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**Thousands bogus-duplicate voters in Kurla
-Kirit Somaiya**

It is now proved that 11082 voters of Kurla voters list were bogus, duplicate said Mr. Kirit Somaiya. These names/applications are rejected, deleted now. As per the final list published on 20th February, 2004 by the Maharashtra Election Department has also accepted that 5300 applications were received, processed in Trombay Assembly segment also.

Mr. Somaiya further stated yet thousands of duplicate and bogus names seem to be appeared in the final voters list of Kurla Assembly segment. In spite of repeated requests to the Election Department names of hundreds of families of Millind Nagar, Jogeshwari-Vikhroli Link Road area are very much there in the final voters list. These families have been shifted to Goregaon and other parts of the city.

In the same Kurla Assembly in Booth No.111 in the Himalaya Society belongs to Uttaranchal building the names of honest residents are "gayab". Surprisingly the names of 22 bogus voters who are not residents of this building appeared in the final voters list.

Mr. Somaiya challenged the statement of Mr. Bhargav, CEO, Election Department, Maharashtra that these types of mistakes are innocent.

Mr. Somaiya made a detailed representation to Chief Election Commissioner, full Bench of Election Commission, Delhi about this.

It is unique that the 5 other Assembly segments of North East Mumbai shows reduction of 1,03,000 voters while the 6h Assembly segment of Kurla shows increase of 4886 voters as per the 2003 voters list.

Mr. Somaiya once again demanded that the Election Department, Maharashtra should take this seriously. Door to door checking of all those voters whose names have appeared in the supplementary of 2003-04 must be conducted. Mr. Somaiya also demanded that the Election Department should delete the names of duplicate and bogus voters from Kurla Assembly immediately.

(Press Secretary)