

**Election Very Urgent**

No. EL1-135651/2019

Collectorate, Thrissur  
Dated 23/03/2019

From

District Election Officer &  
District Collector, Thrissur

To

- All Assistant Returning Officers
- All Electoral Registration Officers & Tahsildars
- Nodal Officer (e-Posting) / Training Management
- State Level Master Trainees
- R O' s Clerk

Sir,

**Sub:- Deployment of Polling Officials at Polling Stations-reg:-**

Ref:- Instruction No. 51/8/INST/2019-EMPS dated 29.01.2019 of the Election  
Commission of India

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The Election Commission of India has directed that **no extra Polling Official is required to handle the VVPAT unit and watch the VVPAT Status Display Unit (VSDU), whether State /UT is using M2 VVPATs or M2-M3 VVPATs or M3 VVPATs. The Polling Officer in charge of the Control Unit shall also monitor the VSDU where M2 or M2-M3 VVPATs are used.**

A Copy of the instruction of the Election Commission of India is enclosed for information and further necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

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Deputy Collector (Election)

For District Election Officer & District Collector

Enclosures:-

As stated above

Approved for issue

  
Junior Superintendent

# ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

NIRVACHAN SADAN, ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI-110001

No. 51/8/INST/2019-EMPS

Dated: 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2019

To

The Chief Electoral Officers of  
All States and Union Territories.

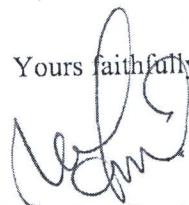
Subject: Deployment of Polling officials at Polling Stations – regarding.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to para 1.5 (Role of Polling Parties) of the Commission's letter no. 51/8/VVPAT/2017-EMS dated 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2017, regarding instructions on use of Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) with Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) system, wherein it has been mentioned that one extra polling official must be provided to handle the VVPAT unit while constituting polling parties. This polling official should handle the VVPAT unit and also watch the VVPAT Status Display Unit (VSDU) continuously during poll process.

2. The matter regarding deployment of one extra polling official to handle VVPAT unit and VSDU (which is used only in case of M2 /M2-M3 VVPATs) has been reconsidered by the Commission and it is directed that **no** extra polling official is required to handle the VVPAT unit and watch the VVPAT Status Display Unit (VSDU), whether State/UT is using M2 VVPATs or M2-M3 VVPATs or M3 VVPATs.
3. The Commission further directed that the Polling Officer/In-Charge of the Control Unit (CU) shall also monitor the VSDU where M2 or M2-M3 VVPATs will be used
4. The above direction of the Commission shall be brought to notice of all concerned.

Yours faithfully,



(Madhusudan Gupta)  
Under Secretary

Encl on EL-135654/19