

# ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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No. 470/INST/2012-EPS

Dated: 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2012

To

The Chief Electoral Officers of  
All States/Union Territories.

**Sub: Arrangements for counting of votes- regarding.**

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to invite your attention to the Commission's letters No. 470/EPS/2011, dated 4.3.2011 and No. 470/TN-LA/2011-SS-I/277-281, dated 5.5.2011 wherein videography of proceedings of each counting table was decided to be done (Para 11, 11A and 11B of letter dated 5.5.2011 may kindly be seen). Now, in view of the practical and administrative difficulties explained by the CEOs of Punjab, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh, the Commission has reviewed the matter and decided that videography of each counting table shall not be necessary. Hence, the contents of Paras 11, 11A and 11B of letter dated 5.5.2011 and 4.3.2011 will not be applicable during counting of votes.

2. The Commission has further directed that during each round of counting, Counting Supervisors will ensure that at the time of pressing the result button on the control unit of the EVM, the counting agents of all candidates are shown the display panel of the control unit to their satisfaction so that they can note down the votes polled in favour of each candidate as displayed on the control unit display panel. For this purpose, the control unit may be kept lifted, if necessary, by one of the counting assistants in such manner and position that the display panel is clearly visible to the counting supervisor, the second counting assistant and micro observer sitting on the counting table, and also to counting agents of candidates sitting across the wire-mesh/fence. In case, any counting agent desires to have the result displayed on EVM more than once, it shall be done by the Counting Supervisor to the satisfaction of the counting agents.

3. The Commission has also directed that when tabulation sheet of each polling booth(form-17-C) is received at the RO's table, it will be the responsibility of the Returning Officer to show it to the candidates/their election agents/counting agents sitting at the Returning Officer's table to enable them to note down the results of each candidate for each polling station.

Yours faithfully,

**(SUMIT MUKHERJEE)**  
**SECRETARY**