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## 'Computerise electoral rolls'

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**BANGALORE, MARCH 19.** Aggrieved voters, who could not exercise their franchise in the recent Kanakapura Lok Sabha bypoll, have urged the authorities to computerise the electoral rolls.

"The final electoral rolls should be displayed on the Internet, and a CD-ROM made available," suggested participants at Voters' Sabha, organised by the Public Affairs Centre (PAC) here on Tuesday. "This will enable us to verify whether our names figure in the list or are missing," they said. The meet was organised to provide an opportunity to aggrieved voters of the constituency to inform the authorities of their grievances.

As the Joint Chief Electoral Officer, Central Election Commission, H.C. Nagendra, could not attend the meeting, the Assistant Commissioner (Election Cell) of the Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BMP), Gopal Rao, heard the grievances of participants, and assured them that steps would be taken to rectify the mistakes.

Members suggested that elec-

toral rolls be made available in every booth. Besides, the forms for inclusion of names in the voters' list should be made available in banks and post offices, they said.

Addressing the participants, Mr. Rao admitted that there were anomalies in the voters' list though the authorities had followed the norms in formulating the electoral rolls.

The BMP had issued notifications urging the people to fill the forms and submit them at the jurisdictional ARO office for inclusion and deletion of names. A revision was carried out between January 21 and February 13 this year, and a final list would be published on March 25.

"Even after this, if some names are left out, there is a provision to include or delete names. You can submit representations to the officers concerned when the revision is notified again," Mr. Rao said.

The PAC Executive Director, Suresh Balakrishnan, asked voluntary organisations and residents' welfare associations to conduct a survey in their areas, and prepare voters' lists