

Most Immediate

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No.470/2013/SDR

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To

The Chief Electoral Officer,

1. Chhattisgarh
2. Madhya Pradesh
3. Mizoram
4. Rajasthan
5. Delhi.

Sub: Counting of votes polled on EVMs– additional instructions for more transparency-regarding.

Sir,

Presently, the signature/T.I of all counting agents present inside the counting hall is obtained on Part-II of Form 17C after each round of counting by the Counting Supervisor of each Table. The Commission has directed that the Part-II of Form 17C shall be prepared in duplicate. And both the copies should be got signed from the counting agents. One copy of the Part-II of Form 17C will be handed over to the RO/ARO for computing round wise tally of votes.

2. The other copy of the Part-II will be collected from each table by an official specially designated by the RO. He will make photocopies for distribution among the counting agents present at respective Counting Tables for their record and verification. The starting of the next round of counting need not wait till distribution of these copies is complete. This can go on simultaneously. Therefore, necessary arrangements for photocopying shall be made in each counting hall.

3. The original second copy should be returned to the Counting Supervisor of the respective table. They will keep the copy of each round of EVM counting and at the end of the counting put them in an envelope superscribed “Duplicate copy of result of counting in Form 17C-Part-II”, mention the Table No., total number of rounds counted and the Name of the Counting Supervisor and handover the envelope personally to the R.O./A.R.O. after completion of counting. This packet should be sealed and kept separately by the RO along with other documents.

This may be brought to the notice of the ROs/AROs and Observers for their information.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
(Ashish Chakraborty)
Secretary