



# EXERCISE FRANCHISE FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE

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To

The Chief Information Commissioner  
August Kranti Bhawan, Bhikaiji Cama Place,  
New Delhi.



**Subject: Request for Proactive action towards sensitizing citizens.**

Sir,

EFG has been spearheading several campaigns in the country for instilling a sense of self discipline especially amongst educated, middle class and the youth for active participation in elections through casting their votes.

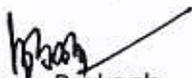
RTI Act has for sure brought in a sense of responsibility amongst the Government setup towards responsive governance through sharing of information. The enthusiastic citizens who seek information for strengthening this cause can further help Governance if they are persuaded to exercise their franchise.

In this regard, EFG would like to suggest a small initiative from your desk. The Appeal format, (also available Online) may include a column namely: Do you have a Voters Card? In case the citizen seeking information declares on the contrary, an application form in Form 6 for obtaining an Election card may be provided or they may be informed about the due procedure. Additionally, while passing the orders the citizens not having a voter's card may be advised to obtain the same in general.

This step, we feel would go a long way in creating an environment of accountability from either end, as essentially those seeking accountability have a moral responsibility of being responsible. Last but not the least; it will be a huge step towards much needed sensitization.

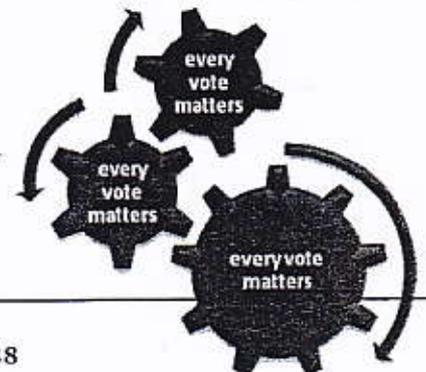
Hope this merits favourable consideration.

Yours faithfully,

  
Uttam Prakash  
Vice President

Copy to

**Chief Election Commissioner**  
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COMMISSIONER  
CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER

(B) Shri PRAVEEN KUMAR  
TAMIL NADU STATE.

The officer's Performance is excellent. The officer is personally responsible for implementing all Rules and Regulations in spite of Lot of Problems created by the Ruling Party - Very Bold officer.

(C) Shri U. SAHAYAM District Collector MADURAI.

Gent of a person - The officer was facing Lot of Problems in MADURAI, during Poll time. The Politicians have given lot of Problems. The officer handled all the Problems Unbiased manner. <sup>An</sup> officer with clean Hand.

(D) Shrimati SANGAETHA. R.D.O. TRICHIRAPPALLI.

Very Bold Lady officer. She seized 5.11 Crores of <sup>only</sup> money - During midnight - with the help of two persons. Every body is appreciating about her Bold action.

(E) Shri P. Kannappan Commissioner of Police MADURAI.

Very Bold officer - Tackled the Law & ~~and~~ order Problem in a nice way during Poll Period at madurai. one of the Excellent officers in the Police Dept.

All the above officers Deserves special Award for their Excellent work carried out by them.  
"with kind regards" - Thanking You. Sincerely Yours,  
S. Rana Krishna 27/4/11

## Compliments/Comments received from citizens

From	raja rajan <raajarajane@hotmail.com>
Sent	Friday, April 29, 2011 11:16 am
To	"S.y quraishi " <syquraishi@eci.gov.in>
Subject	

Respected Sir,

First of all congratulations to you and your team for taking ironical steps in not only conducting free and fair elections in all states but also ensuring elections are free and fair. Equally, sir, I would bring to your notice instead of making 49 (O) as a separate form for not deciding vote to the candidates contesting in the polls, my submission and request 49 (O) should also be made as a button in an electronic voting machine so that the number of persons exercising 49 (O) will not be revealed to anyone and it will be a secret one. By making such an act as my request, I think many people will make use of 49 (O) as I understand. Equally, election laws can be amended by making if more than 15% of people are voting for 49 (O) then the election has to be cancelled and the election for that segment has to be held after one year only. Anticipating my suggestion will be considered in light of the above.

