ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA
NIRVACHAN SADAN, ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI-110001

No.51/8/7/2018-EMPS

Dated: 29th August, 2018

To

The Chief Electoral Officers of
All States and Union Territories.

Subject: Deployment of security personnel for EVM/VVPAT warehouses- Reiteration of Instructions- Regarding.

Sir,

Kindly refer to para 2 of the Commission's letter No. 51/8/7/2017-EMS, dated 30th August, 2017, regarding instructions on EVMs & VVPATs, and I am directed to reiterate that the Commission has prescribed the following strength of security personnel for EVM/VVPAT warehouses:

(a) 24x365 Police Security of EVM/VVPAT warehouses. In addition, CCTV from start of FLC till EP completion period.

(b) Security:

Non Poll (Post EP to FLC)-	Minimum ½ Section
FLC to Polling-	Minimum 1 Section
Poll to EP-	Minimum 1 Platoon

I am directed to further clarified that no private security guard, civil defence, non-police personnel or other volunteers shall be deployed for the security of the warehouses, under any circumstances. Home Guards may be used as an exception when regular police cannot be posted.

You are, therefore, requested to ensure the compliance of the above direction of the Commission.

Yours faithfully,

(Madhusudan Gupta)
Under Secretary