

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, TELANGANA
South 'H' Block, Secretariat, Hyderabad – 500 022.

Memo.No.2742/Elecs.A/A3/2018-1,

Dated:09.11.2018

Sub:General Elections'2018 to TSLA – Use of Electronic
Voting Machines and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit
Trails – Public in the Telangana Gazette Extraordinary
issue – Request - Reg.

Ref:From the ECI Lr.No. 576/3/EVM/ECI/LET/FUNC /JUD/
SDR/2018/625, dt.01.11.2018.

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A copy of the Direction of Election Commission of India regarding use of Electronic Voting Machines and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail in connection with the General Elections'2018 to Legislative Assembly of Telangana State is sent herewith to the Commissioner of Printing, Stationary and Stores Purchase (Printing Wing) Department, Telangana, Hyderabad. He is requested to publish the same in the Telangana Gazette, Part-V – Extraordinary issue immediately and send (50) copies thereof after its publication.

Dr. RAJAT KUMAR
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER &
E.O. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVT.

To
The Commissioner,
Printing, Stationary and Stores Purchase
(Printing Wing) Department, Telangana, Hyderabad (w.e)
Copy to:
All the Collector & District Election Officers of Telangana (w.e)
All the Returning Officers of Assembly Constituencies of Telangana (w.e)
through the District Election Officers of Telangana.
SC/SF.

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SECTION OFFICER

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi -110 001

No. 576/3/EVM/ECI/LET/FUNC/JUD/SDR/2018

Dated: 1st November, 2018

To,

The Chief Electoral Officers of

1. Chhattisgarh
2. Madhya Pradesh
3. Rajasthan
4. Mizoram
5. Telangana



Subject: - General Elections to the Legislative Assembly of Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Mizoram & Telangana, 2018. - Use of Electronic Voting Machines and VVPAT.

Sir,

No: 3866
Date: 05/11/18
Section 90

I am directed to forward herewith the Commission's Direction bearing No. 576/3/EVM/ECI/LET/FUNC/JUD/SDR/2018, dated 1st November, 2018, issued in pursuance of Section 61A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, specifying **all the 90 Assembly Constituencies of Chhattisgarh, 230 Assembly Constituencies in Madhya Pradesh, 200 Assembly Constituencies in Rajasthan, 40 Assembly Constituencies in Mizoram and 119 Assembly Constituencies in Telangana**, as the Constituencies where giving and recording of votes at the current **General Elections to the Legislative Assemblies of Chhattisgarh notified on 16.10.2018 & 26.10.2018, Madhya Pradesh to be notified on 02.11.2018, Rajasthan to be notified on 12.11.2018, Mizoram to be notified on 02.11.2018 & Telangana to be notified on 12.11.2018**, shall be by means of Electronic Voting Machines. The Commission has also specified that in the aforesaid Constituencies a Printer with a drop box shall be attached to all voting machines being used in the said constituencies for printing Paper Trail of the vote. The Direction may be published in the Official Gazette of the State immediately and two copies of the Gazette may be forwarded to the Commission for its information and record.

2. I am further directed to invite your attention to the Rules 49A, 49B, 49P and 49T(2) of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, relating to the designs of voting machines, form and

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language(s) of the ballot paper on the balloting unit, design and language of tendered ballot paper and the manner of sealing of voting machines after the poll. The related instruction in this regard contained in Chapter-XI, 'Postal Ballot Papers and Ballot Papers for Voting Machines', of Returning Officers' Handbook, 2014 edition may kindly be followed. Attention is also invited to the instructions regarding use of VVPAT system and sealing of the paper slip after counting is completed.

3 The above mentioned instructions may be brought to the notice of the Returning Officers of the Constituencies concerned for their information and compliance.

4. The aforesaid decision of the Commission may also be given wide publicity.

5. As regards counting of votes, your attention is invited to the provisions of Rules 50 to 54A, 60 to 66A and 55C to 57C of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, and also the Commission's detailed directions and instructions relating to counting of votes as contained in Chapter XV of the Returning Officers' Handbook, 2014 (where EVMs are used) and the other supplementary instructions issued on the subject, from time to time. The Returning Officers should be instructed to follow the said directions and instructions scrupulously.

6. Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,



(Binod Kumar)
Under Secretary

To be published in the Official
Gazette of the States immediately.

