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ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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No. 51/8/VVPAT/2018/EMS

Dated: 1st March, 2018

To

The Chief Electoral Officers of
all States and Union Territories.

Subject: Instruction of use of Electronic Voting Machines (EVM) with Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) system-regarding.

Ref. 1. Commission's letter No. 51/8/VVPAT/2017-EMS, dated 05/12/2017
2. Commission's letter No. 51/8/VVPAT/2017-EMS, dated 20/12/2017
3. Commission's letter No. 51/8/VVPAT-INST/2018-EMS, dated 13/2/2018

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the Commission's letters cited under references and to state that the some of the States have sought some clarifications regarding counting of votes:

1. In case counting of votes of VVPAT paper slips in respect of those polling stations where more than one VVPAT were used, is required to be done, in such case whether VVPAT paper slips of each VVPAT will be counted one by one or by mixing VVPAT paper slips of all VVPATs used in that particular polling station.
2. whether for mandatory verification of VVPAT Paper Slips of randomly selected one polling station of each Assembly Constituency/one polling station of each Assembly Segment of Parliamentary Constituency, the polling station(s) whose VVPAT paper slips have already been counted due to non-display of result from Control Unit (s) or under Rule 56(D) of the Conduct of Elections Rules 1961 are also to be included for randomization or not.

In this regard it is clarified that

- i) In case counting of votes of VVPAT paper slips in respect of those polling stations where more than one VVPAT were used, is required to be done, in such case VVPAT paper slips of each VVPAT will be counted separately, one by one and result of each VVPAT will be entered in the attached Annexure-VII (separate Annexure-VII shall be used for each VVPAT) attached to Form 17C. Thereafter, a Final Result sheet shall be prepared by combining all results of that particular polling station and the same shall also to be attached to Form 17C.

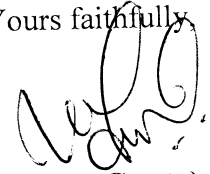


NOTE: Annexure-VII of the Commission's letter No. 51/8/VVPAT/2017-EMS, dated 05/12/2017 shall be treated as withdrawn. Henceforth, revised Annexure-VII attached with this instruction shall be used.

- ii) For mandatory verification of VVPAT Paper Slips of randomly selected one polling station of each Assembly Constituency/one polling station of each Assembly Segment of Parliamentary Constituency, the polling station(s) whose VVPAT paper slips have already been counted due to non-display of result from Control Unit (s) or under Rule 56(D) of the Conduct of Elections Rules 1961 or whatsoever the reasons, will not be included for randomization for that purpose.

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

Yours faithfully,



(Madhusudan Gupta)
Under Secretary

ANNEXURE TO PART-II OF FORM 17-C

RESULT OF PRINTED PAPER COUNT

Polling Station No. _____

Total number of VVPATs used: _____

Unique ID of VVPAT : _____

Sl.No. of candidate	Name of candidate	Number of votes as per count of Printed Paper Slip of VVPAT	Number of test votes to be deducted as per item 5 of Part I	Number of valid votes. (3-4)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Total

Whether the total number of votes shown above tallies with the total number of votes shown against item 6 of Part I or any discrepancy noticed between the two totals.(YES/NO)

Place.....

Date.....

Signature of Counting Supervisor

Name of candidate/election agent/counting agent

Full signature

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.

Place.....

Date.....

Signature of Returning Officer

