

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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To

The Chief Electoral Officers of
All States and Union Territories.

Subject: (i) **Intra-State and Intra-district shifting of EVMs/VVPATs.**
(ii) **Intra-State and Intra-district shifting of FLC-OK EVMs/VVPATs.**

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to state that as per existing practice, Intra-State (inter-district) and Intra-District shifting/movement of EVMs & VVPATs requires permission from the Commission. The Commission has reconsidered the matter regarding Intra-State and Intra-District shifting/movement of EVMs & VVPATs and it has been decided that henceforth the Chief Electoral Officer concerned shall be the competent authority to issue permission for Intra-State(inter-district) and Intra-district shifting of EVMs/VVPATs under intimation to the Commission.

2. However, the Chief Electoral Officers shall ensure that the following instructions shall be strictly followed for Intra-State(inter-district) and Intra-District shifting/movement of EVMs & VVPATs:

- (i) Prior written intimation shall be given to the National and State Recognised Political Parties and acknowledgment obtained.
- (ii) Opening/closing of strong rooms for taking out EVMs/VVPATs and receiving of EVMs/VVPATs shall be done in the presence of the representatives of Political Parties under videography and political parties should be briefed about the purpose of shifting.
- (iii) The list of such EVMs/VVPATs shall be shared with the representatives of Political Parties and acknowledgment shall be obtained.
- (iv) Movement shall be done smoothly to avoid physical damage to EVMs/VVPATs.
- (v) The above shifting shall be done through ETS using mobile app.
- (vi) All extant instructions of the Commission regarding opening/closing of warehouse, transportation and security of EVMs/VVPATs should be scrupulously followed.

3. Apart from the above; the following instructions shall be adhered to in the specific cases, as elaborated -


(a) **In case of Intra-State (inter-district) shifting of FLC completed EVMs/VVPATs:**

- (i) First Level Checking of these EVMs/VVPATs **shall be done de-novo**, in the district where these units are being shifted.
- (ii) During Parliamentary election, if Intra-State shifting of FLC completed EVMs/VVPATs is done within the Parliamentary Constituency (covering more than one district) **BEFORE** first randomization of EVMs/VVPATs, de-novo First Level Checking of the EVMs/VVPATs **shall be done**.
- (iii) However, in case Intra-State shifting (inter-district) of FLC completed EVMs/VVPATs is done within the Parliamentary Constituency (covering more than one district) **AFTER** first randomization of EVMs/VVPATs, First Level Checking of the EVMs/VVPATs is **NOT** required.

(b) **For Intra-district shifting of FLC completed EVMs/VVPATs**

- (i) First Level Checking of these EVMs/VVPATs is not required, subject to the following conditions:-
 - (a) For General Election to State Legislative Assembly, if FLC completed EVMs/VVPATs are shifted from one Assembly Constituency to another Assembly Constituency after first randomization of EVMs/VVPATs, **de-novo First Level Checking of the EVMs/VVPATs shall be done**.
 - (b) For Parliamentary election, if Intra-District shifting of FLC completed EVMs/VVPATs is done from one Parliamentary Constituency to another Parliamentary Constituency after first randomization of EVMs/VVPATs, **de-novo First Level Checking of the EVMs/VVPATs shall be done**.
- (ii) In case of simultaneous elections to Assembly and Parliamentary constituencies, First Level Checking of EVMs/VVPATs shall be conducted, if EVMs/VVPATs pertaining to Assembly election are required to be used in Parliamentary constituency or vice-versa.

Yours faithfully,


(Anoop Kumar)
Secretary