

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi -110 001

No. 576/3/EVM/2015/SDR/Vol.I

Dated : 7th April, 2015

To,

The Chief Electoral Officers of

1. Maharashtra
2. Punjab
3. Uttar Pradesh
4. Uttarakhand

Subject:- Bye-Elections to the State Legislative Assemblies, 2015 – Use of Electronic Voting Machines.

Sir,

I am directed to invite your attention to the Commission's letter of even no. dated 25th March, 2015 whereby Commission's Direction bearing No. 576/3/EVM/2015/SDR/Vol.I, dated 25th March, 2015 was forwarded to you with direction to publish the same in the official Gazette of the State.

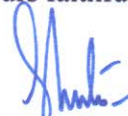
2. The Hon'ble Supreme Court has since stayed further process of the bye-election from 315-Pharenda Assembly Constituency in Uttar Pradesh vide its order dated 30th March, 2015.

3. Now, therefore, a fresh Direction No. 576/3/EVM/2015/SDR/Vol.I, dated 07-04-2015 regarding use of EVM excluding aforesaid 315-Pharenda Assembly Constituency is enclosed herewith with the request that this may be published in the official Gazette of the State and a copy thereof may be sent to the Commission for record. The direction dated 25-03-2015 stands superseded by this Direction.

4. This may be brought to the notice of all concerned.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,



(N.T. BHUTIA)

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OF THE STATES IMMEDIATELY

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DIRECTION

No. 576/3/EVM/2015/SDR/Vol.I:- Whereas, Section 61A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, provides that the giving and recording of votes by Voting Machines in such manner as may be prescribed, may be adopted in such constituencies as the Election Commission of India may, having regard to the circumstances of each case specify; and

2. Whereas, the Commission has considered the circumstances in **176-Vandre East and 287- Tasgaon-Kavathe Mahankal Assembly Constituencies in Maharashtra, 107-Dhuri Assembly Constituency in Punjab, 231-Charkhari Assembly Constituency in Uttar Pradesh and 28-Bhagwanpur (SC) Assembly Constituency in Uttarakhand**, and is satisfied that sufficient number of Electronic Voting Machines are available for taking the poll in the abovementioned Assembly Constituencies, the polling personnel are well trained in efficient handling of the Electronic Voting Machines and the electors are also fully conversant with the operation of the Electronic Voting Machines;

3. Now, therefore, the Election Commission of India hereby specifies **176-Vandre. East and 287- Tasgaon-Kavathe Mahankal Assembly Constituencies in Maharashtra, 107-Dhuri Assembly Constituency in Punjab, 231-Charkhari Assembly Constituency in Uttar Pradesh and 28-Bhagwanpur (SC) Assembly Constituency in Uttarakhand**, as the Constituencies in which the votes at the current bye- elections to the Legislative Assemblies from the said Constituencies **notified on 17-03-2015(Tuesday)**, shall be given and recorded by means of Electronic Voting Machines in the manner prescribed under the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, and the supplementary instructions issued by the Commission from time to time on the subject.

By order,



(K.F. Wilfred)

Principal Secretary