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To

The Chief Electoral Officers of all
the States/UTs.

Sir,

The Commission has directed the following guidelines for movement of unused EVM in all the States/UTs where the poll will be over in Phase-I, Phase-II and Phase-III for strict compliance: -

1. **No unused EVM**, either used for training or for voters awareness or used as poll day reserve, can be kept in the Strong Room in any circumstances.
2. After scrutiny of Form 17-A is over on the day following the poll day and decision on repoll is taken all such unused EVMs, except those will be required for the purpose of repoll, if any, will be moved to a central location of the state having air connectivity. For example if the date of poll is 16/04/09 then the scrutiny of Form 17 A is done on 17/04/09 and decision on repoll is also taken latest by 18/04/09 and informed to concerned CEO/RO. Hence the movement of EVM from the Districts should start on 18/04/09 immediately after receipt of repoll decision, if any, from the Commission.
3. Even small quantity like 5/6 EVMs will not be ignored and each such EVM will be moved from the stores of each district as mentioned above. If necessary such small numbers from different locations can be accumulated in a Central location/Divisional Headquarters etc. before being moved to cities with air connectivity.
4. The number of such EVM and the place where it is stored will be immediately communicated by the CEO to the undersigned latest by **3.00 P.M.** of 19/04/09 of the states where poll will be over for first phase, on

25/04/09 of the states where the poll will be over for second phase and on 02/05/09 of the states where the poll will be over for third phase. The physical movement will, however, be done only after receipt of Commission's order on repoll/adjourned poll/countermand of poll, if any.

5. **The Commission desires all the CEOs of such states personally monitor this exercise and ensure the compliance of this instruction by the field level officers in its letter and spirit and also ensure that each unused EVM is reported to the Commission.**
6. The states going to poll in Phase IV and V should organize the training and awareness programme in such a way that these are over by the time the preparation of EVM starts by the RO/ARO so that these EVMs can be utilized for actual poll after being subjected to First Level Checking by the engineers of BEL/ECIL, if necessary.

Yours faithfully

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