

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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To

The Chief Electoral Officer,  
Gujarat,  
Gandhinagar.

Sub.- General Election to the Gujarat Legislative Assembly 2007 –  
**Verification of EPIC/alternative document on the poll day** -  
Regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. ELC-2207-5891-CHH, dated 30<sup>th</sup> November 2007, on the subject cited and to state that the Commission has considered the matter and has issued the following directions/instructions:-

- (i) **Home Guards shall not be given the duty to verify EPIC/ document** of electors standing in the queue,
- (ii) The First Polling Officer, who is responsible for identifying electors, will be responsible for proper checking of documents and establishing the correct identity of an elector. He has **to satisfy himself of the genuineness of electors by matching the photograph** with the person with reference to EPIC/ document produced by elector,
- (iii) The Commission's Observers/Returning Officers/Assistant Returning Officers/Sector Officers, while making visit to polling stations, shall invariably check and verify that the persons standing in the queue are having EPIC/ documents **of their own**,
- (iv) If any person is found in the queue in possession of EPIC/ document of any other person, such person **shall be handed over to police person** and booked under the relevant provisions of law,
- (v) The Micro Observers wherever deployed, shall also ensure that the EPIC/document is not mechanically accepted by the polling officer concerned but a check vis-à-vis face of the holder of EPIC is being is carried out.
- (vi) During verification of such persons in queue, it shall **also be checked whether any mark or trace(s) of indelible ink is found in their left hand forefinger** and if so a detailed enquiry shall be conducted about such person.

2. **Wide publicity of the Commission's above instructions/directions may be made** and all District Election Officers/Commission's Observers/Returning Officers/Asstt. Returning Officers/Sector Officers/Micro Observers and all other election related officers be informed immediately for their information and strict compliance.

Yours faithfully,

(ANUJ JAIPURIAR)