Thanking You,

Yours faithfully

R.RAAJA RAJANE B.A., LL.B.,  
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MOBILE NO.94424 00103

From	"B.L. Sarkar" <bl_sarkar@hotmail.com>
Sent	Thursday, April 28, 2011 4:44 pm
To	"S.y quraishi " <syquraishi@eci.gov.in>
Subject	Abhinandan

To  
Dr. S Y Quraishi

Dear Sir,

Yesterday, Bengal was the battleground for 3rd phase Election. It was a fight between the politician and the common people. Keeping in mind, the role of election commission is unbelievable. Your planing, your strategy and your implementation maintained, protected and saved the biggest democracy of the globe. I do feel proud being the Indian.

BL Sarkar

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From	Md Saif Alam <mdsaifalam@gmail.com>
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Sent	Thursday, April 28, 2011 12:06 pm
To	"S.y quraishi " <syquraishi@eci.gov.in>
Subject	Congratulation And Thanks
Attachments	image002.jpg 2K

Dear Sir

Congratulation and Thanks, for Free and fair election in West Bengal and other States, Its proved that our Democracy is alive in our Country, Our System and constitution of India and our respected Administrative officer are honest and responsible.

Thanks for security of our rights. Almost we had completed 3 Phase in Bengal without any massive loss of life and our love ones.

Once again salute to our administrative officer's coordinators, Our respected defence personal, etc.

Thanks & Regards,

**Saif Alam**

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**From** debangshu chowdhury <sankha\_chow@yahoo.co.in>

**Sent** Friday, April 29, 2011 10:37 am

**To** "S.y quraishi " <syquraishi@eci.gov.in>

**Subject** thanks for fair election

Respected Sir , as I wrote you on 26th april relating the election on 106 no booth in 150 Jadavpur assembly not to allow any person without their identification .You took the necessary steps and we experienced first time very very fair election which we have not seen ever.I hope the remaining poll will be held peacefully under your strict supervision thanking you

CHENNAI.

DE 15/4/2011

TO:- MR. S. Y. QURAISHI AVE.  
CHIEF ELECTION COMMISSIONER  
OF INDIA  
NEW DELHI.

Respected Sir,

**CONGRATULATIONS.**

The E.C. of India has done  
Wonderful Job in Conducting the  
Assembly poll in TAMIL NADU.

Sir, As a chief - Your Firm Action -  
Strict Action - Courageous action yielded  
Very good Result in Tamil Nadu.

The Politicians particularly the Ruling  
DMK Party were creating lot of Problems  
in Tamil Nadu very frequently. But your  
Team (E.C. Team) had handled all  
the Problems in a Nice way without any  
fear or favour.

The People of T.N are Extremely happy  
about the performance of E.C and wish  
to convey our Sincere THANKS AND  
APPRECIATION to all your members of  
the Team. "with kind regards" yours Sincerely,  
P. Vayalun (P. VENKOTESAN)

ए. गोपाल पाटील

S. Pan  
K. 2/20/11  
From: - One Social worker and Sr citizen

CHENNAI Dt 15-4-2011.

to Paraman

To: ✓ 1) The CHIEF ELECTION COMMISSIONER ND

2) The ELECTION COMMISSIONER I ND

3) The — do — II ND.

4) The State Chief Election Commissioner ch 2

5) The CHIEF SECRETARY T.N. ch 2

6) The Director General of Police TN ch 4.  
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Respected Sir / madam

SUB: - On behalf of the Public in TAMILNADU

We wish to convey our Sincere THANKS

and CONGRATULATIONS to all officers

for conducting the T.N. Assembly Election

in EXCELLENT manner without any

untoward incidents - Reg

Sir, We - People of T.N would like to  
of APRECIATE the Election Commission  
for having conducted the Election in a  
smooth way. The Public, more particularly  
the E.C are personally Responsible for heavy  
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percentage of <sup>POLLING</sup> ~~POLLING~~ - is 80%. very good  
Target/Achievement.

In TAMIL NADU - the Local Govt  
had, not extended full co-operation to EC -

On the other hand the Govt - Headed by  
DMK Party - Particularly the Hon CM /  
Hon DY CM / Mr. ALAGIRI - Hon central minister  
and all other <sup>HON</sup> Local ministers were creating  
more Problems to the E.C every Day -  
and they were telling the Public  
Mini Emergency has been imposed by  
E.C in Tamil Nadu.

The E.C had Seized a sum  
of Rs 50/- Crores of Rupees - Last one month -  
which is meant for distribution to voters  
for getting their votes by Ruling D.M.K Party.

The E.C and all officers connected  
with the Assembly Polling - done Excellent Job  
throughout NIGHT and DAY inspite of  
Some many hurdles faced by them.

