

Discuss the various implications in linking Election Commissions electoral roll data with Aadhaar System (200 Words)

Aadhaar System is a 12 digit unique identification number issued by Unique Identification Authority of India. It serves as a proof of identity and address. It is valid for life time.

In due course Aadhaar is becoming a handy tool for government to ensure flawless service without any discrimination. Most benefitted are JAM Trinity (Jan Dhan Aadhaar Mobile) aided schemes, Direct benefit transfer schemes.

Why Aadhaar needs to be linked with Electoral roll?

1. When Aadhaar linked with electoral roll it can ensure purity in voters list by weeding out fraudulent voters.

2. It will be easy for election commission to add young eligible voters of 18 age
3. It will ensure transparency and trust over migrant and postal voters votes.

What are some implications expected?

1. If voters are not able to link Aadhaar within stipulated time a legitimate voter could loose his vote in case if linking Aadhaar is made mandatory in future
2. Profiling of voters could destruct the legitimacy and reliability over election process Eg: delete undesirable voters from list
3. It also has some practical implications like as follows:-
 - Already there are issues of wrongful enrollment of unique number when 90% of population has each one

→ Secondly Aadhaar is only tool of identification and not citizenship

→ Recently in elections of Puducherry the issue of profiling voters using Aadhaar numbers and data is in standing case in Court.

What can be done ?

Amidst such crisis of privacy of data of voting, fear of losing trust over democracy and election process before implementing the passed bill the Government can go for large public opinion to ensure people trust is not lost over election.