

**ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA**  
**Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi –110 001**

No. 576/3/EVM/2016/SDR/Vol.I

Dated : 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2016

To

The Chief Electoral Officers of

1. Uttar Pradesh,
2. Madhya Pradesh,
3. Karnataka,
4. Bihar,
5. Telangana,
6. Maharashtra,
7. Punjab,
8. Tripura,

Subject:- Bye-Elections to the State Legislative Assemblies, 2016 – Use of Electronic Voting Machines.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith the Commission's Direction bearing No. 576/3/EVM/2016/SDR/Vol.I, dated 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2016, issued in pursuance of Section 61A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, specifying **14-Muzaffar Nagar, 274-Bikapur and 5-Deoband Assembly Constituencies in Uttar Pradesh, 56-Devadurga (ST), 50- Bidar and 158-Hebbal Assembly Constituencies in Karnataka, 35-Narayankhed Assembly Constituency in Telangana, 65-Maihar Assembly Constituency in Madhya Pradesh, 130- Palghar (ST) Assembly Constituency in Maharashtra, 24-Khadoor Sahib Assembly Constituency in Punjab, 31-Harlakhee Assembly Constituency in Bihar and 42-Amarpur Assembly Constituency in Tripura** as the Constituencies where giving and recording of votes at the current bye-elections to the Legislative Assemblies, **notified on 20-01-2016 (Wednesday)**, 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 instruction 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 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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Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka,  
Bihar, Telangana, Maharashtra,  
Punjab and Tripura

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### DIRECTION

No. 576/3/EVM/2016/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 **14-Muzaffar Nagar, 274-Bikapur and 5-Deoband Assembly Constituencies in Uttar Pradesh, 56-Devadurga (ST), 50-Bidar and 158-Hebbal Assembly Constituencies in Karnataka, 35-Narayankhed Assembly Constituency in Telangana, 65-Maihar Assembly Constituency in Madhya Pradesh, 130-Palghar (ST) Assembly Constituency in Maharashtra, 24-Khadoor Sahib Assembly Constituency in Punjab, 31-Harlakhee Assembly Constituency in Bihar and 42-Amarpur Assembly Constituency in Tripura** and is satisfied that sufficient number of Electronic Voting Machines are available for taking the poll in the above mentioned 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 **14-Muzaffar Nagar, 274-Bikapur and 5-Deoband Assembly Constituencies in Uttar Pradesh, 56-Devadurga (ST), 50-Bidar and 158-Hebbal Assembly Constituencies in Karnataka, 35-Narayankhed Assembly Constituency in Telangana, 65-Maihar Assembly Constituency in Madhya Pradesh, 130-Palghar (ST) Assembly Constituency in Maharashtra, 24-Khadoor Sahib Assembly Constituency in Punjab, 31-Harlakhee Assembly Constituency in Bihar and 42-Amarpur Assembly of Constituency in Tripura** as the Constituencies in which the votes at the current bye-elections to the Legislative Assemblies from the said Constituencies **notified on 20-01-2016(Wednesday)**, 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

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बिहार, तेलंगाना, महाराष्ट्र, पंजाब, और  
त्रिपुरा राज्यों के शासकीय  
राजपत्र में प्रकाशनार्थ ।

## भारत निर्वाचन आयोग

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### निदेश

संख्या 576/3/ई.वी.एम./2016/एस.डी.आर/खण्ड-1:- यतः लोक प्रतिनिधित्व अधिनियम, 1951 की धारा 61क में यह उपबंधित है कि मतदान मशीनों द्वारा मत ऐसी रीति से डाले और रिकॉर्ड किए जाएंगे जैसा कि भारत निर्वाचन आयोग ऐसे निर्वाचन क्षेत्रों के लिए प्रत्येक मामले की विशिष्ट परिस्थितियों को ध्यान में रखते हुए निर्दिष्ट करे; तथा

2. यतः आयोग ने उत्तर प्रदेश के 14-मुजफ्फर नगर, 274-बीकापुर एवं 5-देवबन्द विधान सभा निर्वाचन क्षेत्रों, कर्नाटक के 56-देवदुर्ग (अ.ज.जा.), 50-बीदर एवं 158-हेब्ल विधान सभा निर्वाचन क्षेत्रों, तेलंगाना के 35-नारायणखेड विधान सभा निर्वाचन क्षेत्र, मध्य प्रदेश के 65-मैहर विधान सभा क्षेत्र, महाराष्ट्र के 130-पालघर (अ.ज.जा.) विधान सभा क्षेत्र, पंजाब के 24-खाडूर साहिब विधान सभा क्षेत्र, बिहार के 31-हरलाखी विधान सभा क्षेत्र और त्रिपुरा के 42-अमरपुर विधान सभा क्षेत्र की परिस्थितियों पर विचार किया है, और वह संतुष्ट है कि उपर्युक्त विधान सभा निर्वाचन क्षेत्रों में मतदान के लिए पर्याप्त संख्या में इलैक्ट्रॉनिक वोटिंग मशीनें उपलब्ध हैं, तथा मतदान कर्मचारी इलैक्ट्रॉनिक वोटिंग मशीनों को दक्षतापूर्ण संचालन करने के लिए प्रशिक्षित हैं तथा निर्वाचक भी इलैक्ट्रॉनिक वोटिंग मशीनों की कार्यप्रणाली से पूर्णतया परिचित है।

3. अतः, अब, भारत निर्वाचन आयोग एतदद्वारा उत्तर प्रदेश के 14-मुजफ्फर नगर, 274-बीकापुर एवं 5-देवबन्द विधान सभा निर्वाचन क्षेत्रों, कर्नाटक के 56-देवदुर्ग (अ.ज.जा.), 50-बीदर एवं 158-हेब्ल विधान सभा निर्वाचन क्षेत्रों, तेलंगाना के 35-नारायणखेड विधान सभा निर्वाचन क्षेत्र, मध्य प्रदेश के 65-मैहर विधान सभा क्षेत्र, महाराष्ट्र के 130-पालघर (अ.ज.जा.) विधान सभा क्षेत्र,, पंजाब के 24-खाडूर साहिब विधान सभा क्षेत्र, बिहार के 31-हरलाखी विधान सभा क्षेत्र और त्रिपुरा के 42-अमरपुर विधान सभा क्षेत्र निर्वाचन क्षेत्र को ऐसे निर्वाचन क्षेत्रों के रूप में उल्लिखित करता है, जिसमें 20-01-2016 (बुधवार) को उक्त राज्यों में अधिसूचित किए गए विधान सभा के वर्तमान उप-निर्वाचनों में, निर्वाचनों का संचालन नियम, 1961 के अधीन निर्धारित रीति से इलैक्ट्रॉनिक 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 गए हैं।

आदेश से,

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