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Letter No. **3323/SEC.**,

Date **19.02.2022**

From

Sri R. N. Sahu, IAS
Secretary

To

All Collectors.

Sub:- Counting of Votes at Block Headquarters – **Guarding of Strong Room.**

Madam/Sir,

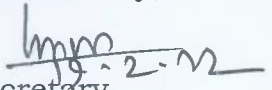
I am directed to say that complaints have been received in the Commission that representatives of political parties/contesting candidates are not being allowed to keep watch on the Strong Room in some of the Blocks.

In this regard, the Commission vide Letter No.2876/SEC dated 16.10.2021 has issued detailed Guidelines for Counting of Votes at Block Headquarters and it has been provided in the Chapter relating to Strong Room(s) that all contesting candidates shall be intimated in writing to depute their representatives to keep a close watch on the security arrangements in the Strong Room(s). They should be allowed to stay outside the inner perimeter at a location which enables them to view the entry point of Strong Room (Page 501-502 of the Manual).

Hence, necessary instructions may be issued to all the BDOs-cum-Election Officers of the District to allow the guarding of the Strong Room(s) by the representatives of the contesting candidates as above.

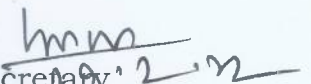
They may be treated as most urgent.

Yours faithfully,


Secretary

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Copy forwarded to all Block Development Officer-cum-Election Officers for information and necessary action.


Secretary