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**MODEL CHECK LIST
FOR
SECTOR OFFICERS**

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**A Check list for Sector Officers in connection with
Conduct of Elections for House of People/Legislative Assembly**

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SECTOR OFFICERS

(ECI's No.51/8/7/2008 - EMS dt. 15.7.2008 and No. 464/INST/2008- EPS dt. 24.10.2008) -

1.1 Tasks and Responsibilities —

- (i) Responsible for election management from the day of announcement of schedule of election till the completion of poll process - If required central Govt. officers can also be deployed.
- (ii) Most responsible position; best officers to be identified – Deployment immediately after announcement of election schedule till the poll process - They shall be designated as Zonal Magistrates for the same area at least 7 days before poll day. They will be provided powers of Special Executive Magistrates also.
- (iii) A manageable route covering 10-12 polling locations (1 to 2 hours) should be assigned.
- (iv) Sectors to be constituted well in advance.
- (v) The routes should be plotted on constituency map.
- (vi) Immediately after the appointment he should have the sector map.
- (vii) DEO/RO & Observers to frequently (weekly) have review meetings with SOs and monitor works allotted to and done by them
- (viii) They should be provided with a vehicle in advance, not later than one week before the notification of election.
- (ix) To ensure effective implementation of communication plan

1.2 Sector Officers - Tasks

1.2.1 Pre-poll responsibility - About polling location -

- (i) To verify whether route plotted on map is feasible - Ascertaining the approach and accessibility.
- (ii) Ascertain infrastructure at polling stations – water, shade, ramps, toilet, telephone etc., and physical status of building.
- (iii) To ensure that wide publicity is given to new polling stations
- (iv) Collect phone no., ascertain mobile connectivity at PS;
- (v) Party Offices, whether they exist within 200 meters periphery of PS
- (vi) He shall keep an eye and report on movement of unauthorised campaign vehicles, defacement of property, unauthorised campaigning, misuse of

public buildings/Govt. Vehicles/Govt servants and all possible violation of MCC.

1.2.2 Pre-poll responsibility - About the voters -

- (i) EVM demonstration to the voters in catchments;
- (ii) Give specific information about EPIC coverage programme.
- (iii) Inform voters about help lines and locations of their PSs.
- (iv) To inform voters to check their names and entries in PER through BLO

1.2.3 Pre-poll responsibility - About vulnerability mapping -

- (i) **Frequent visits** for confidence building measures and fine tuning the vulnerability mapping;
- (ii) Vulnerability Mapping (ECI No. 464/INST/2007 PLN I dtd 12.10.07)
- (iii) Identification of villages, hamlets and segments of voters vulnerable for threat and intimidation
- (iv) Identification of persons who make it vulnerable - It is not about numbers- it is about names - Information to be given in prescribed format to the RO/DEO without having to disclose the source.
- (v) Accountability for ensuring free access of voters for voting.
- (vi) Contact points within the vulnerable community with their telephone numbers
- (vii) SO will act as Zonal Magistrate, therefore will accompany with police officer.
- (viii) Since SO will act as Zonal Magistrate, he will prepare a Zonal Magistrate Plan with a sketch map for PSs, list of telephone Nos of PSs and election related officers, police stations, list of responsible persons, list of Anti Social elements etc.,.

1.2.4 Poll-eve responsibility

- (i) Ensure that the polling teams and all material have reached their PSs
- (ii) Ensure that force has arrived at PSs according to the plan.
- (iii) Clarify any last minute doubt on EVM operation or the polling process, amongst the poll personnel
- (iv) Give OK report to control room

