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Election Commission of India

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi – 110001

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To

The Chief Electoral Officers of
All States and Union Territories.

Subject: - Advisory for Opening and Closing of EVM/VVPAT warehouse – reg.


Sir,

I am directed to refer to **Para 1(e): Transportation of EVMs and VVPATs** of the Commission's letter No. 51/8/7/2017-EMS, dated 30.08.2017 (copy enclosed), wherein it had been instructed that Political Parties shall be informed in advance about opening, stocking and sealing of warehouses while shifting EVMs and VVPATs. It has come to notice of the Commission that in some instances, the representatives of political parties were forced to wait for long periods at the warehouse venue since the arrival of EVM/VVPAT carrying trucks was inordinately delayed due to various reasons. Besides causing inconvenience and wastage of precious time of political parties, such a scenario reflects poorly on the management and efficiency of election machinery at the field level.

The Commission has taken a dim view of these cases and directed that since the movement of the vehicles carrying EVM/VVPAT is tracked through GPS, the warehouse opening should be scheduled keeping the arrival time & expected delays in mind and in case, there is any delay in the arrival of vehicles carrying EVM/VVPAT, the same should be immediately intimated to the representatives of the political parties well in time through Telephone and SMS etc. to avoid unnecessary inconvenience to the party representatives.

You are, therefore, requested to instruct the District Election Officers of your State/UT accordingly.

Yours faithfully,


(Anoop Kumar)
Secretary