

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA
NIRVACHAN SADAN, ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI-110001.

No. 464/INST/2009/EPS

Dated:- 22nd September, 2009

To,

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

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

Sir,

I am directed to invite your attention to the Commission's earlier letter No. 464/INST/2008/EPS dated 19.09.2008(copy enclosed) regarding randomization of Polling Personnel wherein three stages of randomization of polling personnel have been prescribed.

The Commission has made the following modifications in the instructions :-

1. There have been complaints brought to the notice of the Commission during its visit to the three elections going States about inconvenience to female polling staff in their deployment due to lack of proper amenities for over night stay etc. The Commission has considered the matter and has decided that for the general elections to the Legislative Assemblies of Arunachal Pradesh, Haryana and Maharashtra, the female polling personnel shall be deployed in polling stations neighboring their native village/residence.

In view of this, the female polling personnel should not be put on duty on the basis of computer randomization process. They should be put on duty by manually randomization by the observers in the neighboring polling stations so that they can go to the polling stations in the morning of the poll day itself.

2. The Commission also received requests that the second stage of randomization of polling personnel should be done at least 9 days before the date of poll instead of 6

to 7 days before the date of poll as mentioned in the Commission's guidelines, for convenience in organizing training sessions and to better facilitate voting through ballot papers.

The Commission has reconsidered the matter and has decided that the second stage of randomization of polling personnel in the current election may be done 9 days before the date of poll.

Yours faithfully

(SUMIT MUKHERJEE)
UNDER SECRETARY