

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

No. 51/8/6/2018-EMS

Dated: 21st June, 2018

To

The Chief Electoral Officers of
All States and Union Territories.

Subject: Storage and Safety arrangements of EVMs & VVPATs – Not to keep other election related materials in EVM/VVPAT warehouses/strong rooms-regarding.

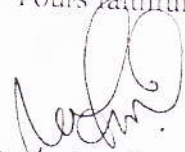
Sir/Madam,

I am directed to state that in spite of clear instructions of the Commission to keep unused EVMs and unused VVPATs in separate strong room other than strong room where polled EVMs/VVPATs are stored after poll or counting of votes, it has come to notice of the Commission that not only unused EVMs and VVPATs but also other election related materials are kept in the strong room where polled EVMs/VVPATs are stored after poll or counting of votes. The Commission has taken serious note in this regard.

The Commission has directed that unused EVMs and VVPATs including training/awareness EVMs and VVPATs and EVMs and VVPATs replaced prior to the start of actual polls and other miscellaneous election related materials should NOT be kept in the Strong Room where polled EVMs and polled VVPATs are kept after poll and counting of votes.

You are, accordingly, requested to ensure the compliance of the above direction of the Commission. Any deviation from the above direction of the Commission shall be viewed seriously.

Yours faithfully,



(Madhusudan Gupta)
Under Secretary