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**ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA**  
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No.51/8/16/4/2018-EMS

Dated: 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2018

To

The Chief Electoral Officer of  
All States/UTs.

Subject: Repairing of defective EVMs- regarding.

Sir,

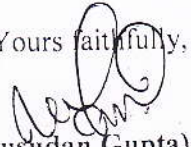
I am directed to refer to the Commission's letter No. 51/8/16/4/2013-EMS, dated 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2013 whereby the Commission has approved that manufacturer should charge the actual cost of the component replaced plus Rs. 200/- towards labour cost and taxes, as applicable for each BU and CU repaired at factory. The Commission has received references from the States for clarifying whether the States have to pay the bill for repairing of the EVMs which they had sent to the factory but not received back by them from the factory and some of the State have also raised issue regarding non existence of budget Head for "Maintenance of the EVMs".

The Commission has considered the matter and directed that :

1. The payment for repairing of all defective EVMs & VVPATs whether the State/UT have received back or not after repairing, shall be made by the sender States.
2. The State/UT where no specific Head for meeting the expenses on repairs/maintenance of EVMs & VVPATs exists they may create necessary sub head viz. "Maintenance of EVMs" for the purpose in consultation with the State Government.

You are, therefore, requested to take action in the matter, accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Madhusudan Gupta)  
Under Secretary

Copy forwarded to :

1. The Chief Electoral Officer, Bihar for information and necessary action with reference to their letter No. ईआर 04/2014 (ईवीएम)/850, दिनांक 27 जून, 2018.
2. The Chief Electoral Officer, Odisha for information and necessary action with reference to their letter No. VI (A) &33/2016&4847, dated 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2018