



भारत निर्वाचन आयोग  
**Election Commission of India**

**By Special Messenger**  
**Vice-Presidential Election-2017**  
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No.481/ECI/INST/FUNC/V.P. E/BIEN/2017

Dated: 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2017

To

The Returning Officer for Vice-Presidential Election-cum-  
Secretary General, Rajya Sabha  
Parliament House,  
New Delhi.

Subject: Vice-Presidential Election, 2017- Maintenance of Secrecy of voting.

Sir,

I am directed to state that the Commission has decided that on the day of poll Presiding Officer will put his full signature along with his seal on the right hand top corner on reverse side of the ballot paper in such a manner that it does not cover any of the instructions printed on the reverse side of the ballot paper or get overlapped with the black paper strip used for the purpose of concealing the serial number of ballot paper. Thereafter before issuing the ballot paper to the elector, it may be pre folded vertically first and then horizontally in such a way that signature of the Presiding Officer on back of the folded ballot paper is visible to him when the elector is putting the ballot paper in the ballot box after marking his vote. It will be the duty of every elector to show the signature of the Presiding Officer on the back of the folded ballot paper, if asked for by the Presiding Officer at the time of inserting the same into the ballot box.

2. The Commission has already issued an instruction vide No. 481/ECI/INST/FUNC/V.P. E/BIEN/2017, dated 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2017, for supply of good quality pens of Violet ink to the electors for marking of votes in the ballot papers which will be supplied by ECI. Returning Officer may take all necessary steps for procurement of all other stationery items for the purpose of conduct of poll in connection with Vice-Presidential Election, 2017.

Yours faithfully,

**(VARINDER KUMAR)**  
**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY**