

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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Under Secretary

No. 51/8/VVPAT/2017-EMS

Dated: 3rd November, 2017

To

The Chief Electoral Officers of
All States and Union Territories.

Subject: Instructions on use of EVMs with Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail system (VVPAT) -
Regarding.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to sub-para-(a) of para-7 of the Commission's letter of even number, dated 16th October, 2017, under the heading "Action in case of certain contingencies during poll", on the subject cited, which is reproduced as under:

"a. In case the CU or the BU does not work properly, replacement of the whole EVM including CU, BU and VVPAT is required. No mock poll is required to be taken."

A clarification has been sought that in case during Commissioning of EVMs & VVPATs, Dispersal of Polling Parties or during Mock-Poll at polling station any BU or CU does not work properly, whether the complete set of BU, CU & VVPAT is to be replaced or only the unit concerned i.e. BU or CU.

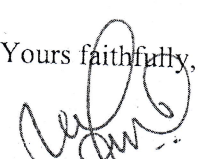
In this regard it is clarified that in case any BU or CU does not work properly during commissioning of EVMs & VVPATs, dispersal of Polling Parties or during Mock-Poll at polling station, the following action shall be taken —

- i) In case the BU does not work properly, **only the defective BU is to be replaced** from reserve BU.
- ii) In case the CU does not work properly, **only the defective CU is to be replaced** from reserve **CU**.

The list of replaced BU, CU or VVPATs shall be provided to the contesting candidates or their election agents and necessary entries shall be made in the ETS.

The above instructions shall be brought to the notice of all concerned.

Yours faithfully,


(Madhusudan Gupta)

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1. The Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Bharat Electronics Limited, Bangalore, Karnataka.
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