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To

The Chief Electoral Officers of
All States and Union Territories.

Subject: Assessment and Inventory of Polling Stations- Basic Minimum Facilities (BMF) to be
Provided— Regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to para (v) i.e. Electricity Arrangement of the “Note on Assessment and Inventory of Basic Minimum Facilities at Polling Stations” attached with the Commission’s letter No. 464/INST-BMF/2013-EPS, dated 27th January, 2014 [*para 8.1 (d) of Chapter-8 of the Manual on Polling Stations, 2016*], on the subject cited. The same is reproduced as under:

“Make sure that the inside of the voting compartment is sufficiently lighted. If necessary, arrangement for a suitable lighting should be done for each compartment.....”.

It has been observed that due to excessive light, provided closely above voting compartment through use of high voltage incandescent bulbs/ tube-light, optical sensors used in VVPAT were affected, resulting VVPAT going in error mode.

The Commission has directed that the following instructions shall strictly be followed:

1. Proper electricity arrangements should be made at the polling stations.
2. High voltage incandescent bulbs/ tube-light should not be placed over or front of the voting compartment.
3. Voting Compartment should be placed in such a way that
 - (a) sufficient light is available inside the voting compartment.
 - (b) no direct lighting is placed over or in front of the voting compartment.
 - (c) secrecy of voting is not violated.
 - (d) voting compartment is not placed near the window/door.

Yours faithfully,

(Madhusudan Gupta)
Under Secretary