

# ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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Madhusudan Gupta  
Under Secretary

No. 51/8/VVPAT/2017-EMS

Dated: 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2017

To

The Chief Electoral Officers of  
All States and Union Territories.

No. Subject: Instructions on use of EVMs with Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail system (VVPAT) -  
Regarding.

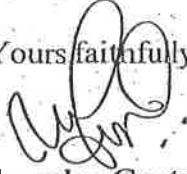
Section Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the Commission's letter of even number, dated 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2017, on the subject cited, and to state that some States/UTs have sought clarification regarding storage of VVPATs after poll. In this regard, it is clarified that after poll:

- (i) Complete set of Balloting Unit(s), Control Unit and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trails (VVPATs) of a particular polling station shall be kept in the same strong room.
- (ii) Unused VVPATs and unused EVMs shall be stored in separate strong room.

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

Yours faithfully,

  
(Madhusudan Gupta)

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1. The Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Bharat Electronics Limited, Bangalore, Karnataka.
2. The Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Electronics Corporation of India Limited, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh.
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