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### GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (ELECTIONS.F) DEPARTMENT

Memo No.217/Elecs.F/2014-35

Dated:11.5.2014.

Sub:- Counting of votes for General / Bye-elections to the House of the People / State Legislative Assemblies - Clarifications - Communicated - Reg.

Ref:- E.C.I. Lr.No.470/INST/2014-EPS, dt.10.5.2014.

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A copy of the reference cited is communicated to all the Collectors and District Election Officers and the Commissioner, G.H.M.C. & D.E.O., Hyderabad and they are requested to follow the "Clarifications regarding Counting of Votes" issued by the ECI in the reference cited.

This clarification shall also be communicated to all the Returning Officers / Assistant Returning Officers / Observers and all concerned for compliance.

V.VENKATESWARA RAO, ADDITIONAL CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, Andhra Pradesh.

To

All the District Collectors & D.E.Os (w.e.)

The Commissioner, G.H.M.C., & D.E.O., Hyderabad (w.e)

#### Copy to:

All the Returning Officers of Parliamentary & Assembly Constituencies (w.e) through the D.E.Os., concerned.

All the Observers **through** the D.E.Os., concerned.

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## **ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA**

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No. 470/INST/2014-EPS

Dated:10<sup>th</sup> May, 2014

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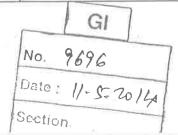
The Chief Electoral Officers of all States and UTs.

Sub: Counting of votes for General/Bye-elections to the House of People/State Legislative Assembly – Clarifications regarding.

Sir/Madam,

The Commission has received certain doubts/questions from CEOs/ROs during the Video Conference on counting process held on 09.05.2014. The doubts expressed and clarification on each of the issues is given below for facility of reference by all concerned:

S.No.	Doubts/Questions	Clarifications
1.	The round-wise tabulation is to be	The intention behind randomly selection of
	signed by the Observer as well as	two EVMs and counting votes in these EVMs
	the RO. In addition, the observer	in every round, is to crosscheck the correctness
8" :	has to randomly cross check the	of counting and to ascertain once again
	correctness of counting by randomly	counting of votes polled by each candidate,
	selecting two EVMs and counting	before countersigning the round-wise
8	votes in them. Who will cross check	tabulation. For this purpose, the mirco-
	the correctness of counting and sign	observers/ additional staff prepare the format
-	round-wise tabulation of those	and bring the same for signing of Observer.
	counting halls where the observer in	
2	not present, in the case counting is	The Commission has considered the matter
	being taken place in more than one	and has decided that in case the observer is
	hall?	allotted to look after counting in more than one
		hall/AC, the mirco-observers attached to the
30		observer in each hall and who are preparing
		the round-wise tabulation format of randomly
>		selected two EVMs, may be authorized to
		crosscheck the randomly selected EVMs and



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f		sign the round-wise tabulation format on
		behalf of the observers in their absence. The
		Observer will countersign the same thereafter
		immediately.
2.	Some CEOs and ROs have	As per ECI norms, ideally not more than 500
	requested to allow counting of	PBs are to be counted on RO's table. In case of
		large number of PBs, the ROs can put more
	/ enclosures / areas considering the	
	large numbers of PBs being	availability of space in the counting halls.
	received and over-crowding of halls	
	due to presence of candidates, their	The Commission has considered the matter
	agents, counting staff, RO/ARO,	and has decided that, in such peculiar
•	observers, etc. during the counting	scenarios, if there is shortage of space for
	of PBs.	keeping more than 3 or 4 tables and the
		number of PBs received is very high, the RO
		can make arrangement for a separate hall
		adjacent to counting hall for counting of postal
		ballot papers.

2. This may be brought to the notice of all concerned accordingly

Yours faithfully,