Sir, We, Once again, ~~we~~ wish to Convey  
a our Sincere THANKS & APPRECIATION  
to all officers / members for the  
work carried out in the Assembly Elections -  
in a smooth manner.  
With kind Regards. Sincerely Yours,  
Thanking You. C. Manjasa  
15/4/11  
For the Public of TN.

From	<a href="mailto:MNA.Padmanabhan@mnalink@gmail.com">MNA Padmanabhan</a> < <a href="mailto:mnalink@gmail.com">mnalink@gmail.com</a> >
Sent	Friday, April 15, 2011 6:55 pm
To	<a href="mailto:syquraishi@nic.in">syquraishi@nic.in</a>
Subject	Excellent Performance !

Dear Sir,

We are very much happy the performance done by the Election Commission really excellent.

Thank you very much for the team work under your leadership really too good.

Infact we expect more strict steps especially in Tamil Nadu. We want to save the Tamil Nadu with the present Ruling Party.

This time only we have seen the real election in Tamil Nadu in a disciplined manner.

In Tamil Nadu Chief Election Officer - Mr. Praveen Kumar and his team has done a marvalous job.

They have taken immediate action each and every stage.

The Ruling party really struggled, they could not able fulfill their ( Money Distribution Plan ) in a fully successful manner.

Even though they distributed across the state with the indirect help of state govt. officials.

We even expect other state Central Govt. officials to do the Election Process in Tamil Nadu. This is the suggestion from our side.

Here especially they kept State Govt. Officials, Corporation Dept, Police Dept, Electrical Dept under their control.

We expect more strict action on Tamil Nadu Electricity Board. The power cut has been taken place even though Election commission ordered not to do, with the help of Lineman they have done it.

Even we communicated R D O, office, the response we received was, we cannot do the anything, only Election Commissioner Supreme only has the power.

In Tamil Nadu most of the places they are talking about you only, after Mr. T.N. Seshan.

I am staying in Tamil Nadu, Trichy, Trichy - West Constituency.

Keep it up ! All the Best !!!

With the Best Regards  
M N Ananthapadmanabhan

From	rajive raja <jks_raj@y@hoo.co.in>
Sent	Tuesday, April 19, 2011 2:11 pm
To	ceo tamilnadu CEO Tamilnadu <ceo_tamilnadu@eci.gov.in> , "S.y quraishi " <syquraishi@eci.gov.in>
Cc	
Bcc	
Subject	Appreciation to Election Commission

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As a young Indian Citizen , I am having a duty to appreciate and give many more thanks to Election Commission for conducted the Election 2011 (especially in Tamilnadu ).

Many more thanks to Mr.Quraishi and Mr. Praveen Kumar ( Tamilnadu ). I wish in future also it will be continued.

Regards  
S.Raja

Subject	tn election
From	kolappan subramanian <nks1944@gmail.com>
Date	Saturday, April 16, 2011 10:57 pm
To	syquraishi@nic.in

Dear Sir

You have conducted the election in TN without fear and favour and in a remarkable way

However you have stated that money has played a role even with your careful planning you could not

eliminate it fully .We the people are also feel the same.

I have an IDEA.

If the election commission feels and has proof that money has played in fixing voters decision

then the commission can declare the election held as null and void and postpone the polling by a week

( with the same candidate) so that the money spent by the political parties become a waste.

The process can be repeated one more time also so that the political parties may run out of cash and the candidate

may not be willing to spend any more money for fear of postponement of election as well as they may

be exhausted of party/own funds.

Thanking you

With Regards

Kolappan.S

Citizen from Chennai



From	Ranganadhan K <kranganadhan@gmail.com>
Sent	Sunday, April 17, 2011 2:46 pm
To	ceo tamilnadu CEO Tamilnadu <ceo_tamilnadu@eci.gov.in>
Cc	"S.y quraishi " <syquraishi@eci.gov.in> , ceo@tn.gov.in , feedback <feedback@eci.gov.in>
Subject	Suggestion/complaint regarding the elections held in TamilNadu

Sir,

I would like to bring to the following concerns regarding the recently held elections.

