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**ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA
Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi –110 001.**

No. 576/3/EVM/2009/SDR

Dated: 27th March, 2009.

To

The Chief Electoral Officers of
all States and Union Territories.

Subject:- General Election to the House of the People, 2009– Use of Electronic Voting
Machines.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith the Commission's Direction bearing No. 576/3/EVM/2009/SDR, dated 27th March, 2009, issued in pursuance of Section 61A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, specifying each of the 543 Parliamentary Constituencies, where giving and recording of votes at the current General Election to the House of the People, 2009, shall be by means of electronic voting machines. The Direction may be published in the Official Gazette of the State/Union Territory immediately and two copies of the Gazette may be forwarded to the Commission for its information and record.

2. I am further directed to invite your attention to the rules 49A, 49B, 49P and 49T(2) of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, relating to the designs of voting machines, form and language(s) of the ballot paper on the balloting unit, design and language of tendered ballot paper and the manner of sealing of voting machines after the poll. The related instructions in this regard are contained in paragraphs 23.1, 23.2, 25.2 and 27.2 of Chapter X and paragraph 48.2 of Chapter XIII respectively of Returning Officers' Hand Book (for EVMs) 2004 Edn.

3. The above mentioned instructions may be brought to the notice of the Returning Officers of the Constituencies concerned for their information and compliance.

4. As regards counting of votes, your attention is invited to the provisions of rules 50 to 54A, 60 to 66A and 55C to 57C of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, and also the Commission's detailed directions and instructions relating to counting of votes as contained in Chapter XIV of the Returning Officers' Handbook, 2004 (where Electronic Voting Machines are used). The Returning Officers should be instructed to follow the said directions and instructions scrupulously.

5. Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,

**(S.R. KAR)
UNDER SECRETARY**

Copy to the Zonal Secretaries, Under Secretaries and Section Officers.

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DIRECTION

No. 576/3/EVM/2009/SDR:- Whereas, Section 61A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, provides that the giving and recording of votes by voting machines in such manner as may be prescribed, may be adopted in such constituency or constituencies as the Election Commission may, having regard to the circumstances of each case specify; and

2. Whereas, the Commission has considered the circumstances in each of the 543 Parliamentary Constituencies at the current General Election to the House of the People, 2009, and is satisfied that sufficient number of Electronic Voting Machines are available for taking the poll in these 543 Parliamentary Constituencies, the polling personnel are well trained in efficient handling of the Electronic Voting Machines and the electors are also fully conversant with the operation of the Electronic Voting Machines;

3. Now, therefore, the Election Commission of India hereby specifies each of the 543 Parliamentary Constituencies at the current General Election to the House of the People, 2009, as the constituencies in which the votes at the current general election to the House of the People notified/to be notified on 23rd March 2009, 28th March 2009, 2nd April, 2009, 11th April, 2009 and 17th April, 2009, shall be given and recorded by means of Electronic

Voting Machines, in the manner prescribed under the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, and the supplementary instructions issued by the Commission from time to time on the subject.

By Order,

(K.F. WILFRED)
SECRETARY