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NOTIFICATION

No. EE1/24/2025-ELEC.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 28th May, 2025.

The Election Commission of India's direction No. 576/3/EVM/2025/SDR-Vol. II dated, 27th May, 2025 is hereby republished.

By order,

DR. RATHAN U. KELKAR, IAS, Chief Electoral Officer and Secretary.



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Dated: 27th May, 2025

DIRECTION

Whereas, Section 61A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, provides that the giving and recording of votes by voting machines in such manner as may be prescribed, may be adopted in such constituency or constituencies as the Election Commission of India may, having regard to the circumstances of each case, specify; and

2. Whereas, as per the proviso to Rule 49A of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, a printer with a drop box of such design, as may be approved by the Election Commission of India, may also be attached to voting machine for printing a paper trail of the vote, in such constituency or constituencies or parts thereof as the Election Commission of India may direct; and

3. Whereas, the Election Commission has considered the circumstances in current bye elections to the 24-Kadi(SC) & 87-Visavadar Assembly Constituencies in Gujarat, 35-Nilambur Assembly Constituency in Kerala, 64-Ludhiana West Assembly Constituency in Punjab and 80-Kaliganj Assembly Constituency in West Bengal, announced vide the Election Commission's Press Notes No. ECI/PN/220/2025 dated 25th May, 2025, and is satisfied that sufficient number of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Printers for printing Paper Trail [Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail(VVPAT)] are available for taking the poll in the above said Assembly Constituencies. The polling personnel are well trained in efficient handling of EVMs and 'VVPAT Printers' and the electors are also fully conversant with the operation of the EVMs and the VVPAT Printers;

4. Now, therefore, the Election Commission of India, in exercise of its powers under the said Section 61A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, and Rule 49A of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, hereby specifies 24-Kadi(SC) & 87-Visavadar Assembly Constituencies in Gujarat, 35-Nilambur Assembly Constituency in Kerala, 64-Ludhiana West Assembly Constituency in Punjab and 80-Kaliganj Assembly Constituency in West Bengal, notified on 26th May, 2025, as the constituencies in which the votes, shall be given and recorded by means of EVMs and VVPAT printers in the manner



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prescribed, under the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, and the supplementary instructions issued by the Election Commission from time to time on the subject.

5. The Election Commission also hereby approves the design of EVMs and VVPAT Printers as developed by the Bharat Electronics Ltd., Bangalore and Electronics Corporation of India Ltd., Hyderabad, which shall be attached to the said machines, to be used for the giving and recording of votes in all the Constituencies.

By Order,

(SANTOSH KUMAR DUBEY) SECRETARY