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राज्य निर्वाचन आयोग,
बिहार
STATE ELECTION COMMISSION,
BIHAR

पत्रांक - पं.नि.30-20/2020 - 3038

प्रेषक,

सचिव,
राज्य निर्वाचन आयोग,
बिहार, पटना।

सेवा में,

सभी जिला पदाधिकारी-सह-
जिला निर्वाचन पदाधिकारी (पंचायत)
सभी वरीय पुलिस अधीक्षक/पुलिस अधीक्षक, बिहार।

पटना, दिनांक - 10/08/2021

विषय : पंचायत आम निर्वाचन, 2021 - सुरक्षा बलों के आकलन के संबंध में।

प्रसंग : दिनांक 26.06.2021 को हुये विडियो कॉन्फ्रेंसिंग की कार्यवाही संसूचित ज्ञापांक
2422 दिनांक 29.06.2021

महाशय,

निदेशानुसार उपर्युक्त प्रासंगिक कार्यवाही संसूचित ज्ञापांक 2422 दिनांक 29.06.2021 का सन्दर्भ लेना चाहेंगे। कार्यवाही की कंडिका - 6 में पंचायत निर्वाचन हेतु सुरक्षा बलों की प्रतिनियुक्ति के संबंध में विस्तृत निदेश दिये गये थे। जो निम्नवत हैं :-

(i) प्रत्येक सामान्य मतदान भवनवार कम-से-कम 1/3 के आधार पर तथा नक्सल क्षेत्र के मतदान भवनवार 2/8 के आधार पर सुरक्षा बल लगायी जाय।

(ii) प्रत्येक दो मतदान केन्द्र पर एक पी.सी.सी.पी. के साथ कम-से-कम 1/4 के आधार पर सुरक्षा बल लगायी जाय।

(iii) प्रत्येक पंचायत स्तर पर एक इ.वी.एम. कलस्टर के लिए कम-से-कम 1/4, प्रत्येक सेक्टर पर कम-से-कम 1/4 तथा प्रत्येक जोन के साथ कम-से-कम 1/4 के आधार पर सुरक्षा बल लगाई जाय।

(iv) प्रत्येक प्रखंड स्तरीय नियंत्रण कक्ष के साथ कम-से-कम 1/4 तथा प्रत्येक अनुमंडल पदाधिकारी के साथ कम-से-कम 1/4 के आधार पर सुरक्षा बल लगाई जाय।

(v) बज्रगृह सुरक्षा हेतु कम-से-कम 2/8 के आधार पर तीन सेक्शन सुरक्षा बल लगायी जायेगी।

उपरोक्त सुरक्षा व्यवस्था न्यूनतम रूप से निदेशित किये गये हैं। स्थानीय परिस्थिति का आकलन कर आवश्यकतानुसार समुचित सुरक्षा बल लगायी जाय।

उल्लेखनीय है कि पंचायत आम निर्वाचन, 2021 माह नवम्बर, 2021 तक अधिकतम दस चरण में सम्पन्न कराया जाना है। जिसमें ग्राम पंचायत के चार पदों यथा- ग्राम पंचायत सदस्य, ग्राम पंचायत मुखिया, पंचायत समिति सदस्य एवं जिला परिषद सदस्य का निर्वाचन/मतदान ई.वी.एम. के माध्यम से तथा ग्राम कचहरी के पंच तथा सरपंच का निर्वाचन/मतदान मतपत्र के माध्यम कराये जायेंगे।

चूँकि भारत निर्वाचन आयोग द्वारा ई.वी.एम. इस शर्त पर प्रदत्त की गई है कि इन ई.वी.एम. की सुरक्षा भारत निर्वाचन आयोग द्वारा निर्धारित मानक पर दी जाय। अतः मानक के अनुरूप सुरक्षा व्यवस्था की जाय। भारत निर्वाचन आयोग का पत्रांक 51/8/4/Loaning/2021/EVM (P&T) दिनांक 16.04.2021 संलग्न है, जिसके Terms and Conditions for loaning की कंडिका 2 एवं 3 का अवलोकन किया जाए। भारत निर्वाचन आयोग का पत्रांक 51/8/7/2017/EMS दिनांक 30.08.2017 की कंडिका 2 में Storage and Security Arrangements for EVMs के संबंध में निदेश अंकित हैं, जो निम्नवत हैं :-

(g) The minimum security requirement for strong room of polled EVMs must be One Platoon. A logbook shall be maintained during the said period.

(h) 24x365 Police Security of EVM warehouses. In addition, CCTV from start of FLC till EP completion period.

(i) Security : Non Poll (Post EP to FLC) - Minimum 1/2 Section
FLC to Polling - Minimum 1 Section
Poll to EP - Minimum 1 Platoon

उक्त परिप्रेक्ष्य में सम्यक विचारोपन्त आयोग द्वारा निदेश दिया है कि ई.वी.एम. से कराये जा रहे मतदान को दृष्टि में रखते हुए निम्नलिखित मानदंड के अनुसार सुरक्षा व्यवस्था की जाय :-

(i) प्रत्येक सामान्य मतदान भवनवार पर कम-से-कम 1/4 के आधार पर तथा नक्सल क्षेत्र के मतदान भवनवार 2/8 के आधार पर सुरक्षा बल लगायी जाय।

(ii) प्रत्येक दो मतदान केन्द्र पर एक पी.सी.सी.पी. के साथ कम-से-कम 1/4 के आधार पर सुरक्षा बल लगायी जाय।

(iii) प्रत्येक पंचायत स्तर पर एक ई.वी.एम. कलस्टर होगा। जहाँ मतदान केन्द्र पर यदि कोई ई.वी.एम. खराब होते हैं तो उन्हें त्वरित बदलने हेतु ई.वी.एम. सुरक्षित रखे जायेंगे। इस हेतु मैजिस्ट्रेट के साथ कम-से-कम 1/4 के आधार पर सुरक्षा बल लगायी जाय।

(iv) प्रत्येक पंचायत स्तर पर एक सेक्टर होगा। चूँकि सेक्टर मैजिस्ट्रेट सुरक्षित ई.वी.एम. से मतदान केन्द्र पर खराब हुए ई.वी.एम. को बदलवाने प्रभारी बनाया जाना है, अतः इस हेतु कम-से-कम 1/4 तथा प्रत्येक जोन (थाना स्तर पर) के साथ कम-से-कम 1/4 के आधार पर सुरक्षा बल लगाई जाय।

(v) प्रत्येक प्रखंड स्तरीय नियंत्रण कक्ष के साथ कम-से-कम 1/4 एवं प्रत्येक अनुमंडल पदाधिकारी के साथ प्रति निर्वाचन वाले प्रत्येक प्रखंड हेतु कम-से-कम 1/4 के आधार पर तथा जिला स्तर पर नियंत्रण कक्ष के साथ कम-से-कम 1/4 सुरक्षा बल लगाई जाय।

(vi) भारत निर्वाचन आयोग के मानक के अनुरूप प्रत्येक बज्रगृह की चौबीसों घंटे त्रुटिरहित सुरक्षा हेतु कम-से-कम 2/8 के आधार पर तीन सेक्शन सुरक्षा बल लगायी जाये।

उपरोक्त सुरक्षा व्यवस्था न्यूनतम रूप से निदेशित किये गये हैं। स्थानीय परिस्थिति का आकलन कर आवश्यकतानुसार समुचित सुरक्षा बल लगायी जाय।

अनुरोध है कि उक्त तथ्यों के आलोक में दिये गये मानक के आधार पर सुरक्षा बलों का आकलन कर पुलिस मुख्यालय को संसूचित किया जाए एवं उसकी प्रति आयोग को भी उपलब्ध कराने की कृपा की जाय।
अनुलग्नक : यथोक्त।

विश्वासभाजन,
10/10/21
सचिव।



ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No. 51/8/4/Loaning/2021/EVM (P&T)

Dated: 16 /04/2021

To

The Chief Electoral Officers of

1. Andhra Pradesh	2. Arunachal Pradesh	3. Assam
4. Bihar	5. D & N Haveli	6. Daman & Diu
7. Goa	8. Gujarat	9. Haryana
10. Himachal Pradesh	11. J & K and Ladakh	12. Jharkhand
13. Karnataka	14. Kerala	15. Madhya Pradesh
16. Maharashtra	17. Manipur	18. Meghalaya
19. Mizoram	20. NCT OF Delhi	21. Nagaland
22. Odisha	23. Puducherry	24. Punjab
25. Rajasthan	26. Sikkim	27. Tamil Nadu
28. Telangana	29. Tripura	30. Uttar Pradesh
31. Uttarakhand	32. West Bengal	

Sub: Loaning of M2-EVMs to the State Election Commission, Bihar for conducting their Panchayat Elections -reg.

