

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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To

The Chief Electoral Officer,
Gujarat,
Gandhinagar.

Subject: General Election to Gujarat Legislative Assembly, 2007—
Appointment of polling personnel - Regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to invite your attention to Commission's existing instructions as contained in Chapter III (polling personnel) of Hand Book for Returning Officers which *inter-alia* provides that at a polling station where there are considerable number of women voters, women assistants may be employed wherever practicable. Further, with the polling parties consisting of presiding officer and polling officers, a Group-D (Class - IV) employee is also attached to such polling parties to assist them.

2. The Commission has considered the matter further and has directed that –

- (a) a casual Group-D (Class-IV) employee may be employed, if the District Election Officer is not able to deploy a regular Group-D (Class-IV) employee with polling parties,
- (b) such casual Group – D (Class-IV) employee so employed shall not be deployed in the polling station with respect to which he is resident of the polling areas, and
- (c) similarly, the woman assistant so employed shall also not be deployed in the polling station with respect to which she is resident of the polling areas.

3. The above instructions shall be brought to the notice of all District Election Officers/Returning Officers/Asstt. Returning Officers/Observers and all other election related officers immediately for their information and strict compliance.

Yours faithfully,

(ANUJ JAIPURIAR)