OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICE ANDHRA PRADESH & TELANGANA South 'H' Block, A.P. Secretariat, Hyderabad- 500 022.

Memo. No.1850/Elecs.D/A2/2013-2

Dated: 23 .07.2015.

Sub:- Storage and Safety arrangement of EVMs - Reg.

Ref:- 1. From the ECI, Letter No.51/8/VVPAT/2015-EMS, Dated 05.05.2015.

2.This office Memo No.1850/Elecs.D/A1/2015-1,

Dated 03.07.2015.
3.From the ECI, Letter

No.51/8/VVPAT/2015-EMS,

Dated 14.07.2015.

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In continuation of the reference 2nd cited, a copy of the reference 3rd cited is sent herewith to all the District Election Officers in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. They are informed that the Commission has directed to carry out 100% Physical Verification of EVMs following the due procedure and informed that the Physical Verification Cycle in the EVM Tracking Software has been opened and will remain open by 15th August, 2015.

- 2. They are informed that to carry out 100% Physical Verification of EVMs, during non-election period i.e. after six months from the date of declaration of the result of the General Elections, the following instructions shall be followed strictly without any deviation:
 - a) DEO shall ensure that EVM-warehouses, in which EVMs pertaining to any election petition or court cases are stored, shall not be opened for the purpose of physical verification of EVMs.
 - b) Collectors shall nominate an Officer not below the rank of Additional District Magistrate/Deputy Collector, who will be in charge of the overall storage of EVMs in the entire district, for the purpose of opening of EVM-warehouse [except EVM-warehouse mentioned at (a) above] and for conducting physical verification of EVMs. The concerned Deputy Collectors or Tahsildar, opening the warehouse or verifying the EVMs, will be personally responsible for the safety of EVMs. Similarly DEO will also nominate one officer, not below the rank of Deputy Collector, who will be in charge of each godown.
 - c) National and State recognized political parties shall be informed in writing, at least 24 hours in advance, about the date and time of opening and closure of EVM warehouse. Their authorized representatives shall be allowed to remain present at the time of opening and closure of the warehouse. A report shall be prepared in this regard and signature of the authorized representatives of be prepared in this regard and signature of the authorized representatives of political parties shall also be taken on the report.
 - d) Details of EVMs shall be maintained in a Master Stock Register (MSR). MSR shall be maintained warehouse-wise for every district in the format given in **Annexure-A**.

- e) Based on this MSR, the DEO shall send a physical verification report in the format given in **Annexure-B** to the Commission through the CEO of the concerned States/UTs.
- 3. All the District Election Officers are, therefore, requested to carry out the 100% Physical Verification of EVMs following the due procedure mentioned above and submit compliance report to this office by **17.08.2015** without fail so as to send consolidated report to the Commission, as desired.

BHANWAR LAL CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

To
All District Election Officers in Andhra Pradesh-(w.e)
All District Election Officers in Telangana-(w.e)

// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

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ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

NIRVACHAN SADAN, ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELIH-110001

No. 51/8/6/2015-EMS

Dated: 14th July, 2015

Τo

The Chief Electoral Officers

of all States and Union Territories (except Bihar).

Ref:

ECI letter No. 51/8/VVPAT-EMS, dated 5th May 2015.

Sub:

Storage and Safety arrangement of EVMs- regarding.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to draw your attention to the Commission's letter referred above and to state that the Commission has directed to carry out 100% Physical Verification of EVMs following the due procedure mentioned in the letter referred to above. For the same, the Commission has allowed to open EVM warehouse/Strong Rooms, where EVMs involved in any Election Petition/Court Case are not kept. The Physical Verification Cycle in the EVM Tracking Software has also been opened and will remain open by 15th of August 2015.

You are, therefore, requested to instruct the DEOs for carrying out the said 100% Physical Verification of EVMs and submit a compliance report to the Chief Electoral Officer. Thereafter the Chief Electoral Officer shall submit a consolidated report to the Commission by 31st August 2015.

Yours Panhfully

(Madhusudan Gupta) Under Secretary