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To

The Chief Electoral Officers of
All States and Union Territories.

Reference:

1. Commission's letter No. 51/8/3/2010-EMS, dated 27th September, 2010.
2. Commission's letter No.51/8/3/2010-EMS, dated 8th June, 2011.
3. Commission's letter No.51/8/3/2010-Vol-II, dated 4th October, 2011.
4. Commission's letter No.51/8/6/2011-EMS, dated 26th December, 2011.
5. Commission's letter No.51/8/6/2012-EMS, dated 17th March, 2012.

Subject: Electronic Voting Machines-EVM Tracking Software- regarding.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the above cited letters by which you were directed to ensure that data of all EVMs is entered in the EVM Tracking software. During the recent CEOs' Conference, the Commission expressed extreme unhappiness that in spite of repeated reminders, this work is yet incomplete. The Commission emphasized that monitoring of all movements, First Level Checking and randomization etc. of EVMs shall be done only through EVM tracking software, which can only be done if data of all EVMs (other than 1989-90 model) is entered in the software. For this purpose following steps must be taken: -

1. 100% Data Entry of EVMs

Data entry of about 95% EVMs (Ballot Units & Control Units) has been completed in the EVM Tracking Software. The States/UTs, where data entry of all EVMs (BUs & CUs) is yet to be completed, are directed to complete this job within a week without fail. It has been observed from the report generated from EVM Tracking Software that in some States/UTs, data entry is less than 100% and in some States/UTs is more than 100%. In both the cases, the Chief Electoral Officers are required to depute their officer(s), after completing all the data entry jobs, to the Commission to sort out the discrepancy with Sh. K.N. Bhar, Secretary, Election Commission of India, within 15 days.

2. Data Entry of EVMs which are in possession of State Election Commission

ECI-EVMs which are still in possession of State Election Commissions are also required to be entered in EVM Tracking Software. In this regard, the Commission has already instructed that the Chief Electoral Officers of respective States shall provide the necessary assistance to

5. Data conflict resolution

In the CEOs' conference held on 20th December, 2011, the Chief Electoral Officers were requested to sort out these conflicts by their officers by engaging in dialogue with their counterparts or even by deputing their officers, if necessary, to concerned State (s). In spite of this, the conflicts in data entry of EVMs have not yet been sorted out.

To resolve these conflicts, provision of uploading images of unique ID engraved on the metallic plate pasted on the backside of EVM (Ballot Unit and Control Unit) has been made. The Chief Electoral Officers are requested to upload the photos of conflict EVMs (BUs & CUs) immediately and resolve the conflict latest by 7th May, 2012.

6. Physical Verification of EVMs

New cycle for physical verification of EVMs has been generated in the EVM tracking software. The Chief Electoral Officers of States/UTs may ensure that 100% physical verification of EVMs for the quarters in the month of July shall be completed by 31st July, 2012 positively in the EVM Tracking Software. Any negligence in the matter shall be taken very seriously and explanation for the same will be called for.

The above instructions of the Commission shall be strictly followed by all concerned.

Yours faithfully,

(DILIP K VARMA)