I belong to chennai(maduravoyal constituency) and i had given application to add myself,my wife,my father and my mother's name to the electoral roll.My father's and wife's name had been added correctly,however my name & my mother's name was missing. When i had asked the election official distributing the slip on 9th April 2011,she was not of much help .I was asked to check with ambattur tashildar office and i had gone other too. I checked all the 3 rolls there(october month, Jan month and March month) and there too my name & my mother's was not there in any of the 3 rolls

I would like to give the following suggestions :

(a.)The final rolls were informed to voters around 9th April with the election on 13th April. This gives very little time even for the voters for complaint and the EC to add/correct it.

I hope,atleast in the future elections the final electoral roll is completed atleast 3 months before the election with additional 1 month's time to EC to add/update for any corrected by EC.

By this atleast voters like me are not denied the right to vote.

(b.) I would like to congratulate the election commission for conducting the election in a peaceful manner. The election commission's measure's to STOP vote buying/selling was great and i would greatly appreciate your efforts.

But inspite of these efforts, the votes were bought/sold at lower rates ,if not at Rs.2000/3000. I have personally got confirmation from my friends both at chennai and in villages(Kanchipuram,Arani,vanthavasi) that both the leading parties in Tamilnadu had given them money to Vote(Rs.150 , Rs 200 in villages/town and Rs. 1000 in kolathur).

I understand that it is nearly impossible to remove corruption/vote buying in election,but still some innovative efforts need to be taken to drastically reduce the vote buying/selling.

In addition to the strict measures being taken/ already taken by EC, Election commission can also prevent/reduce by announcing say a prize money of Rs.20000 if any person gives authentic information(anonymously) regarding vote buying.If the identity of the caller is kept secret,many people would come forward to blow the whistle regarding vote buying.

This may not completely stop vote buying, but at least may reduce vote buying to a great extent.

Probably, EC can have something like meet the voters campaign across districts for the voters to come out and give new suggestions to prevent this menace.

(c.) The 3rd suggestion is regarding the pressing the button on the EVM itself.

This is what I heard from few of my friends at their village/town.

(i) First, the voting room is not big enough. Most of the time the polling official/ party agents are sitting very close to the EVM where the voter is pressing the button. Hereby the SECRECY of the vote is not preserved. The secrecy of vote is important as voters can give their vote without fear.

I would suggest, keeping the party agents a bit far away, at least 20 feet away from the EVM in the voting room will greatly help. The EC official can sit 5-10 feet near the EVM, but the party agents must be at least 20 feet away from the EVM.

Also, a friend of mine did not even poll his vote in chepauk-triplicane constituency in Chennai, fearing the local party leader and their goons. As he feared, if he casts his vote to the other party, the local party (with more goondas) may harm him.

(ii) The below is especially applicable for voters from rural areas. People in rural areas/villages/town cast their vote by PRESSING THE 1ST BUTTON ON THE EVM.

This information has been confirmed by many of my friends from villages/town. Voters in city may read the candidate's name & symbol, BUT voters in rural village/TOWN JUST press the 1st available button. A funny incident is, a party agent from a PARTY B even walked up as all the voters were pressing the 1st button PARTY A.

I sincerely hope EC would do something about it, like keeping only the symbol on the EVM and placing the symbols alternatively on the EVM's. Also this is a good example where ELECTION COMMISSION has to conduct lot of awareness program, probably on a house by house basis mostly in rural areas to help people understand how to vote.

Most of the people in rural areas still need the help of people to understand who they are voting for.

Thanks,  
-Ranganadhan Krishnan  
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Ist Main Road  
Maduravoyal, Chennai-95  
Assembly constituency - maduravoyal (Tamil Nadu)

**From** [Devasahayam MG <mgd@airtelmail.in>](mailto:mgd@airtelmail.in)  
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[syquraishi@nic.in](mailto:syquraishi@nic.in)  
**Cc** [ceo@tn.gov.in](mailto:ceo@tn.gov.in) , [praveen.kumar@nic.in](mailto:praveen.kumar@nic.in)  
**Subject** Fwd: Congratulations

**Dear Quraishi,**

**You may like to read the message below from Fr. Antony Samy SJ, Director, Outreach Department, Loyola College , Madras from where we started out Electoral Integrity campaign for the students.**

