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Election Commission of India

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Dated: 11th November 2016

Dear Sir,

Subject: Electoral Participation by Overseas Indians

I would like to bring to your notice that the Election Commission of India has initiated an online survey for **Overseas Indian Citizens** to engage them with the electoral process. The link may be seen at www.everyvotecounts.in. An online competition is also a part of the initiative to incentivise the target population and seek their contribution to the cause '**Every Indian Vote counts**'. The survey is available for **two months** while the online competition will take entries for **a month w.e.f. 1st November 2016**.

2. You may be aware that following demands from various sections of NRIs, the provisions of the Representation of the People Act, 1950 was amended w.e.f. 10.02.2011 to make special provisions for citizens of India residing outside the country to get enrolled as an elector in the constituency in which his/her place of residence in India as mentioned in his passport is located. A brochure for overseas Indians is attached.

3. Despite there being 11.4 million non-resident Indians across the world, at present only around 16000 of them are registered on the electoral roll as Overseas Indian electors. Election Commission of India is now taking up steps to reach out to the overseas Indians so that they get enrolled and also vote in elections in their respective constituencies.

4. I would like to highlight that this programme can succeed with your leadership and proactive support. I therefore request you to take up the following initiative to popularise the online survey cum competition among the overseas Indian citizens:

- i. Link the survey portal www.everyvotecounts.in with your website. The thumbnail for the link is being emailed. The e-brochure(attached) on how to become overseas Indian elector may also be made available on your website.
- ii. The survey cum competition portal link may be launched in a function so as to publicise the same and garner maximum response.
- iii. Make request at your end to NRI community to take up the survey and competition.
- iv. Link your Mission facebook page with ECI Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/EveryVoteCountsIN/>

The Commission looks forward to your active support for this initiative.

With Best Regards,

H.E. Mr. Ranjit Rae,
Ambassador,
The High Commission of India in Nepal.

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