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To

**The Chief Electoral Officers of
All States and Union Territories.**

Subject: Cascading of additional Ballot Units when used – steps regarding.

Reference: Commission's letter No.51/8/7/2009-EMS, dated 5th April, 2009.

Sir/Madam,

In view of the large number of candidates contesting the polls during the General Elections 2009 as well as in the simultaneous elections in some of the states, the Commission directs that whenever additional Ballot Units are utilised if the number of candidates is more than 16 or 32 or so on then they should be numbered. When the additional Ballot Unit to be cascaded, one sticker should be pasted on the top of each Ballot Unit like "Ballot Unit Number 1" on the BU in which the ballot paper contains the name of candidates appearing at serial number 1-16 and "Ballot Unit Number 2" on the BU in which the ballot paper contains the name of candidates at serial numbers 17-32 and so on in the language used on the ballot paper. This should be done in such a way that 'Ready Lamp' or any other vital portion of Ballot Unit does not get covered. Under no circumstances such numbering will be done on any BU where single BU is being used.

Yours faithfully

(K.N.Bhar)