

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA
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UNDER SECRETARY

No. 464/INST/2008/EPS

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To

The Chief Electoral Officers of
All States/UTs.

Sub: - General Election to the House of People 2009 – Providing of additional Polling Personnel for polling stations having more than 1200 electors – Regarding..

Sir,

I am directed to state on the subject cited that for the polling stations where the number of electors is more than 1200, and extra polling officer would be provided who shall share the duty of Second Polling Officer and these two Polling Officers will be called Second Polling Officer (A) and Second Polling Officer (B). At such polling stations, Second Polling Officer (A) will be in charge of indelible ink and will inspect the elector's left forefinger to see that it does not bear any sign or trace of indelible ink and then put a mark with the indelible ink in the manner prescribed i.e. from the upper tip of the nail to bottom of the first joint of the forefinger of left hand in form of a line.

2. Second Polling Officer (B) will be in-charge of the Register of Voters in Form-17A and will be responsible for maintaining that Register and making all relevant entries therein. He will also issue a voter's slip to each elector after he has entered elector's particulars in the Register of Voters in accordance with the prescribed procedure. However, before issuing the Voter's Slip to the elector he will ensure that a clear line of indelible ink is marked on the forefinger..

3. An additional person may also be provided in the polling parties who will verify whether the electors standing in the queue to cast vote are carrying proper identification documents. Only those electors should be allowed to stand in queue who are either carrying Electoral photo Identity Card (EPIC) or any one of the alternative documents, if permitted by the Commission.

Yours faithfully,

(SUMIT MUKERJEE)