

By Special Messenger/ Camp Bag

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No. 479/CEO/2012-C&BE

Dated: 13th June, 2012

To

The Chief Electoral Officers of all the States
including NCT of Delhi and UT of Puducherry.

**Sub: Presidential Election, 2012- Role of the Chief Electoral Officer-
Direction.**

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to state that the Commission has designated senior Officers of the Government of each State and Union Territory as the Chief Electoral Officers of the State concerned under Section 13A of the Representation of the People Act, 1950. Subject to the Superintendence, direction and control of the Election Commission, the Chief Electoral Officers, supported by the Additional Chief Electoral Officers/Joint Chief Electoral Officers and Deputy Chief Electoral Officers supervise all elections in the State/Union Territory concerned under section 20 of the Representation of People Act, 1951.

2. Under the provisions of the Constitution of India and the Presidential and Vice Presidential Elections Act, 1952, the Election Commission is entrusted with the superintendence, direction and control of the Presidential and Vice-Presidential Elections of the Union. In exercise of powers conferred by Article 324 of the Constitution, the Commission hereby directs that the Chief Electoral Officer of each State (including NCT of Delhi and Union Territory of Puducherry) shall, on behalf of the Commission, coordinate and be overall in charge of the preparations for the conduct of poll for the current Presidential Election at the respective State Capitals in the polling stations listed at items 1 to 30 in the enclosed list. The Chief Electoral Officer, in consultation with the Officers of the State Legislative Assembly, who are designated as the Assistant Returning Officer for the conduct of poll in the State for the Presidential Election, shall have the authority to act on behalf

of the Commission and the Assistant Returning Officers for the Presidential Election shall provide the Chief Electoral Officer of the State all assistance and cooperation for the discharge of his duties. The Chief Electoral Officers, in turn, will provide all support to the Assistant Returning Officers, on behalf of the Commission, for the smooth conduct of the Presidential poll.

3. Further, under the provisions of sub-rule (1) of Rule 13 of the Presidential and Vice Presidential Elections Rules, 1974, the Commission hereby declares the Chief Electoral Officers, Additional Chief Electoral Officers, Joint Chief Electoral Officers and Deputy Chief Electoral Officers, as public servants on duty for the Presidential Election within the meaning of clause (a) of the said sub-rule (1) of rule 13, and also as persons authorized by the Election Commission under clause (d) of the said sub-rule for admission to the place of polling. Therefore, no separate authority letter is being issued to them in this regard.

4. The receipt of this direction may kindly be acknowledged.

Yours faithfully,

(K. N. BHAR)
SECRETARY

Copy to: -

1. The Returning Officer for the Presidential Election and Secretary-General, Rajya Sabha, Rajya Sabha Secretariat, Room No. 29, Parliament House, New Delhi-110001.
2. The Assistant Returning Officers for the Presidential Election, for their information and guidance. (Through CEOs)