

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi 110001

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

Dated : 11th January, 2016

To,

The Chief Electoral Officer of
Gujarat,
Gandhinagar.

Subject:- Bye-Election to the 168-Choryasi Assembly Constituency of Gujarat, 2015 – Use of Electronic Voting Machines.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith the Commission's Direction bearing No. 576/3/EVM/2015/SDR/Vol.I, dated 11th January, 2016, issued in pursuance of Section 61A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, specifying **168-Choryasi Assembly Constituency in Gujarat**, as the Constituency where giving and recording of votes at the current bye-election to the Legislative Assembly, **notified on 28-12-2015(Monday)**, shall be by means of Electronic Voting Machines. The Direction may be published in the Official Gazette of the States immediately and two copies of the Gazette may be forwarded to the Commission for its information and record.

2. I am further directed to invite your attention to the rules 49A, 49B, 49P and 49T(2) of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, relating to the designs of voting machines, form and language(s) of the ballot paper on the balloting unit, design and language of tendered ballot paper and the manner of sealing of voting machines after the poll. The related instructions in this regard contained in Chapter-XI, 'Postal Ballot Papers and Ballot Papers for Voting Machines', of Returning Officers' Handbook, 2014 edition may kindly be followed.

3. The above mentioned instruction may be brought to the notice of the Returning Officer of the Constituency for information and compliance.

4. As regards counting of votes, your attention is invited to the provisions of rules 50 to 54A, 60 to 66A and 55C to 57C of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, and also the Commission's detailed directions and instructions relating to counting of votes as contained in Chapter XV of the Returning Officers' Handbook, 2014 (where EVMs are used). The Returning Officer should be instructed to follow the said directions and instructions scrupulously.

5. Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,

(N.T.BHUTIA)

UNDER SECRETARY

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THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE
OF THE STATE 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 **168-Choryasi Assembly Constituency in Gujarat**, and is satisfied that sufficient number of Electronic Voting Machines are available for taking the poll in the abovementioned Assembly Constituency, 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 **168-Choryasi Assembly Constituency in Gujarat**, as the Constituency in which the votes at the current bye- election to the Legislative Assembly from the said Constituency, **notified on 28-12-2015(Monday)**, 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,


(ANUJ JAIPURIAR)
SECRETARY

