

VICE-PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION-2012

By Special Messenger

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No.481/2012-CC&BE

Dated: 10th July, 2012

To,

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

Subject: Marking of Votes-Supply of Instrument at the Place of Poll.

Sir,

I am directed to state that the manner and procedure for recording of votes by electors at the election to the office of President and Vice-President are provided in rules 17 and 18 of the Presidential and Vice-Presidential Elections Rules, 1974. No particular instrument has been prescribed under the above rules for marking the vote by an elector at the place of polling, as has been done in the case of elections to the Lok Sabha and the State Assemblies. In order to maintain secrecy of voting and to avoid identification of voter at the time of counting of votes at the ensuing Vice-Presidential Election, the Commission, as a measure of uniformity in the marking of votes, desires that electors may be supplied with ball point pen in blue ink for marking their preferences on ballot papers, when they are supplied ballot papers under rule 14 of above Rules. For this purpose, you may purchase required number of good quality **blue ink ball point pens** from market so as to ensure that preferences are marked in blue ink only.

2. The receipt of the letter may kindly be acknowledged.

Yours faithfully,

(K.N. BHAR)
SECRETARY