

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No.479/INST/2012-CC&BE

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To

1. The Returning Officer for the Presidential Election and Secretary General, Rajya Sabha Parliament House, New Delhi.
2. The Assistant Returning Officers for the Presidential Election (List attached)
3. The Chief Electoral Officers of all the States and NCT of Delhi and UT of Puducherry.

Sub:- Presidential Election-**2012**- reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Media Advisory (available on the website of Rajya Sabha www.rajyasabha.nic.in under the link ‘**Presidential Election, 2012**’) issued by the Joint Director (Media), Media, Education and Audio-Visual Unit of Parliament House containing the instructions governing the coverage of Presidential Election, 2012 by the media.

The Authority letters to media persons for entering the place of poll and counting will be issued by the Election Commission of India for disbursal by the Rajya Sabha Secretariat, entry for both for polling & counting at Parliament House and disbursal by CEOs for polling at the State HQs, as per existing practice/instructions.

While covering the Presidential Elections, 2012 all media personnel are required to strictly abide by the instructions (contained in the authority letter) regarding the prohibition on photography/videography inside the voting compartment to ensure that there is no violation of secrecy of ballot. There is an error in the Hindi version of this instruction in the Authority Letter. The word “मतदान केन्द्र” written in Hindi version of the Authority Letter may be correctly read as “वोटिंग कम्पार्टमेंट” instead of “मतदान केन्द्र”. Further, Instruction No. 1 on the ‘Authority Letter’ provides: “This authority letter is issued subject to the specific condition that the bearer of this authority letter shall at all times obey all directions of the Returning Officers, Assistant Returning Officers, Presiding Officers, Magistrates and Police Officers on duty.”

This may be brought to the notice of all concerned.

Yours faithfully,

(K.N. BHAR)
SECRETARY