**M.G.Devasahayam**

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** **Dr.G.Joseph Antony Samy SJ (ANTO SJ)** <[antogisj@gmail.com](mailto:antogisj@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Wed, Apr 13, 2011 at 10:17 PM  
**Subject:** Congratulations  
**To:** Devasahayam MG <[mgd@airtelmail.in](mailto:mgd@airtelmail.in)>, to Needamangalam Gopaldaswami <[gopaldaswamin@gmail.com](mailto:gopaldaswamin@gmail.com)>, Naresh Gupta <[gupta\\_naresh\\_06@yahoo.co.in](mailto:gupta_naresh_06@yahoo.co.in)>, [amudha.addlceo@gmail.com](mailto:amudha.addlceo@gmail.com), paadam pm <[paadam.pm@gmail.com](mailto:paadam.pm@gmail.com)>, Operations 5th Pillar

**Dear Friends**

**Greetings from Fr Anto sj , Director, Department of Outreach , Loyola College, Chennai**

**I appreciate you for all your efforts to create awareness among the people of Tamil Nadu to cast their vote in the 14th assembly election. More than 75% voters have exercised their franchise. Election Commission has set an example of the way to conduct election in spite of several opposition from the politicians. Mostly people are happy with the process and the peaceful way the election was conducted. People will have great respect for the Election Commission and towards all the upright officers. Our special thanks to Respected Mr Praveen kumar and Ms Amutha who have conducted themselves in this endeavor as officers of courage and wisdom. Congratulations.**

**Our gratitude to Respected Mr MG Devasahayam, Mr Naresh Gupta and the team for their initiative to create awareness among the students of Loyola and in other places to motivate the youth. Great.**

**May God bless you and your family.**

with kind regards

Fr anto sj

Dr.Joseph Antony Samy SJ.(Anto sj)

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**GOD IS GREAT**

From	<a href="mailto:aarvee_hotel@vsnl.net">aarvee_hotel@vsnl.net</a>
Sent	Wednesday, April 13, 2011 5:38 pm
To	<a href="mailto:syquraishi@nic.in">syquraishi@nic.in</a>
Subject	congratulatory message

Dear Dr.Shahabuddin Yaqoob Quraishi ,

Whole heartedly I appreciate the way in which a fair and meaningful assembly elections have been conducted in Tamilnadu. people in coimbatore are appreciating your exemplary arrangements and voted freely standing in a very long queue ignoring hot summer sun.

Your actions are always remembered ever. wish you very happy and long life for the prosperity of our Nation and

You have become our Nations wealth.

Also remembered your colleagues, Commissioners.

With warm regards and best wishes to you and your family members.

S.Ramachandran                      99946 04955 .

From	<a href="mailto:pkkrish@gmail.com">"P.K.Krishnan" &lt;pkkrish@gmail.com&gt;</a>
Sent	Wednesday, April 13, 2011 1:35 pm
To	<a href="mailto:syquraishi@nic.in">syquraishi@nic.in</a>
Subject	We Salute You, Sir

Dear Sir

I am a Tamilian currently living and working in Kuwait.

Please accept my sincere congratulations for the manner in which you have conducted the poll process in Tamil Nadu. You have been firm, decisive and yet not sought the limelight in holding the elections, which should have been extremely challenging.

May your tribe increase..for the sake of democracy in India.

Wish you all the best, Sir

Best Regards

P.K.Krishnan  
Kuwait.

From	<a href="mailto:bala_marthandan77@yahoo.com">bala marthandan</a> < <a href="mailto:balarthandan77@yahoo.com">balarthandan77@yahoo.com</a> >
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Cc	" <a href="mailto:syquraishi@eci.gov.in">S.y quraishi</a> " < <a href="mailto:syquraishi@eci.gov.in">syquraishi@eci.gov.in</a> >
Subject	Tamilnadu Election - Appreciate your efforts!!

Sir,

I am Balamarthandan D, from Chennai, 9841351848 is my contact number. I greatly appreciate you, for your best efforts to conduct free and fair election in Tamilnadu. To be frank, you have made something which we were assuming impossible in this state. People of this state can out without fear to cast their votes. Higher percentage is indications that, how people are fed up? Also people are ready to vote if Election commission ensure safety for them.

But, actually we have only crossed half a well. Poll Result will come out only after a month time. Protecting the EVM's that time will be a difficult job. We are sure that you should have taken stern steps to ensure the safety of the EVM's. Delay in counting, should not influence the poll results. This delay gives an opportunity for the bribers to gain entry into counting centers by bribing the police personnel and other opposition party members. Now, that Para military have moved out from the state to West Bengal will give them easy access to EVM machines.

