ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

NIRVACHAN SADAN, ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI – 110 001.

No. 464/Instructions/ EPS/ 2011   Date 5th March, 2011.

To,

       The Chief Electoral Officers,

       West Bengal, Assam, Kerala.

Sub :- Vulnerability Mapping

Ref :- Letters nos. 464/INST/2008-EPS dated 24-10-2008 and 22-03-2009 of ECI.

In continuation of the instructions of the Commission conveyed vide letters nos. 464/INST/2008-EPS dated 24-10-2008 and 22-03-2009, as well as other instructions on the above mentioned and related subjects conveyed from time to time from ECI, the following instructions relating to Vulnerability Mapping are being issued for timely compliance in the context of the ongoing Assembly Elections, 2011.

'**Vulnerability**' – in the context of elections - may be defined as the susceptibility of any voter or section of voters, whether or not living in a geographically identifiable area, to being wrongfully prevented from or influenced upon in relation to the exercise of his right to vote in a free and fair manner, through intimidation or use of undue influence or force of any kind on him.

The exercise of **Vulnerability Mapping (VM)** in the context of the Assembly Elections is to be undertaken with the point of view of clearly identifying in advance, such voters or sections of voters who are likely to be 'vulnerable', the persons or other factors causing such vulnerability, and taking adequate corrective action well in advance on the basis of such identification.

The first step in the exercise of Vulnerability Mapping has to be undertaken with immediate effect by the Sector Officer or the Sector Magistrate (who have to be appointed as per ECI instructions and posted to commence their assigned task). The Sector Officer must

necessarily visit every Locality/ Pocket in the area of every Polling Station in his Sector, hold widespread discussions with people there, collect intelligence, and list the vulnerable households and families, as well as the persons and factors causing such vulnerability there. He should, further carefully fill the **Format 'VM-SO'[Annexure I]** for each such Locality/ Pocket, preferably while he is touring the locality itself. All help, including vehicular support if needed, should be extended to the Sector Officer for this purpose. The Sector Officer must retain a copy of the filled Formats VM-SO with himself and submit all filled in Formats VM-SO to the Retuning Officer within **14th March, 2011**.

Each Returning Officer must collect all Formats VM-SO for his AC by 14th March, 2011, and prepare and make available to DEO, the **Format 'VM-RO' [Annexure II]** by **16th March, 2011** after retaining a copy of the same.

The DEO, on the same lines must collect the Formats VM-RO by 16th March, 2011, and prepare and make available to the CEO, the **Format 'VM-DEO' [Annexure III]**latest by **18th March, 2011**.

The CEO must compile all the district formats VM-DEO of the state into a book and make this compilation available to the Commission latest by**20th March, 2011.**

Sufficient copies of these instructions and formats must be made available immediately to all concerned officials for timely compliance and completion of the assigned tasks.

Yours sincerely,

Ashish Srivastava,

Director

Format VM-SO

(The Sector Officer/ Sector Magistrate has to fill a different Format VM-SO for each Polling Station in his Sector, and as many Formats VM-SO as is the number of Polling Stations in his Sector.

Each Format VM-SO must contain the details for all Vulnerable Localities/ Pockets/ Voter Segments in one Polling Station area of the Sector.

It must be ensured and certified that no locality/ pocket/ voter segment which is vulnerable has escaped or been missed from inclusion in this format for any polling station area).

Number and Name of the AC –

Number and Name of the Polling Station -

I. **Name of the Locality –**   Date of Information-

A. **List of Vulnerable Houses/ Families**

S.No.	House No./ Family Name/ other identifying details of the Household/ Family which has Vulnerable Voters in the Locality	Number of Voters identified as Vulnerable in the house/ family identified in col-2	Contact No. of the Household, if any	Action Taken/ Proposed	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6
Total					

B. **List of Persons to be Tracked/ Prevented from Intimidating/ Wrongly Influencing Voters**

S.No.	Name of the Person	Contact No./ Address of the person	Action Taken/ Proposed	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5
Total				

II. **Name of the Locality –** ..   Date of Information-..

    A. List of ..

    B. List of ..

III. **Name of the Locality –** ..   Date of Information-..

    A. List of ..

    B. List of ..

IV. …

<u>CERTIFICATION</u> BY THE SECTOR OFFICER/ SECTOR MAGISTRATE

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED THAT NO LOCALITY/ POCKET/ VOTER SEGMENT WHICH IS 'VULNERABLE' FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS, 2011 IN THE AREA OF THE POLLING STATION NO. ------, POLLING STATION NAME ---------------------------- --------------------- WHICH IS INCLUDED IN MY SECTOR, HAS ESCAPED OR BEEN MISSED FROM INCLUSION IN THIS FORMAT.

Signatures of Sector Officer/ Sector Magistrate …….

Name and Mobile No. of the Sector Officer/ Sector Magistrate …….

Format VM-RO

Name of the District –

Number and Name of the AC -   Date -

A. AC Summary on Vulnerability

S.No.	No. & Name of Polling Station	No. of Families/ Households identified as Vulnerable in the PS area by the SO	Total number of Voters identified as Vulnerable (in the families/ households identified as vulnerable) in the PS area in col 3	No. of Persons Causing Vulnerability in the PS area	Action Taken
1	2	3	4	5	6
Total					

B. List of Persons causing Vulnerability in the AC

S.No.	Name of the Person Causing Vulnerability	PS nos. in which he is causing vulnerability	Action Taken	Remarks, if any
1	2	3	4	5
Total				

Signatures of the Returning Officer

Name of the Returning Officer

Format VM-DEO

Name of the District –   Date –

Table A

Identification of Vulnerability and Action thereon -

S.No.	AC No. & Name	Total number of Polling Stations	Number of Polling Stations in whose area Vulnerable Persons/ Families/ Households have been identified	Number of Vulnerable Voters identified in these Polling Station areas	Action being taken to prevent these Vulnerable Voters from being intimidated or wrongfully influenced before and during the poll
1	2	3	4	5	6
Total					

Table B

Report on Persons causing Vulnerability -

S.No.	AC No. and Name	Number of Identified Persons	Details of Action Taken against persons mentioned in col.3 [Numbers]				No. of Persons out of those mentioned in col.3 against whom no action has been taken	Reasons for no action as mentioned in col.8
			Bound over	Externment	In custody	Any other action (with description)		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Total								

Signatures of the DEO - …

Name of the DEO - …