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA
Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi – 110001.

Dated : 1st November, 2018.

DIRECTION

No.576/3/EVM/ECI/LET/FUNC/JUD/SDR/2018:- Whereas, Section 61A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, provides that the giving and recording of votes by Voting Machines in such manner as may be prescribed, may be adopted in such constituency or constituencies as the Election Commission of India may, having regard to the circumstances of each case, specify; and

2. Whereas, as per the proviso to Rule 49A of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, a Printer with a drop box of such design, as may be approved by the Election Commission of India, may also be attached to voting machine for printing a paper trail of the vote, in such constituency or constituencies or parts thereof as the Election Commission of India may direct; and

3. Whereas, the Commission has considered the circumstances in **all the 90 Assembly Constituencies of Chhattisgarh, 230 Assembly Constituencies in Madhya Pradesh, 200 Assembly Constituency in Rajasthan, 40 Assembly Constituencies in Mizoram and 119 Assembly Constituencies in Telangana**, in connection with General Elections to the Legislative Assemblies of the respective States, schedule for which was announced by the Commission on 06-10-2018, and the Commission is satisfied that sufficient number of Electronic Voting Machines and Printers for printing Paper Trail [Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail(VVPAT)]are available for taking the poll in the abovementioned Assembly Constituencies, the polling personnel are well trained in efficient handling of the Electronic Voting Machines and Printers for Paper Trail (hereafter referred to as 'VVPAT Printers') and the electors are also fully conversant with the operation of the Electronic Voting Machines and the VVPAT Printers;

4. Now, therefore, the Election Commission of India, in exercise of its powers under the said Section 61A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, and Rule 49A of the Conduct of

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Elections Rules, 1961, hereby specifies **all the 90 Assembly Constituencies of Chhattisgarh, 230 Assembly Constituencies in Madhya Pradesh, 200 Assembly Constituencies in Rajasthan, 40 Assembly Constituencies in Mizoram and 119 Assembly Constituencies in Telangana,** as the constituencies in which the votes at the **current general elections to the Legislative Assembly of Chhattisgarh notified on 16.10.2018 & 26.10.2018, Madhya Pradesh to be notified on 02.11.2018, Rajasthan to be notified on 12.11.2018, Mizoram to be notified on 02.11.2018 & Telangana to be notified on 12.11.2018,** shall be given and recorded by means of Electronic Voting Machines and VVPAT printers in the manner prescribed, under the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, and the supplementary instructions issued by the Commission from time to time on the subject.

5. The Commission also hereby approves the design of the Electronic Voting Machine and the Printer with the drop box (the VVPAT Printers) as developed by the Bharat Electronics Ltd., Bangalore and Electronics Corporation of India Ltd., Hyderabad, which shall be attached to the said machines, to be used for the giving and recording of votes in all the Assembly Constituencies.

By Order,



(K.F. Wilfred)
Sr.Pr.SECRETARY

भारत निर्वाचन आयोग

निर्वाचन सदन, अशोक रोड, नई दिल्ली - 110001

तारीख- 1 नवम्बर, 2018

निदेश

सं.576/3/ईवीएम/ईसीआई/पत्र/प्रकार्या./न्या./एसडीआर//2018:- यतः, लोक प्रतिनिधित्व अधिनियम, 1951 की धारा 61क यह उपबंधित करती है कि वोटिंग मशीनों द्वारा मतों का डाला जाना और रिकार्ड करना ऐसी रीति से किया जाए जैसा कि निर्धारित किया जाए और ऐसे निर्वाचन क्षेत्र या निर्वाचन क्षेत्रों में अपनाया जाए जैसा कि भारत निर्वाचन आयोग द्वारा प्रत्येक मामले की परिस्थितियों को ध्यान में रखते हुए विनिर्दिष्ट करे; और

2. यतः, निर्वाचनों का संचालन नियम, 1961 के नियम 49क के परन्तुक के अनुसार, ऐसे डिजाइन वाले ड्राप बॉक्स सहित एक प्रिंटर, जैसा कि भारत निर्वाचन आयोग द्वारा अनुमोदित किया जाए, ऐसे निर्वाचन क्षेत्र या निर्वाचन क्षेत्रों या उसके भागों में जैसा कि भारत निर्वाचन आयोग द्वारा, निदेश दिया जाए, मतों के पेपर ट्रेल के मुद्रण के लिए मतदान मशीन के साथ जोड़ा जाए; और