And, your officials have conducted raids, seized money. What sort of action will be taken against those who distributed money? It seems they were not afraid of doing so. Why can't you bring out rules for disqualifying those party members, restricting them in taking part in election in that area for that election? This will affect their winning formula; will give an opportunity and motivation for the genuine parties.

My sincere thanks to all your efforts.

Thanks n Regards,

Balamarthandan D

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From	<a href="mailto:anil@adrindia.org">Anil Bairwal &lt;anil@adrindia.org&gt;</a>
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Subject	EC's steps to curb money power in recent elections(particularly TN)

Dear Dr Quraishi,

We want to congratulate ECI on the steps taken to curb money power in recent elections, particularly in TN. The amount of cash and freebies reported by people and then seized by ECI are unprecedented. The fact that the citizens complained about it freely to ECI and in places also returned these goodies augurs well for our democracy.

ECI has now shown that it is serious about tackling money power. The harsh criticism that it is inviting from some political parties should be taken as proof enough that these steps are necessary.

We have been saying this in every press conference that we have been organizing and every TV debates that we have been participating in. ECI now needs support of citizens and civil society and we and our partners are fully with ECI on this. Once again congratulations on great work done by your team.

Regards,  
Anil

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Cc	"S.y quraishi " <syquraishi@eci.gov.in>
Subject	Pros & Corns Elect - 2011

Respected Mr. Pravin Kumarji & Ashish Chatterjee.

Congrats for the success of your efforts for this elections in kancheepuram District.

We are all really proud about you two as well as your entire team.

I would say you are not only made the election success also you people made other bureaucrats think and how to use the powers given by the law

Now coming to the Pros & Corns

Pros

1. 100 % Rules Implemented
2. Awareness Created for Voting
3. Money Power Restricted ( Possible Level )

Corns

1. Huge Crowds Canvassing for vote - Just 10 feet away from the 200 mts mark - Please try to eliminate SIR
2. EC must review the polling booth facilities.. Could have been great for 50 % polling not for 70% +. Many Booths were so congested.

In the future elections, EC must plan for better polling booth assuming 95 % Polling. please.....

This is 100% honest comments.

Thanks & Regards

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Subject	Reg: Successful Polling conducted in Tamil Nadu Election !!

Dear sir,

How are you doing? First off all Hats off for your well done job in Tamil Nadu elections.

I'm a Citizen of India, who voted for the second time. While I was made to vote for a party in the previous election since there is no provision of 49-O. But when you provided that for this election we felt happy and most of the people ( I mean the youth age group), have opted for that. Thanks sir.. And was really happy about the silent election that successfully came to an end in Tamil Nadu.

But still, the local political people in the village are threatening us for voting in 49-O, where they doesn't have a rights to question about the individual voting rights. So, Please let me know the steps that can be taken against them if they are troubling me and my family for these in near future.... Hope there will be a reasonable steps taken by higher authorities to prevent those who voted for 49-O from the local people.

Awaiting you reply on the same sir.

Thanks & Regards,  
***Srivathsan.J***

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Dear Dr. Quraishi,

I am a Bengali, resident of Bengal. 84 plus. Almost apolitical.

I had enjoyed the TV coverage since you, also your colleagues and Mr. Zutshi had come. One of the utterances you made was that you will stop opinion polls not to happen before the Votes are cast and results are out or at least Elections are over. This was extremely good decision and I was overjoyed. Such Channels like NDTV led by Dr. Prannoy Roy were observing these meticulously. They are not discussing Opinion Polls at all and even though they had conducted such polls in Tamilnadu in particular.

However, in West Bengal these are NOT being observed. For instance Star Ananda alongwith the Daily Telegraph has been projecting results Constituency by Constituency to demoralise the voters. The first page of the Telegraph proves this. This should be against the rules of the Election Commission and they must be warned and penalised. I believe there are two other Channels also in West Bengal practicing similarly.

I request your reply and action.

Best Regards,

Your Sincerely,

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Subject	CONGRATES FOR CEC &OFFICERS !

Hon'ble *CEC Dr.Shahbuddin Yaqoob Quraishi* sir ! & Respected *Praveen kumar* sir !,

I am a ordinary middle class citizen of India from Tamilnadu.

I am very much proud & happy about your team conducting way of polls in Tamilnadu.

We have never seen election like this. Superb!!

We want officers like you in all departments and it is our dreams also.

Officers like you only can save India from corrupted politicians.

Thank You !

