

IMMEDIATELY  
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

# ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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No. 481/2012/CC&BE

Dated : 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2012

To

The Returning Officer for  
Vice-Presidential Election-cum-  
Secretary General, Lok Sabha,  
Parliament House,  
New Delhi.

Subject: Vice-Presidential Election, 2012- Maintenance of Secrecy of voting.

Sir,

I am directed to state that the Commission has decided that on the day of poll Presiding Officer will put his full signature alongwith his seal below the signature on the right hand top corner on reverse side of the ballot paper in such a way that it does not cover any of the instructions printed on the reverse side of the ballot paper or get overlapped with the black paper strip used for the purpose of concealing the serial number of ballot paper. Thereafter before issuing the ballot paper to the elector, it may be pre folded longitudinally first and then horizontally in such a way that signature of the Presiding Officer on back of the ballot paper is visible to him when the elector is putting the ballot paper in the ballot box after marking his vote. It will be the duty of every elector to show the signature of the Presiding Officer on the back of the ballot paper if asked for by the Presiding Officer at the time of inserting the same into the ballot box.

2. The Commission has already issued an instruction vide No.481/2012-CC&BE, dated 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2012, for supply of good quality **blue ink ball point pen** to the electors for marking of votes in the ballot papers. Returning Officer may take all necessary steps for procurement of all other stationaries for the purpose of conduct of poll in connection with Vice-Presidential Election, 2012.

Yours faithfully,

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