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Dated : 6/4/21

To

The District Election Officer of 11 districts,  
NCT of Delhi.


**Subject :- Application of Indelible Ink on electors finger - regarding.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of letter No.54/2/2021/EMS dated 31.03.2021 issued from the Under Secretary of Election Commission of India on the subject cited above. This is for information and necessary action at your end.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above.

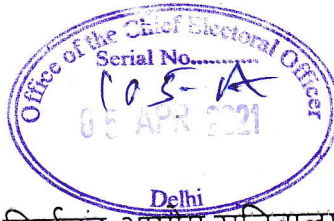
  
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Election Officer (COE)/Link Officer

Copy to :-

1. Sr. System Analyst (IT), to upload the above said instructions under the link "Important ECI instructions" on the website of the department.

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SECRETARIAT OF THE ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA  
निर्वाचन संदन, अशोक रोड, नई दिल्ली-110001.  
Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001.

No. 54/2//2021-EMS

Dated: 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021

To

The Chief Electoral Officer of  
all States/UTs.

Subject: Application of Indelible ink on electors finger-regarding.

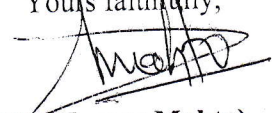
Ref. 1. Commission's letter No. 464/INST/2014, dated 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2014  
2. Commission's letter No. 54/2/2015-EMS, dated 23rd March, 2015

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the Commission's letters cited under reference, on the subject cited, and to state that under rule 49K of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961 every elector about whose identity the Presiding Officer or the Polling Officer, as the case may be, is satisfied, shall allow his left forefinger to be inspected by the Presiding officer or Polling Officer and an Indelible Ink mark to be put on it. Some States/UTs have sought clarification from time to time on application of Indelible Ink on such voters whom Indelible Ink is already marked during previous elections on left hand fore-finger and impression of the ink is still visible on poll day. In this regard it is stated that after the application of the ink on finger the stain remains for 5-7 days on skin part but stain remains visible on nail till nail grows. The Commission has considered the matter and directed that :

1. If any poll has been conducted not more than two months prior to the date of poll of current election, in such cases, the Indelible Ink shall be marked on the middle finger instead of fore finger of the left hand. If ink has already been applied on fore finger as well as middle finger then the ink shall be applied on **ring finger** and so on.
2. In case of missing finger rule 49K of the CER, 1961 shall continue to apply.
3. The Chief Electoral Officer of the concerned State/UT shall make wide publicity to this effect during training & awareness.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Dilip Kumar Mahto)  
Under Secretary

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5/4/21

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