

# ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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No. 464/INST/2012-EPS

Dated: 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2012

To

The Chief Electoral Officers,  
Of all the States/ UTs.

**Subject: Counting of Votes – Substantial reasons for rejection of postal ballots – clarification – regarding.**

Sir/Madam,

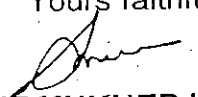
With reference to the counting of Postal Ballots, I am directed to clarify as

under:

- (i) A Postal Ballot paper shall not be rejected merely on the ground that the attesting officer has not put his seal on the declaration of the elector in Form 13A, if the attesting officer has given all relevant details with regard to his name and designation on that form;
- (ii) A Postal Ballot paper shall also not be rejected on the ground that the sender (elector) has not put his signature on the outer cover "B" (Form 13C) in which he has returned the postal ballot paper, if the identity of the sender (elector) is verifiable on the basis of his declaration in Form 13A.

This may be circulated to all concerned.

Yours faithfully,

  
 (SUMIT MUKHERJEE)  
 SECRETARY

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