

# ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No.464/INST/2009/EPS

Dated: - 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2009

To,

The Chief Electoral Officers of  
All States/UTs.

**Subject: Election/Polling/Counting Agent- prohibition against  
appointment of Minister/MP/MLA/MLC, etc. – regarding.**

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer the Commission's letter No. 464/INST/2009/EPS dated 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2009 regarding appointment of Election/Polling/Counting agent and to say that a question has been raised as to whether Gram Panchayat Pradhan/Gram Panchayat Sarpanch/Panchayat Members can become Election/Polling/Counting Agent of candidates.

It is clarified that there is no prohibition against appointment of Gram Panchayat Pradhan/Gram Panchayat Sarpanch/Panchayat members as Election agents/Polling agents /Counting agents of candidates.

This may be brought to the notice of all political parties and candidates in the State.

Yours faithfully,

**(SUMIT MUKHERJEE)  
UNDER SECRETARY**