

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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No. 51/8/7/2019-EMPS

Dated: 1st March, 2019

To

The Chief Electoral Officers of
All States & Union Territories.

Subject: General Instructions on Storage of Polled and Unpolled EVMs & VVPATs after
Poll and Counting – Clarification – Regarding.

Reference: 1. ECI letter No.51/8/7/2018-EMS, dated 3rd November, 2018;
2. ECI letter No.51/8/7/2018-EMS, dated 6th December, 2018; and
3. ECI letter No.51/8/7/2019-EMPS, dated 29th January, 2019.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to invite your attention to the Commission's letters under reference numbers 1 & 2 and Para 10.13 of Chapter-10 of Manual on EVM and VVPAT– February, 2019, Document No.2, Edition-4, specifically pertaining to the storage of EVMs and VVPATs of Category 'A' & 'B' (i.e. polled and defective polled) and Category 'C' & 'D' (i.e. defective unpolled and unused reserve) after poll and to clarify that-

- (a) EVMs and VVPATs of Category 'C' (i.e. defective unpolled) shall be kept in a separate strongroom designated as 'Repair Room'.
- (b) EVMs and VVPATs of Category 'D' (i.e. unused reserve) shall be kept securely in a different strongroom, which shall not be in the vicinity of PC/AC strong room, so that EVMs and VVPATs of Category 'D' can be used for subsequent elections or any other purpose immediately after polls.
- (c) In no case, EVMs and VVPATs of Category 'C' (i.e. defective unpolled) and EVMs and VVPATs of Category 'D' (i.e. unused reserve) shall be mixed and kept in the same room.

Yours faithfully,

(Madhusudan Gupta)
Under Secretary