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ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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No.51/8/7/2010-EMS

Dated: 25th October, 2010

To

- 1. The Chief Electoral Officer, Bihar, Patna.**
- 2. The Chief Electoral Officers of All States & Union Territories (except Bihar)**

Reference: Commission's letter No. 51/8/7/2009, dated 30.10.2009

Subject: Mandatory conduct of mock poll and certification thereof.

Sir,

I am directed to state that during Bye-election to the 83-Pennagram Assembly Constituency of Tamil Nadu in March, 2010, the Commission directed that on the day of poll, if any defect arises in the Ballot Unit (BU) or Control Unit (CU) of the EVM during poll process, the entire set of EVM (both BU & CU) should be replaced by new set of EVM (BU & CU) and mock poll in accordance with latest ECI instructions should be conducted on the new EVM before it had to be put to use and a new mock poll certificate should be recorded in each such case.

Based on the same line the Commission has decided that during all general/bye elections henceforth, if any defect arises in the Ballot Unit (BU) or Control Unit (CU) of the EVM during poll process, the entire set of EVM (both BU & CU) should be replaced by new set of EVM (BU & CU) and mock poll in accordance with latest ECI instructions should be conducted on the new EVM before it is put to use and a new mock poll certificate should be recorded in each such case.

All other instructions related to conduct of Mock Poll shall be followed.

Yours faithfully,

(K.N. Bhar)
Secretary