-R.RAVIKUMAR

**From:** Srikanth Valuthur <vsriks@yahoo.com>

**Date:** Wed, 13 Apr 2011 19:30:56 -0700 (PDT)

**To:** S.y quraishi<syquraishi@eci.gov.in>

**Subject:** \*\*\*\*\* Attn.:Dr. S. Y. Quraishi, CEC \*\*\*\*\*

Dear Dr. Quraishi:

Please accept a note of thanks on the behalf of 7 crore tamilnadu people. This election witnessed unprecedented corruption and bribing and the kind of mitigation and measures that your leadership brought to control that was really commendable. If even a vote can be bribed thru money, It clearly shows India has gone to the heights of corruption and I fully support Mr. Anna Hazare so that this damn country come back to its root of Gandhian philosophy. 176000 crores!!! How many children could have money to study, eat food and how many famalies would have lived in house than in streets, but no one seems to care. However there are things beyond our control. I really appreciate that you and your team lead by Mr. Praveen Kumar has done something which has always been impossible to achieve. From my side, I published the affidivait about candidates and their asset values + the telephone numbers for informing violations to 2000+ people and I personally observed that there are not violations in and around my place. I have seen booth capturing around 5.30 in the previous elections and that did not happen this time at 4.30, which is a good thing.

However one small note to guard these machines very closely and heavily guarded. If possible, move this to some unprecedented location, outside of tamilnadu. Current government is capable of taking over a entire site and replacing it with their own boxes which has majority of their votes. If you leave this trust to local police, be rest assured that they are part of this excercise. I dont want your 3 months of effort getting wasted. These people have looted excess money and with that they can buy anyone and anything. That is how they won all the bi-elections.

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If you need any contributions from educated IT professionals like me, I am more than willing to contribute. Kindly let me know and I can pool in people.

Thanks again for all your efforts and god will bless you for your efforts and keep your famalies hale and helathy.

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Subject	Tamil Nadu State Assembly Elections, 2011

Dear Sri Praveen Kumar,

Kindly accept my humble **CONGRATULATIONS** for your Exemplary Conduct of the Tamil Nadu State Assembly Elections, 2011.

My family & I were delighted to vote in this Election.

All the myriad arrangements for preparation of up-to-date Electoral Rolls, assistance to Voters, Security for peaceful voting and Smooth Conduct of the Voting Process were Splendidly executed with Clockwork Precision.

The Tireless Efforts & Relentless Dedication of yourself & your entire Team has ensured unparalleled success of a huge Electoral Exercise covering over 46 million voters.

Today I again feel very proud to be an Indian.

Thank you & Best Wishes to You & your Entire Team !

Regards,  
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Subject	TN Elections - Congrats

From  
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Tamilnadu.

To  
The Chief Election Commissioner,  
Government of india,  
New Delhi.

Respected Sir,

Congratulations!

The high turnout of voters in Tamilnadu is a proof that the Election Commission has done its job well - to the best of its conscience. The method of distributing Voters Slip by the government agencies was a good idea since it was permitted to be used as an identity. The noise pollution control, from the hum and blare of loud speakers was a big relief. With no digital banners and plastic flags it was a eco-friendly election. We do appreciate this calm way of conducting such a massive election.

Next time a new tactic should be made to control satellite media the same way the local TV cable channels were barred from reading NEWS - which are equivalent to one-sided advertisements. Its a shame on political parties who had given cash for votes. The distribution of cash can also be checked to a certain extent by effectively accompanying any political group entering a notified area (places like slums, Low Income Group residential areas) by security personnel.

We all know that you did face a lot of constraints and a lot of criticism, especially from vested interests. Despite all these difficulties and sleepless nights, you have done your job very well ! We are with you.

Congratulations!

S.P.Anthonisamy.  
Thanjavur. Tamilnadu

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Subject	Congratulations,a job well done

Dear Sir,

I wanted to congratulate you for stopping the distribution of money in Tamil nadu elections.It was a tough job but you made progress in stopping it.I belong to chennai and i am not affiliated to any party,just felt like to appreciate your job thats why i am sending this mail.

Good work by ELECTION COMMISSION.

