

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No.51/8/16/4/2010-EMS

Dated: 8th December, 2010

To

The Chief Electoral Officers of
all States and Union Territories.

Subject: Protocol for First Level Checking of EVMs - regarding.

Ref: Commission's instruction No.51/8/16/4/2010-EMS dated 4th August 2010.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the above cited letter of the Commission and to state that the Commission desires complete transparency and complete involvement of representatives of political parties in the process of First Level Checking (FLC) of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs). It is, therefore, clarified that the plastic cabinets of both Control Unit and Ballot Unit of the EVMs shall be opened by the BEL/ECIL engineers in the presence of political party representatives at the time of FLC and the PCB and other components of EVMs will be shown to them. Instructions contained in Para 5 (c) of the above cited letter of the Commission stands modified to that extent. Please inform all concerned and ensure strict compliance at the time of FLCs in future.

Yours faithfully,

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