ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan , Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110 001.

No. 52/2009/SDR(JS-II)

Dated: 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2009

To

The Chief Electoral Officers of all States and Union Territories.

Subject:-

Guidelines for smooth management of Postal Ballot Papers – regarding.

Sir/Madam

I am directed to invite your attention to paragraph 5 of the circular letter No. 52/2008/JS-II dated 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2008 on the subject cited. In the case of election to the Lok Sabha, it is clarified that for all Parliamentary Constituencies, the printing and dispatch of postal ballot papers shall be done at the level of the Returning officers of the Parliamentary Constituency concerned. In the case of States where simultaneous general/bye-elections to the State Legislative Assembly are being held alongwith the Lok Sabha elections, the printing and dispatch of postal ballot papers for the Assembly election will also be done at the level of the Returning Officer for the Parliamentary constituency, with the assistance of the Assistant Returning Officers in all the Assembly segments falling under the Parliamentary Constituency. All the other instructions contained in the commission's letter referred to above, will continue to be followed.

You are requested to bring this clarification to the notice of all District Election Officers and Returning Officers of Parliamentary Constituencies in your State for strict compliance.

Kindly confirm receipt of this letter and the action taken by you.

Yours faithfully,

(K.F. WILFRED) SECRETARY

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