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**ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA**  
**Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001**

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No. 479/INST/2012-CC&BE

Dated: 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2012

To

1. The Returning Officer-Cum Secretary General, Rajya Sabha, Room No.29, Parliament House, New Delhi.
2. Assistant Returning Officers (Through Chief Electoral Officers).

Subject: - Election to the Office of the President of India, 2012 –Preventive measures near place of poll on poll day-instructions regarding use of cellular Phones.

Sir,

The Commission, in the interest of an orderly conduct of poll during the ongoing Presidential Election, 2012, has decided to issue the following instruction.

On the day of poll, no cellular phones, cordless phones, wireless sets etc. in any case, by allowed to be carried in side the polling stations. This may immediately be brought to the notice of the candidates, their representatives and members of the Electoral College.

Arrangement may be made near polling premise to deposit the cellular phone if any brought by any voter before entering the place of polling which can be collected after casting the vote. A signboard to this effect may be kept out side the place of polling.

The Commission further stipulates that no officials including Observer(s) will be allowed to use cell phone inside the place of poll. However, the Returning Officer and AROs shall arrange for a 'control room' with a dedicated telephone line so that when ever the Commission's officials need to contact RO/ARO and Observer they can pass information through that control room number. Whenever ARO/Observer need to contact the Commission they should come out of the place of poll and contact the Commission Head Quarters.

The above restriction will also be made applicable to counting center at the Parliament House on the day of counting.

A copy of this instruction may be handed over to observers on their arrival.

Yours faithfully,

**(K.N. BHAR)**  
**SECRETARY**

Copy to: The Chief Electoral Officer of all states, NCT of Delhi and UT of Puducherry.