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Sub:Elections – Intra-State and Intra-District shifting of EVMs/VVPATs and Intra-State and Intra District shifting of FLC-OK EVMs/VVPATs – Communicated - Reg.

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A copy of the reference cited is herewith communicated to the Commissioner, GHMC & District Election Officer, Hyderabad and all the Collectors & District Election Officers and they are requested to go through the instructions issued by the Commission and to take necessary action in the matter.

BUDDHAPRAKASH JYOTI ADDL. CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

To
The Commissioner, GHMC & District Election Officer, Hyderabad (w.e)
All the Collectors & District Election Officers of Telangana (w.e)
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ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

NIRVACHAN SADAN, ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI-110001

No.51/8/6/2018-EMS

Dated: 28th September, 2018



The Chief Electoral Officers of All States and Union Territories.

- (i) Intra-State and Intra-district shifting of EVMs/VVPATs.
- (ii) Intra-State and Intra-district shifting of FLC-OK EVMs/VVPATs.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to state that as per existing practice, Intra-State (inter-district) and Intra-District shifting/movement of EVMs & VVPATs requires permission from the Commission. Commission has reconsidered the matter regarding Intra-State and Intra-District shifting/movement of EVMs & VVPATs and it has been decided that henceforth the Chief Officer concerned shall be the competent authority to issue permission for Intra-State (inter-district) and Intra-district shifting of EVMs/VVPATs under intimation to the Commission.

However, the Chief Electoral Officers shall ensure that the following instructions shall be strictly followed for Intra-State(inter-district) and Intra-District shifting/movement of EVMs & VVPATs:

- - Prior written intimation shall be given to the National and State Recognised (i) Political Parties and acknowledgment obtained.
 - Opening/closing of strong rooms for taking out EVMs/VVPATs and (ii) receiving of EVMs/VVPATs shall be done in the presence of the representatives of Political Parties under videography and political parties should be briefed about the purpose of shifting.
 - The list of such EVMs/VVPATs shall be shared with the representatives of (iii) Political Parties and acknowledgment shall be obtained.
 - Movement shall be done smoothly to avoid physical damage to (iv) EVMs/VVPATs.
 - The above shifting shall be done through ETS using mobile app. (v)
 - (vi) All extant instructions of the Commission regarding opening/closing of warehouse, transportation and security of EVMs/VVPATs should be scrupulously followed.

3. Apart from the above; the following instructions shall be adheared to in the specific cases, as elaborated -

(a) In case of Intra-State (inter-district) shifting of FLC completed EVMs/VVPATs:

- (i) First Level Checking of these EVMs/VVPATs shall be done de-novo, in the district where these units are being shifted.
- (ii) During Parliamentary election, if Intra-State shifting of FLC completed EVMs/VVPATs is done within the Parliamentary Constituency (covering more than one district) **BEFORE** first randomization of EVMs/VVPATs, de-novo First Level Checking of the EVMs/VVPATs **shall be done**.
- (iii) However, in case Intra-State shifting (inter-district) of FLC completed EVMs/VVPATs is done within the Parliamentary Constituency (covering more than one district) <u>AFTER</u> first randomization of EVMs/VVPATs, First Level Checking of the EVMs/VVPATs is <u>NOT</u> required.

(b) For Intra-district shifting of FLC completed EVMs/VVPATs

- (i) First Level Checking of these EVMs/VVPATs is not required, subject to the following conditions:-
 - (a) For General Election to State Legislative Assembly, if FLC completed EVMs/VVPATs are shifted from one Assembly Constituency to another Assembly Constituency after first randomization of EVMs/VVPATs, denovo First Level Checking of the EVMs/VVPATs shall be done.
 - (b) For Parliamentary election, if Intra-District shifting of FLC completed EVMs/VVPATs is done from one Parliamentary Constituency to another Parliamentary Constituency after first randomization of EVMs/VVPATs, de-novo First Level Checking of the EVMs/VVPATs shall be done.
- (ii) In case of simultaneous elections to Assembly and Parliamentary constituencies, First Level Checking of EVMs/VVPATs shall be conducted, if EVMs/VVPATs pertaining to Assembly election are required to be used in Parliamentary constitueny or vice-versa.

Yours faithfully,

(Anoop Kumar) Secretary