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ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001.

No.464/INST/2009-EPS

Dated: 7th May, 2009.

To

**The Chief Electoral Officers of
All States and Union Territories.**

**Subject:- General Election to Lok Sabha 2009 – Rationalisation of
Counting Centres – regarding.**

Sir,

Kindly refer to the instructions issued vide Commission's letter of even number dated 18th March, 2009, inter alia, that the Observers will satisfy themselves about the fairness of counting of votes and accuracy of compilation of result and will also have to choose 2 EVMs (Control Unites) at random at the end of each round of counting for parallel verification.

2. The Commission has also directed that there shall be one Govt. of India official on every counting table as counting micro observer for counting purpose. The micro-observer checks and ensures that the purity of counting process is maintained and the results at each table are correctly tabulated.

3. The Commission has permitted that the observer may deploy an additional micro-observer for each of the Counting Halls under the Observer to undertake the random parallel checking of any 2 EVMs/tables in every round of the counting and to report to the observer.

Yours faithfully,

**(SUMIT MUKHERJEE)
UNDER SECRETARY**