

# ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

NIRVACHAN SADAN, ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI-110001

No. 51/8/7/2020-EMS

Dated: 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2020

To

The Chief Electoral Officers of  
All States and Union Territories.

**Subject: Storage and safety arrangement of EVMs & VVPATs- opening of warehouse/strong room in case of exigencies like flood or fire-regarding**

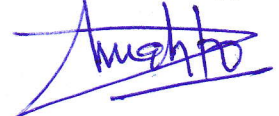
Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the sub-para (c) of para (iii) of point no. 1 of Commission's letter No. 51/8/7/2017-EMS, dated 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2017, wherein it has been mentioned that in case of exigencies like flood or fire the CEO/DEO may shift the EVMs/VVPATs under intimation to the Commission and also take post facto approval.

It is hereby clarified that in all such cases **it shall be mandatory for the District Election Officer to urgently inform the Chief Electoral Officer on the same day** about such incidents. On receiving any such intimation from the District Election Officer, the Chief Electoral Officer concerned shall **IMMEDIATELY** send a report to the Commission along with his comments.

Any delay on the part of the DEO or the CEO shall be viewed seriously.

Yours faithfully,



(Dilip Kumar Mahto)  
Under Secretary