

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA
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To

The Chief Electoral Officers of
All States/Union Territories.

Sub: Replacement of EVM during poll- requirements to be followed- regarding.

Sir/Madam,

There are occasions when EVMs are required to be replaced in the polling station after commencement of poll. Such situation arises when the EVMs develop problems in the midst of poll. When replacement EVMs are used, the Presiding and Polling Officers should ensure that the requirement of conducting mock poll should be fulfilled in the case of new EVMs also, and **the new EVMs should be put to use only after conducting the mock poll, clearing of the data of mock poll and recording the certificate of mock poll, as in the case of the originally allotted EVMs .**

Necessary instructions may be issued to all DEOs, ROs and all other election authorities in the State/UT, with clear directions that this aspect should be covered in the training classes for the polling personnel.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

(K.F.WILFRED)
SECRETARY