



## ELECTION COMMISSION



### Parliamentary Election – 05<sup>th</sup> August 2020

#### Requirement to bring the Passport when electors who returned from abroad come to vote

It is compulsory for all electors to produce one of the following identification documents to the polling staff for inspection when they go to their respective polling stations to cast the vote at the Parliamentary Election.

#### Identification Documents

1. National Identity Card issued by the Department for Registration of Persons
2. Valid Passport
3. Valid Driving License
4. Government Pensioners' Identity Card (Issued by the Department of Pensions)
5. Elders' Identity Card (Issued by the Divisional Secretariat)
6. Clergy/Priest Identity Card issued by the Department for Registration of Persons
7. Temporary Identity Card issued by the Election Commission
8. Special Permit with the photograph issued by the Department for Registration of Persons

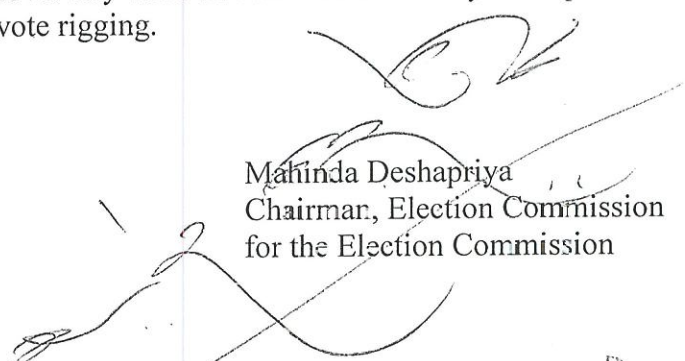
02. Steps were taken to obtain the particulars of electors who have gone abroad, from Grama Niladhari and mark them in the electoral register placed at the polling station. Such action has been taken in order to facilitate the polling staff to verify the identity of any such elector who comes to the polling station and demands a ballot.

03. The official poll cards of electors who have gone abroad have been posted to the addresses of their normal residence mentioned in the electoral register 2019. The Commission has received complaints regarding bogus identity cards are being made to rig the votes of those elector who have gone abroad and have not yet returned to the island.

04. The electors who have returned from abroad are kindly advised to bring their passport in addition to the National Identity Card to establish their identity with a view to preventing vote rigging.

05. Any such elector who fails to produce the passport even though he/she produces any other valid identity document will have to make a declaration on the specimen as required by the Parliamentary Elections Act.

06. A ballot will not be issued to the elector who declines to make such declaration. Also, it is hereby notified that action will be taken to handover any such elector whose identity is suspicious to the police treating him as attempting to commit vote rigging.

  
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