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To

1. The Chief Secretaries of All States/ UTs
2. The Chief Electoral Officers of All States/ UTs

**Subject: - General Election to the House of the People, 2009 – Appointment of Micro-Observers- Clarification-regarding.**

**Sir,**

A clarification has been sought whether Micro Observers can perform duty within the AC where he is registered as voter/ where he is working/or in his native constituency. In this regard, it may be mentioned that any person while working as a micro observer within the district or outside the district, within the Parliamentary Constituency or outside his Parliamentary Constituency cannot be appointed as a Micro Observer in an Assembly Constituency / assembly segment where he is a voter, working or in his native Assembly Constituency / assembly segment. For this purpose, para 3 of Commission's instruction Sl. No. 59 as contained in volume-II of Compendium of Commission's instruction may kindly be referred to.

Another clarification has been sought as to whether selection of Micro Observer should be done using computer software. It is clarified that it is not necessary to randomise the selection process of Micro Observers by using computer software. It is reiterated that the micro observers should be selected from the list of eligible officers by the observers deployed after applying due diligence. **Further, assigning of polling stations will be done manually by the Observers by picking them in a random manner a day prior to the day of departure.** However, the exact polling station will be assigned to them by the Observer/Returning Officer on the day of departure.

Yours faithfully,

**(SUMIT MUKHERJEE)  
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