

# ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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No.51/8/16/4/2018-EMS

Dated: 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2018

To

1. The Chief Electoral Officers of All States/ Union Territories.
2. The Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Bharat Electronics Limited, Nagavara, Outer Ring Road, Bangalore-560045, Karnataka
3. The Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Electronics Corporation of India Limited, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh.

**Subject: First Level Checking of EVMs/VVPATs -- Regarding.**

Sir,

I am directed to invite your attention to the Commission's letter Nos. 51/8/16/4/2017-EMS, dated 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2017, 51/8/3/2018-EMS, dated 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2018 (*States/UTs to whom M3 EVMs and M3 VVPATs are allocated*), 51/8/16/4/2018-EMS, dated 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 (*States/UTs to whom M2 or M2-M3 VVPATs are allocated*) regarding instructions on First Level Checking of EVMs and VVPATs and to clarify that -

- a. First Level Checking (FLC) of EVMs and VVPATs shall be held separately;
- b. FLC of EVMs shall be started without waiting for complete delivery of VVPATs.
- c. Mock Poll in 5% of EVMs during FLC i.e. mock-poll in 1% of EVMs of 1200 votes, in 2% of EVMs of 1000 votes and in 2% of EVMs of 500 votes shall be done using VVPATs. After the mock-poll, the printed ballot slips of each VVPAT printer shall be counted to compare the result, independent of the electronic result in the CU, and the result of the printed ballot slips shall be tallied with the electronic result of CU. The tally should be shown to the representatives of political parties present in the FLC.

For this purpose, it shall be ensured that atleast 25 VVPATs are made available at each of the districts, where FLC of EVMs is to be conducted.

Yours faithfully,



(Madhusudan Gupta)  
Under Secretary