

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No. 470/INST/2012/EPS

Dated 3rd March, 2012

To

The Chief Electoral Officers of
All States/Union Territories

Subject:- Arrangements for counting of votes- regarding

Sir/ Madam,

I am directed to refer to Commission's letter of even number dated 1st March, 2012 on the subject cited and to say that while as stated therein the Commission has dispensed with the requirement of videography of counting at each counting table, **the videography of the entire counting process shall be necessary**. Accordingly, the existing paras 22 and 39 of Commission's letter No.470/TN-LA/2011/SS-I dated 5th May, 2011 (copy enclosed) will be read as follows:-

“ 22. *No camera- still or video of the media except for official recording of the entire counting process is allowed to be fixed inside any counting hall. No camera stand should therefore be allowed to be taken inside counting hall by media and journalists. Hand held cameras can be allowed to the authorized ECI pass holders. Further, while taking audio video coverage of the counting process, with camera carried in hand or on shoulders by the media/press, under no circumstances, the actual votes recorded on an individual EVM or ballot papers is to be photographed or covered by audio visual coverage. The exact location upto which the still and video camera of the media and press can move, should be indicated by the Returning Officer in advance, marked by a line or a string for guidance of all concerned.*”

“ 39. Entire counting process must be videographed. CD of the video should be kept in safe custody of the DEO.”

This may be brought to the notice of all concerned immediately.

Yours faithfully.

(K. AJAYA KUMAR)
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY