

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

NIRVACHAN SADAN, ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI-110001

No. 51/8/7/2019-EMPS

Dated: 9th April, 2019

To

1. The Chief Electoral Officers of All States and Union Territories.
2. The Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Bharat Electronics Limited, Nagavara, Outer Ring Road, Bangalore-560045, Karnataka
3. The Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Electronics Corporation of India Limited, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh.

Subject: Instructions on use of Power Pack (Battery) in VVPATs-regarding.

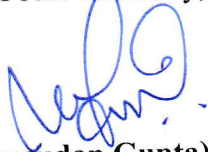
Sir/Madam,

I am directed to state that some instances of VVPAT Battery melting came to the notice of the Commission, following which the matter was referred to the Technical Expert Committee (TEC) for Root Cause analysis and guidance.

Considering the recommendations of the Technical Expert Committee, the Commission has directed that after completion of poll, the Presiding Officer shall remove the power pack (battery) from VVPAT in the presence of polling agents. Only after removal of power pack (battery) from VVPAT, the carrying case of VVPAT shall be sealed in the presence of polling agents.

The above instruction shall be strictly followed and also brought to the notice of all concerned.

Yours faithfully,


(Madhusudan Gupta)
Under Secretary