled, tabulate the round-wise data and then take out various statutory reports of counting.
- Another application called ENCORE Scrutiny Application allows Returning Officers to do scrutiny of the nominations filed by the candidates on-line.
- After verification of the nomination the status is marked as Accepted, Rejected or Withdrawn helping the Returning Officer to prepare the final list of contesting candidates and assign the symbols.

Key facts about Election Commission of India

- It is a permanent constitutional body responsible for organizing free and fair elections in India.
- The Constitution grants the ECI with the power of direction, superintendence, and control of elections to Parliament, state legislatures, the office of president of India, and the office of vice-president of India.
- Functions
 - Determining the Electoral Constituencies' territorial areas throughout the country.
 - Preparing and periodically revising electoral rolls and registering all eligible voters.
 - Notifying the schedules and dates of elections and scrutinizing nomination papers.
 - Granting recognition to the various political parties and allocating them election symbols.
 - The Commission also has advisory jurisdiction in the matter of post-election disqualification of sitting members of Parliament and State Legislatures.
- Composition: The commission consists of a Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and two Election Commissioners (ECs).
- Under Article 324 (2), the President appoints the CEC and other ECs.
- The President makes the appointment on the advice of the Union Council of Ministers headed by the Prime Minister.
- The Constitution does not prescribe any qualifications, academic or otherwise, for appointment to these offices.
- The tenure of office and the conditions of service of all the commissioners is determined by the President.
- The tenure of commissioners is 6 years or up to the age of 65, whichever is earlier.
- The CEC and the two other ECs have the same powers and emoluments, including salaries, which are the same as a Supreme Court judge.

Q1) Who are Returning Officers?

Returning Officers are officials responsible for overseeing and managing the electoral process within specific electoral districts or constituencies during elections. Their primary role is to ensure that the election is conducted fairly, transparently, and in accordance with the law.

Source: [ECI designed in-house software for complete Candidate and election management through 'ENCORE'](#)

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