

## EMFA advocates for postal voting facility to media persons



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Electronic Media Forum Assam (Emfa) has urged the election authority of [India](#) for proving the facility of postal ballots for the [city](#) based media persons during the forthcoming Assam Legislative Assembly election, scheduled for April 4 and 11 respectively.

The media forum argues that there are thousands of media employees including journalists in Guwahati, who works for the [over](#) 20 morning news dailies, about hundred periodicals, the five satellite news channels and the few entertainment electronic media outlets. However, most of these media employees living in Guwahati are non natives to the [city](#) and they have their voting [rights](#) in their home towns or in villages, from which they hail.

“There should be more than four thousand media employees along with their eligible family members who [don't](#) have their names in the voters list of greater Guwahati. These people often [miss](#) the opportunity to exercise their voting right [as](#) they cannot leave the station on the poll-dates due to their crucial duties to cover the election and thus most of the valuable votes often go waste,” said a statement issued by the Emfa.

So the forum appeals to the [chief](#) election commissioner of [India](#) [as](#) well [as](#) the [chief](#) electoral officer of Assam to arrange postal voting facilities for the interested [city](#) based media persons along with their families. The Emfa clarifies that the centre for postal balloting and also the date & time for the same should be decided by the election authority, where the forum has no specific choice.

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