1.2.5 Poll day responsibility

- (i) To ascertain the mock poll status before commencement of poll - Remedial action to sort out problem, if any.
- (ii) Frequent visit and attention on the PS where the mock poll had to be conducted in the absence of agents.
- (iii) Report commencement of polls.
- (iv) To ensure that Forces deployed at PSs are in position
- (v) Replacements of EVMs where required (SO to have spare EVMs);
- (vi) Track and report the presence /absence of polling agents
- (vii) To assist polling team inside polling station with procedures,
- (viii) To maintain the purity of poll process and check all aspects of polling during their visits to PSs.
- (ix) Mock poll certification be ensured - mock poll status be reported within 30 minutes to RO [ECI's No. 51/8/7/2008-EMS dt. 15.7.08]
- (x) Check voting pattern – any segment/section conspicuous by its absence? Inform RO for remedial measures.
- (xi) Report voting percentage from time to time to RO as instructed.
- (xii) Handling of poll day complaints
- (xiii) Check the sealing of EVMs and preparation of papers by polling parties.
- (xiv) Escort EVMs with the polling team to receipt centre.
- (xv) Replacement of polling personnel from reserve parties
- (xvi) To ensure distribution of Honorarium to Polling personnel
- (xvii) At the end of poll he will ensure that: -
 - (a) PrO diary is filled up properly
 - (b) EVMs are properly sealed.
 - (c) Copies of 17C are given to polling agents
 - (d) Register of 17A is properly filled up.
 - (e) Format XV for PrO's additional report to be submitted to Observer is filled up properly.

1.2.6 After poll, submit a report on polling to RO. (Format-III enclosed)

1.2.7 The following information and facilities that should be available with Sector Officer: -

- (i) Sector Officers shall ensure that they have been given adequate training particularly with regard to EVM, Election Management, Polling Process, Model Code of Conduct and other important aspects of elections.
- (ii) Sector Officers should have an identity card issued by DEO and should always ensure that they display their identity card during their visits to their sector.
- (iii) Sector Officers should have the list of all polling stations under his jurisdiction alongwith number of voters in each polling booth.
- (iv) Communication plan

1.2.8 Material to be provided to Sector Officer —

Sector Officer should ensure that they have with them all the material listed below: -

- (i) Training input being given to Presiding Officer, Polling Officer and Booth Level Officers.
- (ii) A detailed map of his sector.
- (iii) The list of notified polling stations in his area.
- (iv) Details about the voter help lines existing in his sector.
- (v) Reserve EVMs

1.2.9 Reports to be furnished by Sector Officer —

- (i) Sector Officer shall submit tour report to RO and DEO for every field visit undertaken by him after his appointment on the lines of the enclosed **Format-1 & 2**
- (ii) Sector Officer shall also submit report in **Format-3** issued by Election Commission of India giving details about the poll day activities after the polling is over. This report will be submitted to RO.

**FORMAT OF REPORT OF VARIOUS ROUNDS IN SECTOR
BY SECTOR OFFICER (AC)**

Name or No. of Sector:

Name of Sector Officer:

S.No.	Name of Polling Station visited	Infrastructure (Yes/No/Report)					No. of Voters	Whether BLO accompanied you during Round (Yes/No)	Vulnerable Mapping	Any special observation in polling station, village & catchment's area
		Ramp	Accessibility Road	Water	Shade	PS on Ground Floor				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1										
2										
3										
4										
5										
6										
Contd.										

Remarks:

**Signature of Sector Officer:
Date of Visit:**

FORMAT FOR COLLECTION OF INFORMATION ON VULNERABLE VILLAGES/HAMLETS

District: _____

Constituency: _____

Polling Station No. & Name	Names of Villages/Hamlets covered by the PS	Name of Villages/Hamlets identified as vulnerable	Name of persons identified as probable source of trouble	Remarks (Type of Threat, e.g. caste domination, communal tension, criminal gangs etc)
1	2	3	4	5

Sector Officer's Report Format (Poll Day)

Name of Sector Officer: _____
 No. & Name of AC _____
 Route No. _____
 No. of Candidates _____

1	PS No.
2	Central Force Deployed Y/N
3	Micro Observer deployed Y/N
4	Video camera deployed Y/N
5	Total voters
6	Whether Mock Poll done (Y/N)
7	No. of Polling Agents present
8	Party candidates not represented by polling agents
9	No. of votes polled at Ist visit (Mention time)
10	No. of votes polled at IInd visit (Mention time)
11	No. of votes polled at IIIrd visit (Mention time)
12	Whether poll continued after closure time? (Y/N)
13	No. of voters who have voted after 5PM by receiving token
14	Total No. of votes polled at close of poll
15	Total % of votes polled
16	Whether machines closed and sealed properly (Y/N)
17	Whether copy of 17C given to polling agents by PrO (Y/N)
18	Whether PrO diary, 17A, 17C checked and tallied? (Y/N)
19	Complaints received on poll day
20	Source of each complaint, its nature and followup action taken
21	Whether repoll recommended (Y/N)
22	Whether machine & statutory papers deposited in strong room (Y/N)