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Date: 14 / 12 / 2021

From

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Secretary.

To

All District Magistrates.

Sub: Appointment of 4th Polling Officer & issue of Voter Slips- Regarding.

Madam/Sir,

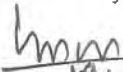
As you are aware, the Odisha Municipal Act-1950 and Odisha Municipal Corporation Act-2003 have been amended to provide direct election to the Office of Chairperson/Mayor. Copies of the Amendments have been sent vide Memo No.18073/H&UD, dated.27.10.2021 by the Government in Housing & Urban Development Department.

In view of the direct election to the office of Chairperson/Mayor and amended Rule 44 of Odisha Municipal Corporation (Delimitation of Wards and Reservation of Seats & Conduct of Election) Rules, 2003 and amended Rule 55 of Odisha Municipal Corporation (Delimitation of Wards and Reservation of Seats & Conduct of Election) Rules, 1994 one additional EVM will be provided to each polling Station. For smooth conduct of the Poll, the Commission has decided to provide one additional Polling Officer, i.e.4th Polling Officer in all the Polling Stations in the Urban Local Bodies. The 4th Polling Officer will remain in charge of the Control Unit of the EVM meant for Election of Councillor/Corporator. The 3rd Polling Officer will remain in charge of Control unit of the EVM meant for Election of Chairperson/Mayor.

In view of the amended provision, the 2nd Polling Officer will issue voter slips to the elector. The 1st voter slip will be handed over to the elector after identification and obtaining the signature of the elector in the Voter's Register. The elector will hand over the slip to the 3rd Polling officer who will allow the elector to proceed to the voting compartment meant for election of Chairperson/Mayor, by pressing the ballot button on the control unit. After the elector has cast his vote for the office of Chairperson/Mayor, the 2nd Polling Officer will hand over the 2nd voter slip to the elector. The elector will proceed to the 4th Polling Officer who will receive the voter's slip and allow the elector to proceed to the voting compartment to cast vote for election to office of Councilor/Corporator. The 4th Polling Officer will press the ballot button of the control unit to allow the elector to cast his vote. After casting both the votes, the elector will leave the polling Station.

These instructions may be brought of notice to all concerned for their guidance and strict adherence.

Yours faithfully,


Secretary
14/12-21

Memo No. 4680 /SEC., Date: 14/12/2021

Copy forwarded to Principal Secretary to Government, Housing and Urban Development Department for information and necessary action.

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Secretary
14.12.21