

**ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA**

**Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi –110 001.**

**No. 576/3/EVM/2011/SDR**

**Dated: 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2011.**

To

The Chief Electoral Officers of -

1. Assam
2. Kerala
3. Tamil Nadu
4. Puducherry
5. West Bengal

Subject:- General Election to the Legislative Assemblies, 2011— Use of Electronic Voting Machines.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith the Commission's Direction bearing No. 576/3/EVM/2011/SDR(LA), dated 14-3-2011 issued in pursuance of Section 61A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, specifying 126 Assembly Constituencies in Assam, 140 Assembly Constituencies in Kerala, 234 Assembly Constituencies in Tamil Nadu, 30 Assembly Constituencies in Puducherry and 294 Assembly Constituencies in West Bengal, as the Constituencies where giving and recording of votes at the current General Elections to the State Legislative Assemblies notified/to be notified on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2011, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2011, 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2011, 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2011, 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2011, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2011, 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2011, 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2011 and 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2011, shall be by means of Electronic Voting Machines. The Direction may be published in the Official Gazette of the State immediately and two copies of the Gazette may be forwarded to the Commission for its information and record.

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2. I am further directed to invite your attention to the rules 49A, 49B, 49P and 49T(2) of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, relating to the designs of voting machines, form and language(s) of the ballot paper on the balloting unit, design and language of tendered ballot paper and the manner of sealing of voting machines after the poll. The related instructions in this regard are contained in paragraphs 23.1, 23.2, 25.2 and 27.2 of Chapter X and paragraph 44.2 of Chapter XIII respectively of Returning Officers' Hand Book (for EVMs) 2009 Edn.

3. The above mentioned instructions may be brought to the notice of the Returning Officers of the Constituencies concerned for their information and compliance.

4. As regards counting of votes, your attention is invited to the provisions of rules 50 to 54A, 60 to 66A and 55C to 57C of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, and also the Commission's detailed directions and instructions relating to counting of votes as contained in Chapter XIV of the Returning Officers' Handbook, 2009 (where EVMs are used). The Returning Officers should be instructed to follow the said directions and instructions scrupulously.

5. Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,

**(ASHISH CHAKRABORTY)**  
**UNDER SECRETARY**

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**DIRECTION**

No. 576/3/EVM/2011/SDR(LA):— Whereas, Section 61A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, provides that the giving and recording of votes by voting machines in such manner as may be prescribed, may be adopted in such constituencies as the Election Commission of India may, having regard to the circumstances of each case specify; and

2. Whereas, the Commission has considered the circumstances in all the 126 Assembly Constituencies in Assam, 140 Assembly Constituencies in Kerala, 234 Assembly Constituencies in Tamil Nadu, 30 Assembly Constituencies in Puducherry and 294 Assembly Constituencies in West Bengal, and is satisfied that sufficient number of Electronic Voting Machines are available for taking the poll in the abovementioned Assembly Constituencies, the polling personnel are well trained in efficient handling of the Electronic Voting Machines and the electors are also fully conversant with the operation of the Electronic Voting Machines;

3. Now, therefore, the Election Commission of India hereby specifies all the 126 Assembly Constituencies in Assam, 140 Assembly Constituencies in Kerala, 234 Assembly Constituencies in Tamil Nadu, 30 Assembly Constituencies in Puducherry and 294 Assembly Constituencies in

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West Bengal, as the constituencies in which the votes at the current general elections to the Legislative Assemblies of the said States notified/to be notified on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2011 & 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2011 in Assam, 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2011 in Kerala, Tamil Nadu & Puducherry and 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2011, 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2011, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2011, 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2011, 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2011 and 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2011 in West Bengal, shall be given and recorded by means of Electronic Voting Machines in the manner prescribed under the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, and the supplementary instructions issued by the Commission from time to time on the subject.

By Order,

**(K.F. WILFRED)**  
**SECRETARY**