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ई-मेल/स्पीड पोस्ट

# कार्यालय मुख्य निर्वाचन अधिकारी, उत्तर प्रदेश।

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संख्या: 562/सी0ई0ओ0-3-96/3-2017 लखनऊ: दिनांक: 10 अगस्त, 2021  
सेवा में,

समस्त जिला निर्वाचन अधिकारी,  
उत्तर प्रदेश।

विषय: **Strengthening of sealing precessing of EVMs-regarding.**

महोदय,

उपर्युक्त विषय पर कृपया भारत निर्वाचन आयोग के पत्र संख्या-52/2/Prep/2020/EMS, दिनांक-02.08.2021 (छायाप्रति संलग्न) का सन्दर्भ ग्रहण करने का कष्ट करें।

2- उक्त पत्र के माध्यम से भारत निर्वाचन आयोग द्वारा ई0वी0एम0 की एफ0एल0सी0 एवं कमीशनिंग के दौरान पिंक पेपर सील एवं ग्रीन पेपर सील से ई0वी0एम0 की सीलिंग की प्रक्रिया को मजबूत किये जाने संबंधी निर्देश उपलब्ध कराते हुये पिंक पेपर सील एवं ग्रीन पेपर सील की परिवर्तित(modified)डिजाइन की सूचना सभी संबंधितों के संज्ञान लाने की अपेक्षा की है। आयोग के निर्देशानुसार ई0वी0एम0 मशीनों की सीलिंग की पूरी प्रक्रिया निर्वाचन लड़ने वाले उम्मीदवारों या उनके अधिकृत प्रतिनिधियों की उपस्थिति में किया जायेगा।

तदनुसार भारत निर्वाचन आयोग से प्राप्त उक्त निर्देश दिनांक-02.08.2021 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 ई0वी0एम, 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: 562 (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



भारत निर्वाचन आयोग सचिवालय  
**SECRETARIAT OF THE ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA**  
 निर्वाचन सदन, अशोक रोड, नई दिल्ली-110001.  
 Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001.

No. 52/2/Prep/2020-EMS

Dated: 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2021

To

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

Subject: **Strengthening of sealing processing of EVMs-regarding**

Madam/Sir,

The Commission has specified the sealing process of EVMs to ensure safe, secure, transparent and robust handling of EVMs during various operations as follows:

**A. Pink Paper Seal**

(i) As per the extant procedure, Pink Paper Seals manufactured and supplied by India Security Press Nashik, are used to seal cabinet of the Control Units (CUs) at the time of First Level Checking (FLC) of EVMs, conducted before every election, and the cabinet of Ballot Units (BUs) at the time of Commissioning of EVMs, in the presence of representatives of National and State Recognised Political Parties and all the contesting candidates/their authorised representatives respectively.

(ii) In First Level Checking (FLC), cabinet of the Control Unit is sealed with Pink Paper Seal on the portion between the Candidate Set Section and the Result Section of the Control Unit, in the presence of representatives of National and State Recognised Political Parties and their signatures are obtained on the seal. A register mentioning the unique number of Control Unit and number of Pink Paper Seal is maintained and photocopy of the said register is provided to the representatives of National and State Recognised Political Parties. The purpose of the sealing Pink Paper Seal is to ensure that no one can open cabinet of the Control Unit after FLC. If cabinet of the CU is opened in unauthorised way, the Pink Paper Seal gets damaged.

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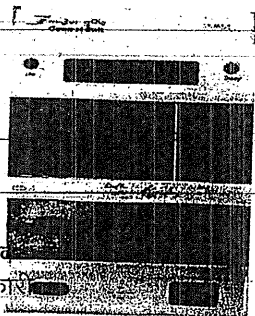
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Asstt. CEO (P)

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 मुख्य निर्वाचन अधिकारी एवं सचिव निर्वाचन, उत्तर प्रदेश शासन।

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 विशेष सचिव निर्वाचन एवं अपर मुख्य निर्वाचन अधिकारी उत्तर प्रदेश शासन।



Control Unit sealed with Pink Paper Seal

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 उप मुख्य निर्वाचन अधिकारी उत्तर प्रदेश, लखनऊ।

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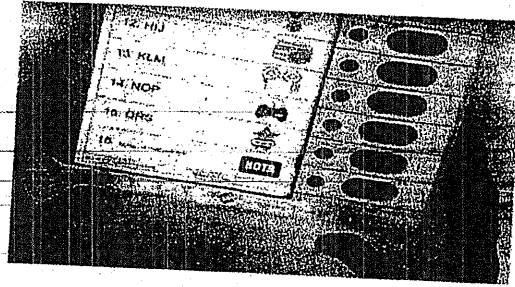
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 निर्वाचन अधिकारी

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(iii) In commissioning of EVM, the cabinet of the Ballot Unit is also sealed with the Pink Paper Seal on lower portion of the Ballot Unit, after affixing the ballot paper in the Ballot Unit, in the presence of contesting candidates/their representatives and obtain their signatures.

