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To

The Chief Secretaries of all States/UTs

Subject: Counting Arrangements on 2.5.2021 for General Elections to Legislative Assemblies of West Bengal, Assam, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Puducherry, 2021 and bye election in various States - strict compliance of Commission's directions- Regarding.

Sir.

I am directed to refer to the Commission's Broad Guidelines issued on 21.08.2020 and issued on 28.04.2021 available on Commission's website at https://eci.gov.in/files/file/12167-broad-guidelines-for-conduct-of-general-election-bye-election-during-covid-19/ and at https://eci.gov.in/files/file/13361-broad-guidelines-for-covid-safety-during-counting-of-votes-on-2nd-may-2021/. These guidelines have also been forwarded to you.

2. The Commission has directed to reiterate that these directions shall be strictly complied with by all concerned authorities (COVID-19 measures) adhering to extant instructions of NDMA/SDMA during the process of Counting etc. It shall be ensured that counting/victory related public gatherings, public celebrations etc. shall not be allowed. It was also directed that banning victory procession would include any kind of procession by or congregation of supporters of victorious candidates anywhere in constituency(ies) beyond limits on number prescribed by concerned State/UT.

Yours faithfully,

(Súmit Mukherjee) Sr. Principal Secretary

Copy to: The Chief Electoral Officers of all States/UTs.