Sir,

With reference to the letter no. 80-14/2020/2102, dated 12.04.2021 (copy enclosed) received from the Secretary, State Election Commission, Bihar, it is stated that the Commission has directed to loan the following quantity of EVMs of BEL/ECIL-M2 model to State Election Commission, Bihar for conducting their upcoming local bodies elections on priority basis, in consultation with the State Election Commission, Bihar:-

Sl. No.	State	Total BU	Total CU
1	Assam	26	1295
2	Bihar	2455	24293
3	Gujarat	2071	3589
4	Haryana	19	15
5	Himachal Pradesh	5223	3662
6	Jammu & Kashmir	1405	824
7	Jharkhand	855	1458
8	Karnataka	4580	3427
9	Maharashtra	2427	2130
10	Manipur	1051	776

11	Manufacturer BEL	11558	8533
12	Meghalaya	370	200
13	Mizoram	7	2
14	NCT OF Delhi	34	41
15	Nagaland	396	262
16	Odisha	1928	2484
17	Puducherry	37	33
18	Punjab	86	45
19	Rajasthan	36	41
20	Sikkim	456	425
21	Tamil Nadu	2173	2382
22	Uttar Pradesh	1111	20491
BEL M2 - TOTAL		38304	76408
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	391	355
2	Andhra Pradesh	1033	1194
3	Arunachal Pradesh	6368	6118
4	Assam	6	21
5	Bihar	2088	1544
6	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	507	482
7	Daman & Diu	290	195
8	Goa	3060	2290
9	Gujarat	1592	530
10	Jammu & Kashmir	46	40
11	Kerala	30900	22419
12	Lakshadweep	54	52
13	Madhya Pradesh	5008	2595
14	Maharashtra	5227	4407
15	Manufacturer ECIL	6270	24690
16	Mizoram	15	1
17	Nagaland	3444	3266
18	Odisha	13356	13963
19	Punjab	622	625
20	Rajasthan	40	40
21	Tamil Nadu	2	4
22	Telangana	18344	12971
23	Tripura	2914	2610
24	Uttar Pradesh	9534	3301
25	Uttarakhand	13282	5016
26	West Bengal	16	147
ECIL M2 - TOTAL		124409	108876
BEL & ECIL M2 - GRAND TOTAL		162713	185284

Terms and Conditions for loaning:

1. The shifting of the M2-EVMs is to be done through EMS with proper documentation and record.
2. The loaning of the EVMs/VVPATs is subject to the conditions mentioned in the Commission's letter No. 51/8/4/2010 - EMS, dated 17th September, 2010 (copy enclosed).
3. Commission's letter No. 51/8/7/2017 - EMS, dated 30th August, 2017 (copy enclosed) and letter No. 51/8/VVPAT/2015/EMS, dated 5th May, 2015 (copy enclosed) on storage and safety arrangement of EVMs shall be followed scrupulously.
4. The storage and safety norms mentioned in the Commission's letter No. 51/8/6/2010-EMS, dated 3rd May 2010 (copy enclosed) should be followed strictly.
5. The Commission's instructions No.51/8/16/4/2010-EMS, dated 4th August, 2010 (copy enclosed) on protocol for FLC of EVMs should be followed without any dilution/deviation.
6. FLC of loaned EVMs/VVPATs should be conducted by authorised engineers of BEL/ECIL, as the case may be. Nobody else can open the EVMs under any circumstances.
7. The machines which fail during the FLC should be returned to the factories within 7 days of completion of FLC. The cost of repairing the FLC rejected EVMs will be borne by the SEC, Bihar. After getting repair in the factory, the EVMs should be sent back to the SEC, Bihar, if needed. EVMs that cannot be repaired due to non-availability of components shall be retained by BEL/ECIL for subsequent destruction after getting ECI's approval.
8. It shall be ensured that other than the poll officials or BEL/ECIL engineers no third party is allowed to touch test or handle the EVMs.
9. In the event of a Court's directions, only BEL/ECIL engineers shall be called to take out the sequential print of votes polled.
10. Any theft or loss of EVMs due to vandalism will be immediately reported to ECI with full particulars of the machine and details of the incident.

11. Except for what is available in the public domain, all technical information on EVMs shall be treated as confidential and not shared with any third party.
12. In addition to the above stated protocols, the SEC, Bihar shall follow all administrative protocols mandated by the ECI for maintaining the safety and integrity of the EVMs.
13. The Commission may ask for any report from the SEC, Bihar, in case any issue arises on EVM during the elections.

