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ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi - 110001

No. 51/8/7/2009/EMS

Dated: 6th October, 2009

To

The Chief Electoral Officers of
1. Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
2. Haryana, Chandigarh.
3. Maharashtra, Mumbai.

Subject: General Elections to State Legislative Assemblies in the State of Arunachal Pradesh, Haryana and Maharashtra, 2009, Preparation of EVMs – regarding

Sir,

The instructions of the Commission on randomization and preparation of EVM is contained in letter Nos.51/8/7/2008/EMS dated 11.08.2008, 51/8/7/2007-PLN-IV dated 12.10.2007 and 464/OBS/EVM/2007 PLN-IV dated 12.10.2007. They should be followed strictly.

The Commission has further reiterated the following:-

1. The preparation of EVM should commence with polling station wise randomization of BUs & CUs. A signed copy of the polling station wise list, be handed over to the candidates/representatives.
2. Strong room should be opened in presence of candidates/representatives and the BUs & CUs paired according to the randomization results.
3. The machines should thereafter be prepared. A complete functionality check of all movable parts should be carried out including the fitting of battery, on – off switch, cable connection etc. ECIL/BEL engineers should be present.

4. 10% check should be carried out by the R.O. Candidates/representatives can check any number to their satisfaction by complete test check of EVMs.
5. After preparation the Special tag seal should be put to close the EVM and make the inside of EVM inaccessible without disturbing the seals. On the tag seals, the Candidates/representatives should also sign.
6. Candidates/representatives should be explained the checks and balances on the EVM especially, the points that candidate's polling agents should verify in the polling station & the counting agent should verify in the Counting Hall.
7. Entire process should be videographed.
8. After the dispatch of machine and conduct of poll, the candidates/representatives should be furnished a fresh list of the EVMs finally used during the polls alongwith the green paper seal number used to seal that EVM (By this time the green seal numbers for each polling stations, EVMs would also be available). The candidates/representatives at the time of scrutiny of Form 17 – A etc. should be explained to check the EVM No. & green paper seal no. and at the time of Counting of votes in accordance with the list furnished.

Yours faithfully,

(K. N. BHAR)
UNDER SECRETARY