

कार्यालय मुख्य निर्वाचन अधिकारी, उत्तर प्रदेश।

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संख्या: 563/सी0ई0ओ0-3-96/3-2017 लखनऊ: दिनांक: 10 अगस्त, 2021
सेवा में,

समस्त जिला निर्वाचन अधिकारी,
उत्तर प्रदेश।

विषय: **Introducing of additional transparency feature in symbol loading process for VVPATs-reg.**

महोदय,

उपर्युक्त विषय पर कृपया भारत निर्वाचन आयोग के पत्र संख्या-51/8/16/SLU/2021/EDPS, दिनांक-05.08.2021 (छायाप्रति संलग्न) का सन्दर्भ ग्रहण करने का कष्ट करें।

2- उक्त पत्र के माध्यम से भारत निर्वाचन आयोग द्वारा वी0वी0पैट की कमीशनिंग की प्रक्रिया के दौरान सिम्बल को लोड करने हेतु अतिरिक्त पारदर्शिता विशेषता वाले New compact-sized SLU को भविष्य में होने वाले सामान्य निर्वाचनों/उप निर्वाचनों में प्रयुक्त किये जाने के संबंध में अवगत कराया गया है। आयोग के निर्देशानुसार वी0वी0पैट की एफ0एल0सी0 एवं कमीशनिंग की पूरी प्रक्रिया यथास्थिति सभी राष्ट्रीय एवं राज्यीय मान्यता प्राप्त राजनैतिक दलों अथवा निर्वाचन लड़ने वाले उम्मीदवारों या उनके अधिकृत प्रतिनिधियों की उपस्थिति में किया जायेगा।

तदनुसार भारत निर्वाचन आयोग से प्राप्त उक्त निर्देश दिनांक-05.08.2021 की छायाप्रति संलग्न कर भेजते हुये मुझे यह कहने का निदेश हुआ है कि कृपया आयोग के संलग्न पत्र में उल्लिखित दिशा-निर्देशों का भलीभांति अध्ययन करते हुये समस्त रिटर्निंग आफिसर, नोडल अधिकारी ईवीएम, सभी मान्यता प्राप्त राष्ट्रीय एवं राज्यीय राजनैतिक दल एवं अन्य सभी संबंधित के संज्ञान में लाते हुए अनुपालन सुनिश्चित कराने का कष्ट करें।
संलग्नक: यथोक्त।

भवदीय,

(उमेश चन्द उपाध्याय)

उप मुख्य निर्वाचन अधिकारी

संख्या: 563 (1)/सी0ई0ओ0-3 तददिनांक।

प्रतिलिपि संलग्नक सहित निम्नलिखित को सूचनार्थ एवं आवश्यक कार्यवाही हेतु प्रेषित:-

1. सचिव, भारत निर्वाचन आयोग, निर्वाचन सदन, अशोक रोड, नई दिल्ली।
2. समस्त मण्डलायुक्त, उत्तर प्रदेश।
3. समस्त अध्यक्ष/महामंत्री, मान्यता प्राप्त राष्ट्रीय एवं राज्यीय राजनैतिक दल, उ0प्र0।
4. समस्त उप जिला निर्वाचन अधिकारी, उत्तर प्रदेश।
5. समस्त अधिकारी/अनुभाग, कार्यालय मुख्य निर्वाचन अधिकारी, उ0प्र0।
6. प्रभारी कम्प्यूटर कक्ष को वेबसाइट पर अपलोड करने हेतु।

(उमेश चन्द उपाध्याय)

उप मुख्य निर्वाचन अधिकारी



ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

By Speed post

No. 51/8/16/SLU/2021/EDPS

Dated: 05.08.2021

To,

The President/General Secretary
All the National and State Recognized Political Parties
(List enclosed)

**Subject: Introducing additional transparency feature in symbol loading process
for VVPATs - reg.**

Madam/Sir,

1. The Election Commission of India has decided to introduce additional transparency feature in use of Symbol Loading Unit (SLU) for symbol loading process for VVPATs. The Commission has directed that a visual display should be put up for observation by the stakeholders to display serial numbers, symbols and name of the contesting candidates as they are being loaded on VVPATs, as an enhanced transparency feature, apart from the other usual transparency measures.
2. It is well known that VVPATs were introduced under direction of the Honourable Supreme Court of India in the year 2013 with amendment in the Conduct of Election Rules 1961. Rule 49 - B (40) (c) provides for loading of serial numbers, symbols and name of the candidates in VVPATs by the Symbol Loading Units (SLUs) by the engineers of the manufactures during the commissioning process in the presence of the representatives/candidates. The extant procedure also provides for comparing the test print out with the ballot paper and signing of the test printout by the present

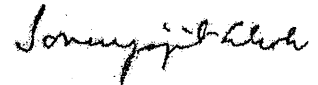
representatives/candidates after the SLU process for each VVPAT. The SLUs are also used while conducting the First Level Check (FLC) of VVPATs with dummy symbols/candidate names in presence of the representatives of the National and State recognized political parties.

3. It is pertinent to note that the current SLUs used by the manufactures are bulkier and larger in size. The manufactures have designed compact sized SLUs with additional transparency feature under guidance of the Technical Expert Committee of ECI and requested for permission to use for the FLC and commissioning process. In order to bring more transparency among the stakeholders, M/s BEL and M/s ECIL have provided for visual display of the serial numbers, symbols and name of TV/Monitor simultaneously while the symbols being loaded onto VVPAT.
4. The new compact-sized SLUs have the following additional advantages without modifying or changing any of the FLC or the commissioning process:
 - a. Additional transparency features of simultaneous visual display of content (serial numbers, symbols, names of candidates) being uploaded to VVPAT.
 - b. Small and compact size.
 - c. Ease of handling and transporting by engineers of the manufactures.
5. The Commission has reviewed the requests of the manufactures and decided to permit the manufactures to use new compact-sized Symbol Loading Units with additional transparency feature by the authorized engineers during the FLC and Commissioning of VVPATs in all the future elections, without modifying the extant procedure/process and mock polls during the FLC

and the commissioning in the presence of the stakeholders. It is further clarified that all the processes shall continue to be in the presence of the representatives of the National and State Recognised Political Parties or the contesting candidates or their authorized representatives, as the case may be.

6. Above decision of the Commission is being brought to your kind notice.

Yours faithfully,



(SOUMYAJIT GHOSE)
SECRETARY

Copy to the Chief Electoral Officers of All States/UTs for kind information and necessary action.