

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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PRESS-NOTE

Sub: Clarification on Dholpur bye poll.

A section of media has reported that 18 EVMs malfunctioned during Dholpur, Rajasthan bye-poll held on 9th April 2017. The reports also say that the votes given to one party were going to another party.

In this connection the report has been sought from Chief Electoral Officer of Rajasthan and CEO has confirmed that only 2 EVMs out of 231 deployed have been changed due to some snag during the poll process, which is less than 1 percent.

The Chief Electoral Officer has also informed that no complaint of mismatch in the voting has been reported from anywhere by any voter or candidate/political party during the entire polling period.

It is also clarified that the ECI does not have constitutional mandate to conduct rural and urban local bodies' elections.

In the light of above, the reports appeared in a section of media have been found to be incorrect and baseless.



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Director