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To,

The Chief Electoral Officer,  
Tamil Nadu,  
Chennai,

**Subject: -** Drafting of retired Police personnel and ex-servicemen for election duty – Reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to point 5 of your letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2011, on the subject cited, and to state that the Commission has considered your request to use retired Police personnel and ex-servicemen at polling station to meet any short fall in police force, subject to the following conditions-

- A) They shall be declared as Special Police Officers by the District Collectors/ Commissioners of Police under section 17 of the Police Act, 1861 and Madras City Police Act, 1988.
- B) Able bodied ex-servicemen / retired police personnel upto the age of 60 years only may be appointed as SPOs for aforesaid purpose.
- C) They should not have been compulsorily retired from the service and should not have any pending court cases against them.
- D) They should not be posted in the polling station in which they are registered as a voter.

I am further to state that they shall be put on static duty at the polling station for the following functions only -

- (i) They will regulate the crowd and the queue outside the polling stations.
- (ii) They will regulate the entry and exit to the polling stations
- (iii) They would not be having any arms while they are deployed at the polling stations.
- (iv) While they will be in uniform, they would not be having any Medals or insignia etc., displayed on it.

I am also to say that while preparing the list of such ex-service men and retired police officers to be used for aforesaid purposes, utmost care should be taken to ensure that none of them have any sharp political affiliations and should be impartial.

Kindly acknowledge the receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

(R.K.Srivastava)  
Secretary