

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

No. 51/8/7/2020-EMS

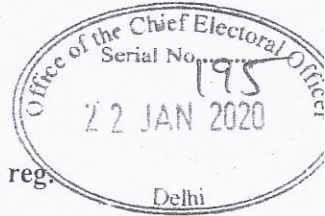
Dated: 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2020

To

The Chief Electoral Officers of  
All States and Union Territories.

**Subject: Design and specification of VVPAT Counting Booth (VCB)- reg.**

Madam/Sir,



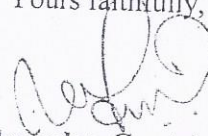
I am directed to refer to the Commission's letter No. 51/8/VVPAT/2017-EMS, dated 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2017, wherein the Commission prescribed that counting of VVPAT slips should be done in a VVPAT Counting Booth (VCB), specially prepared for this purpose inside the Counting Hall. The booth should be enclosed in a wire mesh just like a bank cashier's cabin so that no VVPAT paper slips can be accessed by any unauthorised person. One of the counting tables in the Counting Hall can be converted into the VCB and can be used for normal counting of round-wise EVM votes before the count of VVPAT slips.

From time to time clarification regarding design and specification of VCB has been sought from the field officials. The Commission has considered the matter, and it is directed that in order to maintain uniformity in the design and specification of VCB, the following shall be followed strictly:

- (a) The VCB should have minimum length 6 ft, breadth 6 ft. and height 8 ft.
- (b) All four sides and the ceiling should be covered with a narrow wire mesh such that VVPAT slips cannot come out from the VCB. A circular hole of 5 cm radius at a suitable height for the Counting Agents' transaction may also be made.
- (c) CCTV should be installed on the ceiling just above the counting table for monitoring and recording purpose.
- (d) VCB should have seating arrangements for atleast four personnel.

The above instructions shall be brought to notice of all concerned for compliance.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Madhusudan Gupta)  
Secretary

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