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From

Sri R. N. Sahu, IAS Secretary.

To

All Collectors

Sub:- General Elections to PRIs 2022.- Storing of Ballot Boxes after Re-Poll.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to say that the Commission has ordered for Re-Poll in some booths and may also issue similar orders in case proposals for Re-Poll are to be received for different from Districts.

A question has arisen as to where the Sealed Ballot Boxes will be kept after Re-Poll.

In this regard the Commission clarifies as follows:

- 1. The Sealed Ballot Boxes after Re-Poll will be kept in a separate Strong Room in the same building where the original Strong Rooms are located.
- 2. **Under no Circumstances should the Strong Room** already sealed be opened for keeping Ballot Boxes after Re-poll.
- 3. The Strong Room (s) will be opened on the day of Counting only.
- 4. In case the original Sealed Ballot Boxes have been kept in the Strong Room where Re-Poll has been conducted, the Sealed Ballot Boxes after Re-Poll are to be taken to the Counting Hall for Counting and not the original Ballot Boxes.

All concerned shall be informed accordingly **today** for strict compliance.

Yours faithfully,

Memo No 3369 /SEC Date 20 02 2022 Copy forwarded to all Block Development Officers for information and necessary action.

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