Yours faithfully,



(SOUMYAJIT GHOSH)
UNDER SECRETARY

Copy to: The Secretary, State Election Commission, Bihar, Sone Bhawan, 3rd Floor, Birchand Patel Marg, Patna - 800001 for information and necessary action as discussed in the meeting held on 14/4/2021 at ECI.

By Speed Post

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

NIRVACHAN SADAN, ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI-110001

K.N.BHAR
SECRETARY

No. 51/8/4/2010-EMS

Dated: 17th September, 2010

To

The Chief Electoral Officers of
All States and Union Territories.

Subject: Loaning of EVMs to State Election Commissions for conducting local bodies elections- regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to state that the Commission has directed that the following conditions, in addition, will be strictly followed for the EVMs belonging to Election Commission of India during use by the State Election Commissions: -

1. SEC-EVMs and ECI-EVMs shall not be mixed together at any level. The EVMs belonging to the Commission have to be used in a constituency exclusively.
2. The first level checking of the EVMs shall be done only by the authorized engineers of Bharat Electronics Limited, Bangalore and Electronics Corporation of India Limited, Hyderabad, as the case may be, and not by any other engineers etc. The Commission's instructions No.51/8/16/4/2010-EMS, dated 4th August, 2010 on protocol for first level checking of EVMs shall be followed in letter and spirit.
3. The storage and safety norms mentioned in the Commission's letter No.51/8/6/2010-EMS, dated 3rd May 2010 will be followed by the State Election Commission in letter and spirit.
4. Any other instructions issued by the Commission for use of its EVMs from time to time shall also be strictly followed.
5. These instructions should be communicated in writing to the State Election Commissioners and the CEOs should keep a watch that these are being strictly followed.

Kindly acknowledge the receipt.

Yours faithfully,

(K.N.BHAR)

By Speed Post/e-mail

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA
NIRVACHAN SADAN, ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI-110001

No.51/8/7/2017-EMS

Dated: 30th August, 2017

To

1. The Chief Electoral Officers of All States and Union Territories.
2. The Chairman-cum-Managing Directors of
 - a) Bharat Electronics Limited, Bangalore; and
 - b) Electronics Corporation of India Limited, Hyderabad.

Subject: Instructions on EVMs & VVPATs Regarding.

Sir/Madam,

The Commission had constituted a Working Group to revisit the existing administrative protocols for storage, transportation, stock-management etc. of EVMs and VVPATs to ensure end-to-end security protocol for safe, smooth and transparent movement of EVMs and VVPATs and their use in transparent manner. Considering the report of the group, the Commission has directed that henceforth, in addition to the existing instructions the following instructions shall be followed-

1. **Transportation of EVMs & VVPATs:** For any transportation of EVMs/VVPATs from one place to another (i.e. from factory to States, Inter-State, Intra-State etc.), following protocols shall be strictly followed:
 - (a) Movement of EVMs & VVPATs should mandatorily be done through EVM Tracking Software (ETS).
 - (b) Containerized trucks or sealed trucks on which proper locking arrangements can be made shall only be used for transporting EVMs and VVPATs, so that these could be locked and sealed with paper seals.
 - (c) All trucks transporting EVMs/VVPATs shall be sealed with lock and paper seals.
 - (d) Vehicles with GPS tracking only should be used for movement of EVM/VVPAT.
 - (e) Political Parties shall be informed in advanced about opening, stocking & sealing of warehouses while shifting EVMs and VVPATs. However, if no representative attends, the work should not stop.
 - (f) DEO to video-graph the whole process of transfer/receipt of EVM.

(i) Transportation from Factory to State

- (a) GPS tracking of vehicles shall be monitored on daily basis by the District Election Officers and randomly monitored by the Chief Electoral Officers. A daily monitoring report shall be sent by the Chief Electoral Officer to the Commission.
- (b) For transportation of EVMs/VVPATs (newly manufacture or repaired) from factory to State, transportation arrangements shall be done by the manufacturers. The transportation charges for shifting of repaired EVMs/VVPATs from factory to State/UT allocated by the Commission shall be borne by the State/UT concerned.
- (c) Manufacturers shall undertake Due Diligence for empaneling/engaging transport companies for transportation of EVMs/VVPATs.
- (d) Consignee State/UT shall depute its official at factory with security personnel from their State and follow the security protocol for Inter State transfers.

