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No.464/INST/2021/EPS

Dated: 18th March 2021

To

The Chief Electoral Officers of,
All the States/UTs.

Subject: Appointment of Polling Agents-regarding.

Reference: 1. 464/INST/2006-PLN-I dated 07.04.2006
2. 464/INST/2007-PLN-I dated 12.10.2007
3. 464/INST/2008/EPS dated 14.10.2008
4. 464/INST/2009/EPS dated 25.04.2009
5. 464/INST/2014/EPS dated 01.04.2014

Sir/Madam,

The Section 46 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, read with rule 13 of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961 provides that at every election each candidate or his election agent can appoint one polling agent and two relief polling agents at each polling station.

2. The para 1 of the Commissions instruction no. 464/INST/2009/EPS dated 10.03.2009 provided that the Polling agents who are appointed by the contesting candidates shall be elector in the same polling booth, or in the alternative from the neighboring polling stations falling in the same constituency, for which elections are being conducted.

3. However, based on the inputs and for the convenience of the candidates, the Commission has directed that if any contesting candidate is not able to find polling agent in the same polling station or neighboring polling stations, he/she may appoint any elector of the same assembly constituency as their polling agents for their polling station.

4. Other Provisions regarding appointment of polling agent will remain same as per the Commission's extant instruction.

All political parties and contesting candidate may be informed accordingly.

Yours faithfully,



(SANJEEV KUMAR PRASAD)
UNDER SECRETARY