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To

The Chief Electoral Officer,  
Gujarat,  
Gandhinagar.

Sub.- General Election to the Gujarat Legislative Assembly 2007 –  
**Identification of absentee/shifted/duplicate electors (ASD list) - On  
the day of the poll** – Regarding.

Sir,

The Commission had recently directed a survey of absent and shifted electors under two categories i.e. with family links and without family links and also possible duplicate electors [who may have been registered in more than one place(s)]. Out of these three categories the existence of absent and shifted electors without family links and duplicate electors offers a scope for misuse and malpractice.

2. The Commission has issued following directions in the matter: -

- (i) The list of such absentee/shifted/duplicate electors (ASD list) with the relevant particulars shall be prepared polling station-wise, which shall be provided to Presiding Officer concerned.
- (ii) On the poll day, in order to cast one's vote, the elector, who is in such list, shall have to produce EPIC for his identification or any one of the alternative photo documents, if permitted by the Commission. The identification document shall be verified, in cases of electors figuring in absentee/shifted/duplicate list by the Presiding Officer personally and the details properly registered by polling officer concerned in register of voters (Form-17A).
- (iii) Thumb impression of such electors shall also be obtained **in addition to signature** against the column of "Signature/thumb impression" of Register of Voters (Form-17A). The Thumb impression shall be in addition to the signature even in the case of an elector who is literate and can sign.
- (iv) Presiding Officer shall maintain a record and give a certificate at the end of the poll (to be kept with Form-17A for scrutiny) that so many electors from the list of absentee and shifted electors were allowed to vote after proper scrutiny.

- (v) Wherever possible, such electors may be photographed and record kept.
- (vi) Micro Observers, where present, should ensure that these instructions with regard to absentee, shifted and duplicate electors are meticulously followed.
- (vii) The Presiding Officer shall be briefed specially about these procedures to be followed in polling station for electors who are in the list of shifted/absentee electors.

4. This shall be brought to the notice of all concerned immediately. A copy of this letter shall also be handed over to all Observers through the District Election Officers.

5. The receipt of this letter may please be acknowledged with the confirmation that the relevant instructions have been issued to all the concerned officers. A copy of instructions/directions so issued in this behalf may also be endorsed to the Commission for its information and record.

Yours faithfully,

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