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ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA
Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

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To

The Chief Electoral Officers of
All States and Union Territories.

Subject: Clarification regarding Second Randomization of EVMs.

Sir

I am directed to refer to the Commission's letter of even number, dated 24th March, 2011, on the subject cited, whereby by the Commission has clarified that second randomization of EVMs shall be done after preparation of EVMs.

It has been brought to the notice of the Commission that some difficulties are being faced by the Returning Officers to do second randomization of EVMs after preparation of EVMs as the address tag of EVM is sealed at the time of preparation of EVM (Candidate Set). The purpose of second randomization of EVMs is to allocate EVM randomly polling station-wise to ensure more transparency in allocating EVMs to polling stations. Apart from that both the process of second randomization of EVMs and preparation of EVMs are invariably done in the presence of the contesting candidates/their agents. In view of the aforesaid procedure, the Commission has no objection, if Returning Officers/Assistant Returning Officers do second randomization of EVMs on or before the day of preparation of EVMs in the presence of candidates/their representatives.

The aforesaid instructions may be brought to the notice of all concerned.

Yours faithfully,

(Dilip K Varma)
Under Secretary