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From

Sri R. N. Sahu, IAS
Secretary

To

All Collectors.

Sub:- General Elections to Panchayati Raj Institutions, 2022-
Counting of Votes at Block Headquarters – Regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to say that counting of votes will be done at the Block Headquarters from 26th to 28th February, 2022 as per the programme issued on 11.01.2022.

Complaints are being received regarding safety measures taken in the Strong Room(s) in deviation to the Commission's instructions in various Blocks.

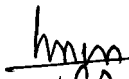
In this regard the Commission directs as follows:

1. Strong Room(s) once sealed shall not be opened under any circumstances. Ballot boxes from booths that have undergone repolling should be stored in a separate strong room.
2. The Election Officer and other officials shall keep a close watch on the Strong Room(s) from a safe distance and shall not go to the corridor of the Strong Room.
3. 24X7 Power backup shall be provided in the building where Strong Rooms are located, including CCTV.
4. Apart from the instructions issued vide letter No.225 dated 16.10.2021 the following steps shall be strictly followed on the day of counting.
 - i. All the Counting Agents authorized by the candidate(s) shall be thoroughly frisked at the entry point to ensure that nobody is allowed with Mobile Phones and other similar electronics devices, seals/stamp pads, spy pen and other materials which may lead to the tampering of counting process.

- ii. The above restrictions are also applicable to all counting personnel, including the Group D staff and other officials associated in the Counting. The conduct of Government Officials should be above board to ensure fairness in the counting process.
- iii. Water and water bottle shall not be allowed inside the Counting Hall. Arrangements shall be made for drinking water outside the counting hall.

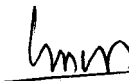
All concerned shall be informed accordingly.

Yours faithfully,


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Copy forwarded to all Block Development Officers for information and necessary action.


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