

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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UNDER SECRETARY

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To

The Chief Electoral Officer  
Gujarat  
Gandhinagar.

Sub.- General Election to the Gujarat Legislative Assembly 2007 — Training of Presiding Officers – Filling up of Presiding Officer's Diaries - Regarding.

Sir,

It has com to the notice of the Commission that in the past General Elections to the Legislative Assemblies, some Presiding Officers did not write the Presiding Officer's Diaries properly which led to a doubt on the purity of the electoral process. Besides few cases of mismatch of Form 17A and Form 17C, instances have been noticed when the Polling Agents were not provided with attested copies of the account of votes recorded in Form 17C in spite of clear instructions in this regard in the Handbook for Presiding Officers.

2. At the time of training of the Presiding Officers, this problem should be kept in mind and the Presiding Officers should be asked to be very careful while filling up the Presiding Officer's Diary. If, for any reason, there is any difference in the number of electors casting their votes as reflected in Form 17A, Form 17C and the votes recorded in EVM, the discrepancy must be explained clearly in the Presiding Officer's Diary.

3. The above instructions may be reiterated and brought to the notice of all concerned appropriately.

Yours faithfully

(ANUJ JAIPURIAR)