



MOHD. ARIF (NASEEM) KHAN

Member : Congress Workers Committee (CWC)
Ex. Minister : Govt. of Maharashtra

15th April, 2026

To:

1. **THE ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA,**
Nirvachan Sadan, New Delhi.
2. **CHAIRMAN & MANAGING DIRECTOR,**
The Electronic Corporation of India.
3. **CHAIRMAN & MANAGING DIRECTOR,**
Bharat Electronics Limited.
4. **THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER,**
Maharashtra State.
5. **DISTRICT COLLECTOR, BSD**
6. **DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER**
7. **THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR**
8. **THE DEPUTY DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER**

Ref:

- i. Pursuant to Order passed in High Court of Bombay Election Petition No. 9 of 2025, for “**Checking and Verification**” of Burnt Memory Main Controller (EVM) Post announcement of results.
- ii. Letter from Deputy District Election Officer BSD dated 13.04.2026 addressed to me as well as other candidates for “**Checking and Verification**” of Burnt Memory.

Dear Sirs,

1. I am in receipt of your above Letters along with copy of Letter of Under Secretary, addressed to the Chief Electoral Officer and others dated 17.06.2025, inter alia, referring to Order of the Honourable Supreme Court dated 07.05.2025



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2023, and Writ Petition (Civil) No. 46 of 2025. Copy of said Order dated 07.05.2025 is annexed hereto.

2. Along with the said Letter, Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for
 - i. Administrative and
 - ii. Technical is annexed thereto.

Inter alia SOP detailed procedure for checking and verification has been set out. The aforesaid Technical and administrative SOP are directory and for better implementation of the Order of Honourable Supreme Court and for ease of understanding of all concerned persons.

3. The said order of Honourable Supreme Court is required to be implemented in its true spirit. Please refer to order of Honourable Supreme Court dated 07.05.2025 and we request you to focus on the following directions which are required to be followed mandatorily.

"The Engineer will issue certificate(s) that they are satisfied that the burnt memory/ micro controller and the data/ program(s) loaded by them have not been tampered with and their integrity as maintained. (Page 2)

"It will also be open to the candidates to State that the data loaded on the Symbol Loading Units (SLU) may not be erased and retained for use in the mock poll." (Page 3)

4. In this context, please also refer to SOP (Administrative) (Page 5), Item No. 7 under the caption **"Participation of applicant/ candidates/ representatives"** We also draw your attention to the Technical SOP pertaining



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to Infra structure requirements and arrangement for Checking and Verification of EVM Units i.e. BU, CU and VVPAT. On conjoint reading of the Administrative and Technical SOP, we expect that for the compliance of Order of Honourable Supreme Court, following technical requisitions are to be complied with.

Requisitions for CU:

- a. Check the paper seal is not broken and is original as on polling day
- b. Tally the machine ID label with that on Form 17
- c. Tally the electronic machine ID with that on Form 17
- d. Identify and list ALL ports – gateways to external communication
- e. Identify the processor
- f. Identify the EEPROM
- g. Detect RF signal strength – when off, when on
- h. Extract data from EEPROM – both copy 1 and copy 2
 - i. Is the EEPROM an SMD?
 - ii. If it is socket mounted, how easily can it be removed?
- i. Record the “count” when “count” is pressed only once
- j. Record the “count” when “count” is pressed twice
- k. Does the machine have RTC?
- l. Does the machine have a “Last Used / Accessed” Date-time stamp?
- m. Understand how many bytes are stored per vote
- n. Check how many bytes are stored in the EEPROM. Does the byte count tally
- o. with the votes cast (using conversion factor understood in 13)



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In his context, I would like to draw your attention to Item No. 7 in CU regarding method of detecting Radio Frequency (RF) Signal Strength and when CU is on. In this context, upon technical advice, I understand that instrument for measuring Radio Frequency is required to be made available at the time of checking and verification of Control Unit.

We expect the aforesaid arrangement will be made or otherwise we request you to allow our technical person to carry the required instrument for measuring RF strength.

5. In the like manner, expect the following technical requisitions which are required to be complied with for checking and verification of VVPAT
 - a. Check the paper seal is not broken and is original as on polling day
 - b. Tally the machine ID label with that on Form 17
 - c. Tally the electronic machine ID with that on Form 17
 - d. Identify and list ALL ports – gateways to external communication
 - e. Count the slips and tally the count with the CU counts – not even 1 vote mismatch is acceptable
 - f. Confirm there is no possibility of physical “ballot stuffing”
 - check the bottom and the sides as well

6. The following requisitions are required to be complied with for checking and verification of BU
 - a. Check the seal is unbroken
 - b. Check the machine ID label with that on Form 17



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7. We also request you to refer to order of Honourable Supreme Court at page 3 with respect to Symbol Loading Unit (SLU) which is reproduced as under:
- "It will also be open to candidates to state that the data loaded on the Symbol Loading Units (SLU) may not be erased and retained for use in Mock Poll".*
- Technical SOP in Part II refers to Mock Poll of UM Unit. However, the following requisitions are required to be complied with which has not been referred in the Technical SOP.
- Check the seal is unbroken
 - Inspect the ENTIRE contents of the SLU – there should be no file other than BMP files, one for each candidate
 - If there are more files, understand the reasons why and see the contents of each file
 - How many ports does the SLU have?
 - Are all ports accessible / active at all times?
8. In the aforesaid circumstances, I request you to follow the Honourable Supreme Court's guidelines of real technical and administrative SOP in consonance with order of Supreme Court and please comply with the same in its true spirit and requisitions referred in para 4 to 7 are complied with.
9. I respectfully request the Honourable Election Commissioner and all concerned Higher Officers to issue directions to the concerned officers to co-operate in complying with the requisitions referred hereinabove.
10. Please note that I will be attending the Office along with my team consisting of Lawyer and Technical Expert who can throw light on the aforesaid aspects.



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11. We request you that we intend to do mock poll of two EVM which will be identified tomorrow. We have already paid requisite charges for the same. Anticipating co-operation and compliance with the Order of Honourable Supreme Court and Honourable High Court.

Mohd. Arif (Naseem) Khan