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No. 2752 dated 12/02/2022

From

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Secretary

To

All District Magistrates

Sub: General Elections to Urban Local Bodies 2022- printing of ballot papers at District level

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to say that training was imparted to the Nodal Officers and technical persons at Government Press, Cuttack on 10 th – 11th Feb 2022 on printing of ballot papers. The following points regarding printing were discussed:

- Two types of ballot papers, one for election to the office of Councillor/
 Corporator and another for office of Chairperson/ Mayor shall be printed.
 10 ballot papers of each type per booth shall be printed.
- ii. EVM Ballot papers will also be used as tendered ballot paper and by an elector on election duty in another ward.
- iii. Each ballot paper shall be of size 46 cm x 14 cm.
- iv. The paper for printing of the same (70 GSM Maplitho) will be supplied by Government Press, Cuttack. Pink colour for Councillor / Corporator and Yellow colour for Chairperson/ Mayor.
- v. Government Press shall also share a format of dummy ballot paper and symbols in Page Maker through the Commission.
- vi. A Printing Press shall be identified at District level for printing of the required number of ballot papers. The Press should have adequate computers for doing the DTP work within limited time, and Odia type

knowing Data Entry Operators, well conversant in Page Maker. The Press should have adequate number of Printers that can use A3 size paper.

- vii. After the format of the dummy ballot paper including symbols is shared, dummy ballot papers can be prepared to check the alignment with Ballot Unit of EVMs. For this purpose, 1-2 Ballot Units can be taken to the printing press through a responsible Officer.
- viii. The ballot papers shall be printed under the supervision of a senior officer of the District with adequate security arrangements. Utmost care should be taken so that neither hard nor soft copies are taken out of the Printing Press by unauthorized persons.
- ix. Printing of ballot papers for the three Municipal Corporations will be done at Government Press, Cuttack.

Identification of suitable Printing Press should be completed by 15th Feb 2022 and compliance submitted to Commission.

Yours faithfully,

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Memo No. 2753 dated 12/02/2022

Copy forwarded to all Election Officers for information and necessary action.

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Memo No. 2754 dated 12/02/2022

Copy forwarded to Director, Printing, Stationery and Publication, Odisha, Cuttack with a request to share the dummy ballot paper for onward transmission to all districts.

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