Thanking you

Vijai Karthik

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Subject	APPRECIATION FOR CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS IMPARTIALLY

To  
The Chief Electoral Officer  
Tamilnadu

Sir,

Sub ; TAMILNADU SENIOR CITIZENS' VOTERS FORUM - APPRECIATION FOR CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS IMPARTIALLY

Tamilnadu Senior Citizens' Voters Forum record its sincere appreciation and heartfelt praise on the unprecedented,excellent,effective,strict and successful implementation of Elections Laws in Tamilnadu Assembly Elections which concluded today (13.04.2011) throughout the state. Kindly convey our appreciation to your Joint Chief Electoral officers and others concerned.

Our spoeial appreciation is on the issue of voters identity slips by the Election Commission itself which isFIRST of its kind in the country and above all has drawn the attention of the entire voters who thronged the Election Commission counters which was established at the entrance of the polling stations, making political parties attempt FUTILE.

May we point out to you to continue your vigilance against violance on the further deliberations of the political parties after declaration of results. This Forum would be thankful if you could invite us before the date of counting for some ;usefull suggestions since all the conveners,coordinaters and most of the members of the Forum have rich experience in Elections.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

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Subject	From a Responsible Senior Citizen of India

Dear Sirs,

**Many Congratulations for initiating bold steps to curb mal practices in the recently concluded polling in Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Pondicherry.**

We are well aware of the resistance and threat faced by honest officials from various corners while discharging their duty in these states.

Inspite of all your efforts, there has been some malpractices and unruly behaviour in the last 2 days and today has seen violence unleashed which was aimed at disrupting the democratic process. Major attempt was made during the last 2 days to distribute cash among the voters inspite of vigilant/tight measures by Election Commission. This happened in Tamil Nadu as per confirmed informed available.

Pained to hear that the local police was mere spectator when the violence and manhandling of common public was taking place in some of the constituencies. People had come in large numbers to vote but had to face the heat of the political goondas as well as the local police. Request you to independently take stock of the situation and take suitable action (if required reelections ).

As a responsible senior citizen of this country, I would like democracy to triumph/win !! The true mandate given by people should manifest in the results.

In order to ensure the same, I request you to ensure the following :

***1) Since there is a gap of 1 month between the Polling date and the counting date, I would request that the Voting machines to be kept in well guarded campus and Central Paramilitary forces should guard the same. State Police should not be allowed. Entry to be completely restricted into the campus irrespective of the status of the personnel wanting to enter the campus.***

***2) The campus in which the Voting machines are kept should be free from power cuts/breakdowns. Backup power arrangement to be done. This is significant especially for Tamil Nadu. Hope the Voting machines are completely tamper proof as there are people who will stoop to any level for winning the elections.***

***3) On the day of counting also, competent and honest officials should be deputed to avoid mistakes in counting as well as manipulation of Results.***

***Central Paramilitary forces should stand guard outside the counting centres and state police should not be allowed. The officials should be given adequate security so that they do not come under threat / influence from anybody.***

We once again Congratulate as well as thank you and the State Election Commissioners for showing committment for ensuring Victory of Democracy. The above additional measures will ensure the Victory of Democracy / manifestation of people's mandate.

The People of India will start reposing great faith in the Election Commission of India with the Victory of Democracy. **Let Truth alone Triumph !!!**

With Best Wishes

**A Responsible Sr. Citizen of India**

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Subject	Election Commission in Tamil Nadu

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To  
Mr. S.Y.Quraishi  
Chief Election Commissioner

Dear Sir,

May I compliment the Election Commission for its efforts in conducting the election in Tamil Nadu in a fair manner, with great sense of commitment and determination.

With the politicians of most leading parties in the state unconcerned about the means adopted to win elections and attempting to bribe the voters with their ill gotten money on such wide scale, the task of Election Commission in Tamil Nadu has become extremely difficult. While it has seized several crores of rupees of cash meant for bribing the voters, perhaps it has not been able to seize several more crores of rupees that have been distributed to the poor people for buying their votes by the unscrupulous politicians.

The Election Commission has done its best and carried out intense campaign to create awareness amongst the people of Tamil Nadu that they should not sell their votes. This is a great initiative which should be recognised and applauded. It has certainly restored credibility of the institution of Election Commission and created fear amongst the politicians that they would be taken to task if they would indulge in misbehaviour and generated new hope amongst the common men that the rule of law will assert itself.

While the Election Commission has done its duty marvellously, it is now the duty of the citizens of Tamil Nadu to carry on the fight against the malpractices and corruption indulged in by the politicians.

Thanks and regards

N.S.Venkataraman  
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