

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi

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To ,

Chief Electoral officers (All).

Sub: Preparations for Counting – Computerisation

Ref: Earlier circular on preparation for counting no.485/COMP/4/2009 dt 26-4-09

Sir/ Madam,

The Commission desires that action on the following points must be ensured immediately in relation to counting in all states/ UTs:

- *Please cross check the data relating to contesting candidates, their party affiliations etc., which has been entered through Genesys and ported on that basis into the Counting Application, and ensure that it is fully correct and updated.*
- *Training of ROs, AROs, DIOs of NIC, representatives of SLA, other computer and counting related personnel in the states must be completed at the earliest, and in any case on or before 2nd May, 2009 since they shall need to participate in Mock Run and Load Test of the Counting Application on 3rd May, 2009 between 12 noon and 3 PM. This training should preferably be given through personal attendance of participants in small groups, by calling the participants to state headquarters or by organizing these trainings at divisional or district headquarters. Only in situations where this is not possible because of polls, video conference or some other such option may be adopted, but then also in-person training shall necessarily be imparted before 10th May, 2009. Training shall also be given Hands-On at the same time, where the participants shall be made to install the application software by downloading.*
- *'De-Finalizing' of any Finalized data by AROs for EVM counting and by ROs for Postal Ballot counting, and 'Un-Declaring Result' after 'Declare Result' by RO, shall be required to be done by the concerned Zonal Secretary/ Pr Secy of ECI for that state through password, with due authorization of the Commission. In any case, 'De-Finalize' and 'Un-Declare result' options should need to be exercised only in the rarest of rare cases with due explanation for the same.*

This may kindly be brought to the immediate notice of all concerned for timely compliance.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

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Under Secretary