ECI response

No Deletion of any vote can be done online by any member of the public, as misconceived by Rahul Gandhi. Rahul Gandhi did not say votes can be deleted online. But applications to delete votes can be and were made online. These Form 7s were forged, the Returning Officer has said in her complaint to the police. These forged applications were rejected.

As per records, Aland Assembly Constituency was won by Subhash Guttedar (BJP) in 2018 and BR Patil (INC) in 2023

The forged Form 7s of 5994 voters were rejected, so the votes were saved. B. R. Patil winning the elections doesn't mean the criminal attempt to delete these votes shouldn't be investigated.

CEO, Karnataka response

ERO, 46-Aland received 6,018 applications in Form 7 which were submitted online using various apps such as NVSP, VHA, GARUDA apps during December 2022. Suspecting the genuineness of such a large number of applications submitted online for deletion of electors names in 46-Aland in Karnataka, verification of each application was conducted by EROVAERO/BLOS

This gives the impression that EC initiated the inquiry on its own.

B. R. Patil and Priyank Kharge complained to CEO, Karnataka in February, 2023 and only then did the inquiry begin based on this complaint.

Mamata Kumari, RO, Aland in her complaint to the Police makes this very clear. "Former MLA B. R. Patil, complained to the ECI that in 256 booths of Aland assembly constituency, 6670 votes were illegally deleted, based on which ECI directed and oral orders issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Kalaburagi district, that I should examine the complaint," the FIR clearly says.

Based on the instructions given by ECI, the CEO, Kamataka has handed over to

EC has indeed provided the details CEO, Karnataka has said on September 6, 2023. Superintendent of Police, Kalaburagi district on 06.09.2023 all the available information with ECI for completing the investigation. The shared information includes Objector's details, including Form Reference Number, name of the Objector, his EPIC number and mobile number used for log-in and mobile number provided by the Objector for processing, software application medium, IP address, applicant place, Form submission date and time, and user creation date.

But the IPs provided were dynamic IPs, using which geolocation of devices used to make these forged Form 7s is difficult.

So CID has from January, 2024 till date written 18 letters asking for Destination IPs and Destination Ports, of the sessions through which these forged Form 7s were made.

"During the course of investigation, the IP Logs are provided. On perusal the Destination IP and Destination Port are missing. Therefore, it is requested to direct the concerned to provide the same. Also provide the information/document related to below mentioned queries," CID has written in these letters.

EC has not replied to these letters till date.

CEO, Karnataka conveniently tells a half truth that all information was given in September, 2023. He doesn't even refer to 18 letters from CID later.

CEO, Karnataka has already been providing any other assistance/information/documents to the investigating agency.

Despite 18 letters seeking Destination IPs and Destination Ports and a demo of how the three ECI apps work on its authentication, there has been no response at all. It is false that CEO, Karnataka has been providing any other assistance/information/documents to the investigating agency.