(ii) Inter State Transportation

- (a) A nodal officer at State as well as District level shall be appointed for constant coordination for smooth transportation of EVMs in donor and borrower States.
- (b) As far as possible, the CEOs shall ensure the location of districts for collection of EVMs/VVPATs by borrowing State are in a cluster or on the same route.
- (c) DEOs shall ensure that neither defective nor 'EVMs/VVPATs under conflict in ETS' are transferred to the borrowing State.

(iii) Intra State Transportation

- (a) Intra-district allocation as well as inter-district allocations to be done as per existing instructions only.
- (b) All movements of EVMs/VVPATs shall be done through ETS and with prior permission of the Commission.
- (c) In case of exigencies like flood or fire the CEO/DEO may shift the EVMs/VVPATs under intimation to the Commission and also take post facto approval.
- (d) DEOs will ensure appointment of team to accompany the truck for transporting EVMs/VVPATs, arrangement of district transport, arrangement for proper handing over and receipt of EVMs/VVPATs.

2 Storage and Security Arrangements for EVMs & VVPATs

- (a) The authorised representatives of Political Parties shall be allowed to witness the Annual Physical Verification of EVMs & VVPATs.
- (b) Duty Register of persons engaged in physical verification to be maintained. This register shall be preserved for 5 years.
- (c) For warehouses at district headquarters, there shall be a double-lock system. The Keys shall be in custody of DEO & Dy. DEO, each having one key. Handing over and taking over of keys to be a part of CTC.
- (d) Main switch of the warehouse/strong room should be installed outside the warehouse/strong room and the electricity be disconnected after sealing the warehouse/ strong room to avoid short circuiting. No externally powered unit should be installed or kept inside the strong room.
- (e) After opening the strong room for counting of votes, complete videography of taking out/bringing back of Control Units shall be done. Agents of candidates should also be allowed to watch strong room through CCTV coverage.
- (f) A log book must be maintained for the persons who have been allowed/deputed to view the CCTV.
- (g) The minimum security requirement for strong room of polled EVMs must be One Platoon. A logbook shall be maintained during the said period.
- (h) 24x365 Police Security of EVM/VVPAT warehouses. In addition, CCTV from start of FLC till EP completion period.
- (i) Security: Non Poll (Post EP to FLC) - Minimum 1/2 Section
 FLC to Polling - Minimum 1 Section
 Poll to EP - Minimum 1 Platoon

3. **Randomizations of EVMs & VVPATs:** Randomizations of EVMs & VVPATs shall be done through ETS only.

4. Preparation of EVMs & VVPATs (Candidate Setting)

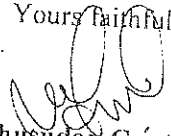
- (a) In the written invitation, conveying schedule for preparation of EVMs/VVPAT to be sent to the Candidates, it shall be mentioned that they/their representatives must be

6 Repairing of defective EVMs & VVPATs

- (a) No EVMs/VVPATs, whether defective or defect-free, shall be transported during the period from commencement of Candidate Setting to the Counting day except the EVMs/VVPATs required to be transported for use in polls in subsequent phases. In such case, the political parties/candidates shall be informed in writing conveying the purpose of shifting of such EVMs/VVPATs.
- (b) All Defective EVMs/VVPATs not used in the poll shall be stored in a separate room/warehouses, preferably in a separate campus, if possible, and shall never be stored along with **working** EVMs/VVPATs.
- (c) EVMs/VVPATs found defective during FLC shall be sent to the manufacturers for repair within 7 days of completion of FLC in that district. The CEO shall coordinate and club defective EVMs/VVPATs of multiple districts for despatch to the factory.
- (d) EVMs/VVPATs found defective during candidate setting or mock-poll on poll day shall be stored in a separate warehouse, however, EVMs/VVPATs found defective after mock-poll (i.e. during actual poll) on poll-day shall be stored alongwith polled EVMs/VVPATs.
- (e) POST ELECTION REPAIRS: After election all the defective EVMs & VVPATs shall be sent to the respective factory for repairs.
- (f) After repairs are carried out, the testing protocol for all repaired machines shall be exactly the same as for new EVMs/VVPATs.

One Officer in the office of Chief Electoral Officer (Addl./Jt./Dy. CEO) shall exclusively be an 'EVM Officer', preferably with the technical knowledge.

Yours faithfully,


(Madhusudan Gupta)
Under Secretary