3. यतः आयोग ने छत्तीसगढ़ राज्य में 90 विधान सभा निर्वाचन क्षेत्रों, मध्य प्रदेश में 230 विधानसभा निर्वाचन क्षेत्रों, राजस्थान में 200 विधान सभा निर्वाचन क्षेत्रों, मिजोरम में 40 विधान सभा निर्वाचन क्षेत्रों एवं तेलंगाना में 119 विधान सभा निर्वाचन क्षेत्रों, जिसमें आयोग द्वारा दिनांक 06.10.2018 को घोषित किए गए संबंधित राज्यों की विधान सभाओं के साधारण निर्वाचन की परिस्थितियों पर विचार किया है, और वह संतुष्ट है कि उपर्युक्त विधान सभा निर्वाचन क्षेत्रों में मतदान के लिए पर्याप्त संख्या में इलेक्ट्रॉनिक वोटिंग मशीनें तथा पेपर ट्रेल के लिए प्रिंटर एवं वोटर वरिफायबल पेपर आडिट ट्रेल(वी वी पी ए टी) उपलब्ध हैं, तथा मतदान कर्मचारी इलेक्ट्रॉनिक वोटिंग मशीनों तथा पेपर ट्रेल (इसमें इसके उपरन्त 'वी वी पी ए टी' के रूप में सन्दर्भित) के लिए प्रिंटर को दक्षतापूर्ण संचालन करने के लिए प्रशिक्षित हैं तथा निर्वाचक भी इलेक्ट्रॉनिक वोटिंग मशीनों और उक्त प्रिंटर्स की कार्यप्रणाली से पूर्णतया परिचित है।

4. अतः, अब भारत निर्वाचन आयोग लोक प्रतिनिधित्व अधिनियम, 1951 की उक्त धारा 61क तथा निर्वाचनों का संचालन नियम, 1961 के नियम 49क के अंतर्गत अपनी शक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुए एतद्वारा छत्तीसगढ़ राज्य में 90 विधान सभा निर्वाचन क्षेत्रों, मध्य प्रदेश में 230 विधानसभा निर्वाचन क्षेत्रों, राजस्थान में 200 विधान सभा निर्वाचन क्षेत्रों, मिजोरम में 40 विधान सभा निर्वाचन क्षेत्रों एवं तेलंगाना में

119 विधान सभा निर्वाचन क्षेत्रों को ऐसे निर्वाचन क्षेत्र के रूप में विनिर्दिष्ट करता है, जिसमें उक्त निर्वाचन-क्षेत्रों से संबंधित छत्तीसगढ़ में दिनांक 16.10.2018 & 26.10.2018 को अधिसूचित, मध्य प्रदेश में 02.11.2018 को अधिसूचित होने वाले, राजस्थान में 12.11.2018 को अधिसूचित होने वाले, मिजोरम में 02.11.2018 को अधिसूचित होने वाले एवं तेलंगाना में 12.11.2018 को अधिसूचित होने वाले विधान सभाओं के चालू साधारण निर्वाचनों में, निर्वाचनों का संचालन नियम, 1961 के अधीन निर्धारित रीति से तथा जैसा कि इस विषय पर आयोग द्वारा समय-समय पर अनुपूरक अनुदेश जारी किए गए हैं, इलेक्ट्रॉनिक मतदान मशीनों तथा उक्त वी वी पी ए टी प्रिंटर के माध्यम से मत डाले और रिकॉर्ड किए जाएंगे।

5. आयोग एतद्वारा भारत इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स लिमिटेड, बंगलौर तथा इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स कॉर्पोरेशन आफ इण्डिया लिमिटेड, हैदराबाद द्वारा यथा-विकसित इलेक्ट्रॉनिक वोटिंग मशीन और वी वी पी ए टी प्रिंटर में ड्रॉप बॉक्स सहित प्रिंटर, जिसे उक्त वोटिंग मशीनों के साथ संलग्न किया जाएगा, के डिजाइन को भी अनुमोदित करता है जिनका उपर्युक्त विधान सभा निर्वाचन क्षेत्रों में मतों को डालने और रिकॉर्ड करने के लिए उपयोग किया जाएगा।

आदेश से,



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