

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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No.464/INST/2009/EPS

Dated: 10th March, 2009

To,

The Chief Electoral Officers of ,
All States/UTs (except Andhra Pradesh)

Subject: Appointment of Polling Agents – Comprehensive Instructions
/Directions – regarding.

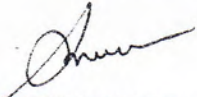
Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to the Commission's letter No. 464/INST/2007-PLN-I dated 12.10.2007 on the subject cited (copy enclosed) and to state that the Commission has reviewed its earlier instructions/directions contained in its letter dated 12.10.2007 mentioned above and decided to modify the instructions contained in Sub paras (i) to (iv) of para 3 thereof as under:

- (1) The polling agents who are appointed by the contesting candidates shall be elector in the same polling booth, or in the alternative from the neighboring polling stations falling in the same constituency, for which elections are being conducted.
- (2) Such polling agents must possess electors photo identity card or any other recognized identification device issued by the Government or any Govt. agency which bears his/her photograph and establishes his/her identity. All polling agents shall display their EPIC or other identification document prominently on their persons on the day of poll for easy and quick identification.

This shall be brought to the notice of all DEOs, ROs, Observers, Presiding Officers, and Polling Officers etc for strict compliance.

Yours faithfully



**(SUMIT MUKHERJEE)
UNDER SECRETARY**