

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi –110 001

No. 576/3/EVM/ECI/LET/FUNC/JUD/SDR/Vol-I/2017

Dated: 18th Januaary, 2017

To,

The Chief Electoral Officers of

1. Goa
2. Manipur
3. Punjab
4. Uttarakhand
5. Uttar Pradesh

Subject: General Elections to the State Legislative Assemblies of Goa, Manipur, Punjab, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh -use of EVMs-regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith the Commission's Direction bearing No. 576/3/EVM/ECI/LET/FUNC/JUD/SDR/Vol-I/2017 dated 18th January, 2017, issued in pursuance of Section 61A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, specifying all the 40 Assembly Constituencies of Goa, 60 Assembly Constituencies of Manipur, 117 Assembly Constituencies of Punjab, 70 Assembly Constituencies of Uttarakhand and 403 Assembly Constituencies of Uttar Pradesh, as the Constituencies where votes at the current General elections to the Legislative Assemblies, notified Goa & Punjab on 11-01-2017 and to be notified on 07.02.2017 & 09.02.2017 in respect of Manipur, on 20-01-2017 in respect of Uttarakhand and on 17-01-2017, 20-01-2017, 24-01-2017, 30-01-2017, 02-02-2017, 07-02-2017 and 09-02-2017 in respect of Uttar Pradesh, shall be given and recorded by means of Electronic Voting Machines. The Direction may be published in the Official Gazette of your State 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 instruction in this regard contained in Chapter-XI, 'Postal Ballot Papers and Ballot Papers for Voting Machines', of Returning Officers' Handbook, 2014 edition.

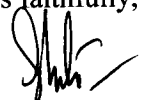
3. The above mentioned instruction may be brought to the notice of the Returning Officers of the Constituencies concerned for their information and compliance.

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 Officers 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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DIRECTION

No. 576/3/EVM/ECI/LET/FUNC/JUD/SDR/Vol-I/2017: - 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 all the 40 Assembly Constituencies of Goa, 60 Assembly Constituencies of Manipur, 117 Assembly Constituencies of Punjab, 70 Assembly Constituencies of Uttarakhand and 403 Assembly Constituencies of Uttar Pradesh, 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 all the 40 Assembly Constituencies of Goa, 60 Assembly Constituencies of Manipur, 117 Assembly Constituencies of Punjab, 70 Assembly Constituencies of Uttarakhand and 403 Assembly Constituencies of Uttar Pradesh, as the constituencies in which the votes at the current General Elections to the State Legislative Assemblies of the said States, notified in respect of Goa & Punjab on 11-01-2017 and to be notified on 07.02.2017 & 09.02.2017 in respect of Manipur, on 20-01-2017 in respect of Uttarakhand and on 17-01-2017, 20-01-2017, 24-01-2017, 30-01-2017, 02-02-2017, 07-02-2017 and 09-02-2017 in respect of Uttar Pradesh, 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

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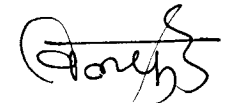
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प्रतिनिधित्व अधिनियम, 1951 की धारा 61 क में यह उपबधित है कि मतदान मशीनों द्वारा मत ऐसी रीति से दिए और रिकॉर्ड किए जाएंगे जैसा कि भारत निर्वाचन आयोग ऐसे निर्वाचन क्षेत्रों के लिए प्रत्येक मामले की परिस्थितियों को ध्यान में रखते हुए निर्दिष्ट करें ; और

2. यतः आयोग ने गोवा में 40 विधान सभा निर्वाचन क्षेत्रों, मणिपुर में 60 विधान सभा निर्वाचन क्षेत्रों, पंजाब में 117 विधान सभा निर्वाचन क्षेत्रों, उत्तराखण्ड में 70 एवं उत्तर प्रदेश में 403 विधानसभा निर्वाचन क्षेत्रों की परिस्थितियों पर विचार किया है, और इस बात से संतुष्ट है कि उपर्युक्त विधान सभा निर्वाचन क्षेत्रों में मतदान कराए जाने के लिए पर्याप्त संख्या में इलेक्ट्रॉनिक वोटिंग मशीनें उपलब्ध है । मतदान कर्मचारी इलेक्ट्रॉनिक वोटिंग मशीनों की कार्यप्रणाली से पूर्णतया परिचित है तथा निर्वाचक भी इलेक्ट्रॉनिक वोटिंग मशीनों के संचालन के साथ पूरी तरह परिचित हैं।

3. अतः, अब भारत निर्वाचन आयोग एतद्वारा गोवा में 40 विधान सभा निर्वाचन क्षेत्रों, मणिपुर में 60 विधान सभा निर्वाचन क्षेत्रों, पंजाब में 117 विधान सभा निर्वाचन क्षेत्रों, उत्तराखण्ड में 70 एवं उत्तर प्रदेश में 403 विधानसभा निर्वाचन क्षेत्रों, को ऐसे निर्वाचन क्षेत्रों के रूप में विनिर्दिष्ट करता है, जिसमें 11-01-2017 को गोवा एवं पंजाब, 07-02-2017 & 09-02-2017 को मणिपुर, 20-01-2017 को उत्तराखण्ड, 17-01-2017, 20-01-2017, 24-01-2017, 30-01-2017, 02-02-2017, 07-02-2017 एवं 09-02-2017 में अधिसूचित/ अधिसूचित किए जाने वाले वर्तमान विधान सभा साधारण निर्वाचन में, निर्वाचनों का संचालन नियम, 1961 के अधीन निर्धारित रीति से इलेक्ट्रॉनिक मतदान मशीनों के माध्यम से मत डाले और रिकॉर्ड किए जाएंगे तथा जैसा कि इस विषय पर आयोग द्वारा समय-समय पर अनुपूरक अनुदेश जारी किए जाते हैं ।

आदेश से



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