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To

The Chief Electoral Officers
Of all States and Union Territories.

Subject: EVM awareness programmes and EVM training- regarding.

Sir,

The Commission has issued various instructions and guidelines on EVM awareness programmes and EVM training at various levels to ensure that EVMs are properly prepared and operated on the day of poll and electors are familiar with the use of EVMs etc.

The Commission has decided that before every election, in advance, extra thrust should be provided to organize “Hands-on” training to the Returning Officers, Presiding Officers and polling personnel in particular and to create due awareness amongst the political parties, candidates and electors of the State/UT. For this purpose you are requested to plan and organize the EVM training in two/three stages covering the Returning Officers and Government employees who would be the probable Presiding Officers or polling personnel during the elections in your state so that they can get thorough knowledge of working of the electoral process using the EVMs. The Presiding Officers /polling personnel should have a comprehensive, thorough and “Hands-on” exposure for setting up of machine, mock/actual polling and counting process as the case may be.

In addition to above, demonstration centers may be set up for the benefit of public so that they can get an opportunity to operate the EVMs and learn the process of recording the vote through them. Such demonstration centers may be set up especially on Sundays and holidays in strategic public places so that a large number of electors can be covered under the programme of demonstration.

The Commission has directed that EVM awareness programmes and EVM training should be conducted only by officials authorised by the Election department and no EVM should be given to any non-official for any purpose.

Kindly bring these instructions to the notice of all concerned for strict compliance. Any deviation from this will be viewed seriously by the Commission.

Yours faithfully,

(Dilip K Varma)