

# ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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No.51/8/VVPAT/2017-EVM

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To

The Chief Electoral Officers of  
All States and Union Territories.

**Subject: Counting of Printed Paper Slips of VVPATs in case of non-retrieval of result from the Control Unit – regarding.**

Sir/Madam,

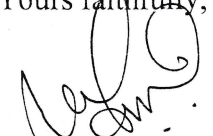
I am directed to refer to para 17.4.6 of Chapter 17 (*Instructions Relating to Counting*) of 'Manual on Electronic Voting Machine and VVPAT' (January 2017), wherein it has been mentioned that "In case, it is not possible to retrieve the result from the CU even after using printer, as instructed in para 17.4.4, the printed paper slips, where VVPAT is used, of the respective VVPAT to be counted ....."

The Commission has already directed to use VVPAT at every polling station in all elections to the House of the People and State Legislative Assemblies. Hence, in case of non-retrieval of result from any Control Unit, the printed paper slips of the respective VVPAT shall be counted, as per counting procedure prescribed by the Commission, for counting of printed paper slips.

A report regarding counting of printed ballot slips of VVPAT is to be sent to the Commission in the following format through Chief Electoral Officer concerned for information.

S. No.	No. & Name of Assembly Constituency	Polling Station No.	Unit ID of Control Unit from which result could not be retrieved	Unit ID of VVPAT	Total No. of votes recorded in EVM as per Item 6 in Part-I of Form-17C	Total No. of printed ballot slips taken out of the drop box(es)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Yours faithfully,

  
(Madhusudan Gupta)  
Under Secretary