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# ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

NIRVACHAN SADAN, ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI-110001

No. 54/2/2015-EMS

Dated: 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2015

To

The Chief Electoral Officers of  
all State/UTs

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Subject:

Application of Indelible Ink on electors finger- regarding.

Sir/Madam,

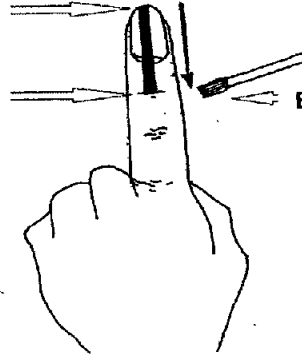
I am directed to state that during the recent past elections, certain reports regarding improper application of Indelible Ink have been received by the Commission. The matter has been considered by the Commission and the Commission has directed that the following shall be strictly followed, during all future elections:-

1. Indelible Ink will be applied on voter's finger with the help of brush (to be supplied by the M/s Mysore Paints and Varnish Limited) **from top of the nail to the bottom of the first joint of the left forefinger** as shown in the diagram below.

FREE EDGE OR TOP OF NAIL

FIRST JOINT

BRUSH



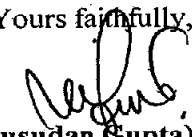
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2. The Polling Official in-charge of the Control Unit **shall ensure that mark of the Indelible Ink is intact on the finger of electors**, before pressing the ballot button of Control Unit.

A copy of this instruction may be sent to all District Election Officers and Returning Officers. This instruction may also be brought to the notice of all Presiding Officers and Polling Officers during Trainings for strict compliance. A copy of this instruction shall be kept in the Kit of Presiding Officer given to him while leaving for poll duty.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Madhusudan Gupta)  
Under Secretary

Copy forwarded to :

1. The Managing Director, Mysore Paints and Varnish Limited, New Bannimantap Extension, Mysore-570015, Karnataka with the request to ensure supply of Brushes alongwith the Indelible Ink, to be supplied to the States/UTs, with immediate effect.
2. The State Election Commissioners of all States and Union Territories for their information and necessary action.