

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

NIRVACHAN SADAN, ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI-110001

No. 51/8/7/2020-EMS

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To

The Chief Electoral Officers of
all States and Union Territories.

Subject: Instruction on Counting of VVPAT Paper Slips in VVPAT Counting Booth
(VCB) during COVID-19 pandemic - regarding.

Ref. 51/8/VVPAT/2017-EMS, dated 5th December, 2017

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to state that in wake of COVID-19 pandemic the counting of votes of an Assembly Constituency/Segment will be held in more than one counting hall. As per the existing instruction of the Commission, one of the counting table inside the counting hall shall be earmarked by Returning Officer as VCB for counting of VVPAT paper slips.

In this regard, it is clarified that:

1. One of the counting tables inside the counting hall in which RO will sit, shall be earmarked as VCB for counting of VVPAT paper slips.
2. Returning Officer and Observer concerned shall maintain close and direct oversight on counting of VVPAT slips to ensure strict compliance of the Commission's instruction.

Yours faithfully,


(Madhusudan Gupta)
Secretary