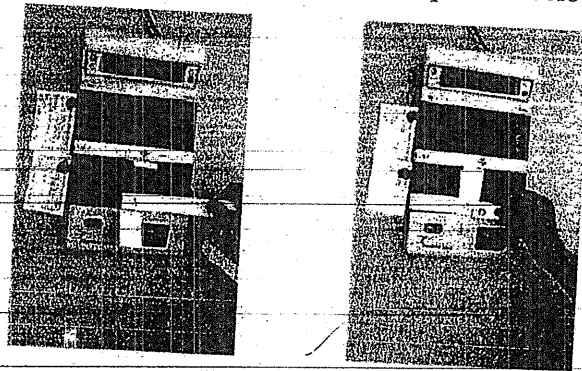


*Ballot Unit sealed with Pink Paper Seal*

(iv) The specifications of existing Pink Paper Seals being used for sealing Control Unit and Ballot Unit of EVM are 550 mm x 18 mm (length x breadth) and 660 mm x 18 mm (length x breadth) respectively.

### **B. Green Paper Seal**

(i) Green Paper Seal and Outer Paper Strip Seal, which are also manufactured and supplied by India Security Press Nashik, are used for sealing the inner compartment of result section of Control Unit. This ensures that once the Control Unit is sealed and poll commences, nobody should be able to open the Result Section of the Control Unit. After conducting mock poll on Poll Day, the Control Unit is sealed by fixing the Green Paper Seal and for holding the Green Paper Seal Outer Paper Strip Seal is used by the Presiding Officer in the presence of the polling agents of the contesting candidates. When the Green Paper Seal is fixed on the Control Unit of the voting machine, it will look as in the picture below:



*Control Unit sealed with Green Paper Seal*

(ii) The specification of the existing Green Paper Seal is 25.5 cm x 3.5 cm (length x breadth).

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2. The Commission reviewed the sealing process based on various feedbacks received from the States and decided to modify the design of the seals as follows **without any change in sealing processes:**

(i) The common specification of the modified Pink Paper Seal for sealing Control Unit and Ballot Unit of EVM is 100 mm x 18 mm (length x breadth). The Pink Paper Seal will be used in the same portion of the Control Unit and Ballot Unit as existing procedure. The minor modifications implemented in the modified Pink Paper Seal are as under:

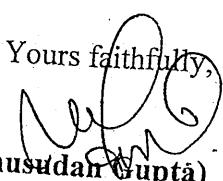
- a) Reduction in length of the Pink Paper Seal to avoid potential damage during physical handling of EVMs during election process.
- b) Printing of QR-Code on Pink Paper Seal to avoid any manual error in entering serial number of the Pink Paper Seal.
- c) Printing of manufacturing date on Pink Paper Seal to ensure timely usability life span of adhesive on Pink Paper Seal.
- d) Improvement in adhesive quality of Pink Paper Seal.

(ii) The modified Green Paper Seal is now provided with shelf-adhesive stickers at both ends on white side and marked as "A" and "B" and length of the seal has also been reduced from current length of 25.5 cm to 18.6 cm. Since the modified Green Paper Seal will have self-adhesion capability, Outer Paper Strip Seal used for holding the Green Paper Seal, will not be required for sealing the Control Unit.

(iii) The modification in design and specification of Green Paper Seal not only enhance the robustness of sealing process but also reduce the use of unnecessary papers, at the same time simplifying the sealing process for the staff on the polling duty **without any change in process, security and transparency. The entire sealing process shall continue to be in the presence of contesting candidates or their authorized representatives.**

3. The above modification in the design of Pink Paper Seal and Green Paper Seal is being brought to your kind notice.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Madhusudan Gupta)  
Secretary

Copy to: The Chief Electoral Officers of all the States and Union Territories for kind information and necessary action.