

# ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi- 110 001.

No.464/INST/2009/EPS

Dated: October 5, 2009

To

The Chief Electoral Officers of  
Arunachal Pradesh, Haryana and Maharashtra

Subject: Drafting of Polling Personnel for election duty – Randomization of  
Polling Personnel.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of Commission's instructions issued vide Commission's letter No. 464/INST/2008/EPS dated 19.09.2008 addressed to the Chief Secretaries of all States/Union Territories and the Chief Electoral Officers of all States/Union Territories regarding randomization of polling stations.

Para 13 of the aforesaid instruction, stipulates that the third stage of randomization exercise shall take place at the time of dispersal of polling parties when the allocation of polling stations to the polling parties will be done.

The Commission has further reviewed the instructions and has directed that during the ensuing general elections to the Legislative Assemblies of Arunachal Pradesh, Haryana and Maharashtra the third stage of randomization of polling parties should be done on the night of 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2009 in order to facilitate the training of polling teams by the receiving officers through their actual Sector Officers. In other words, such 3<sup>rd</sup> randomization of polling personnel should only be allowed if the training of polling teams on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2009 is given by the same Sector Officer who would be the Sector Magistrate for the polling station (the polling team) in question. It has been allowed to facilitate a full day training of polling teams by the actual receiving Sector Officers

This should be immediately brought to the notice of all concerned.

Yours faithfully,

(SUMIT MUKHERJEE)  
UNDER SECRETARY