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**ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA**  
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No. 51/8/VVPAT/2017-EMS

Dated: 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2017

To

The Chief Electoral Officers of  
All States and Union Territories,

**Subject: Counting of VVPAT paper slips in case of CU failure to display result– reg.**  
Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the Commission's letter No. 51/8/VVPAT/2017-EVM, dated 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2017, wherein it was directed that in case it is not possible to retrieve the result from the Control Unit (CU) even after using printer, the printed paper slips of the respective VVPAT shall be counted, as per counting procedure prescribed by the Commission, for counting of printed paper slips.

The Commission has re-considered the matter and has directed that henceforth in case of non-display of result on the Display Panel of the Control Unit, the following action shall be taken:

- (i) In case any Control Unit does not display result, it should be kept back inside its carrying case and then be kept in the Returning Officer's custody in the counting hall. Counting of votes in other machines should continue as usual.
- (ii) ~~Result from such Control Unit(s) will not be retrieved using Auxiliary Display Unit or Printer.~~
- (iii) After completion of counting of votes from all the Control Units, the printed paper slips of the respective VVPAT shall be counted as per the counting procedure prescribed by the Commission in para 3.3 (Procedure to count VVPAT paper slips) of its letter of even number dated 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2017.
- (iv) Thereafter, counting of printed paper slips of VVPAT(s) under Rule 56D of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961 should be taken up, if any.

A report regarding counting of VVPAT paper slips is to be sent to the Commission in the following format through Chief Electoral Officer concerned for information.

S.No.	No. & Name of Assembly Constituency	Polling Station No.	Unit ID of VVPAT	Unit ID of Control Unit for which VVPAT paper slips counted	
				Non-retrieval of result from CU	Under Rule 56 D of the Conduct of Elections Rules 1961
1	2	3	4	5	6

The above instructions of the Commission shall be brought to the notice of all concerned (District Election Officers, Returning Officers, ECI Observers, Candidates etc.).

Yours faithfully,

  
(Madhusudan Gupta)  
Under Secretary

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For your kind information and necessary action.