

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA
NIRVACHAN SADAN, ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI-110001

No.51/8/VVPAT/2017-EMS

Dated: 19th September, 2017

To

The Chief Electoral Officers of
all States and Union Territories.

Subject: Universal use of Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) with EVM in all future General and Bye-elections to the State Legislative Assemblies and Lok Sabha at all polling stations regarding.

Sir,

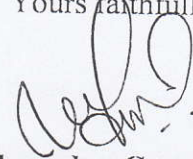
The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its order, dated 08.10.2013 in the Civil Appeal No. 9093 of 2013, permitted the ECI to introduce VVPATs in gradual stages in the general elections and further added that the area, State or actual booth (s) are to be decided by the ECI and the ECI is free to implement the same in phased manner. Since August 2013, VVPATs are being used with EVMs continuously, in selected constituencies, as per the availability of VVPATs. In the meeting of political parties held on 12th May, 2017, the Commission announced 100% coverage of VVPATs in all future election to Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies.

Now, the Commission has directed that henceforth, VVPAT shall be used with EVMs at all the polling stations in all the future Elections to the Parliament and State Legislative Assemblies conducted using EVMs.

You are, therefore, requested to ensure that VVPATs shall be used with EVMs, in all polling stations, during General and Bye-elections to the State Legislative Assemblies and Lok Sabha.

The above direction of the Commission shall be brought to the notice of all concerned.

Yours faithfully,



(Madhusudan Gupta)
Under Secretary