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Memo No. 1856/Elecs.C/A2/2022

Dated:01.05.2023

Sub: Elections – Instruction on use of old Pink Paper Seals, Green Paper Seals etc and newly designed Pink Paper Seals and Green Paper Seals for sealing of EVMs – Communicated – Regarding.

Ref: From Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi, Lr.No.52/2/Prep/2020/EMS, dt.24.04.2023.

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A copy of the reference cited together with its enclosure is communicated herewith to the Commissioner, GHMC & District Election Officer, Hyderabad and all the Collectors & District Election Officers in the State for necessary information and action.

**VIKAS RAJ
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER &
E.O. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To,
The Commissioner, GHMC & District Election Officer, Hyderabad,(w.e.,)
All the Collectors & District Election Officers in the State.(w.e.,)
The Returning Officers and Assistant Returning Officers through concerned
District Election Officers in the State.
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ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

निर्वाचन सदन, अशोक रोड, नई दिल्ली - 110001

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No. 52/2/Prep/2020/EMS

Dated: 24/04/2023

To,

The Chief Electoral Officer
of All States and Union Territories.

Sub: Instruction on use of old Pink Paper Seals, Green Paper Seals etc. – Reg.

Ref: ECI letter No. 52/2/Prep/2020-EMS, dated 20-09-2021. (Copy enclosed)
Sir,

Please refer to under reference letter issuing therewith instructions on use of modified Pink Paper Seals, Green Paper Seals, etc. Further, in para (4) of referred letter, it was also directed that States/UTs which had already procured old Pink Paper seals and Green Paper Seals for use in bye-elections may use old Pink Paper Seals and Green Paper Seals.

2. In this connection, I am further directed to state that henceforth only modified pink and green paper seals as referred above shall be used in General Elections and by-elections.

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Yours faithfully,

Rakesh Kumar
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No. 52/2/Prep/2020-EMS

Dated: 20th September, 2021

To

The Chief Electoral Officers
Of All States and Union Territories

Subject: Instructions on use of newly designed Pink Paper Seals and Green Paper Seals for sealing of EVMs-regarding.

Reference: 1. ECI letter No. 51/8/7/2010, dated 23/09/2010.
2. ECI letter No. 51/8/16/4/2017-EMS, dated 30/08/2017.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to state that to further strengthen sealing process of EVMs, the Commission has approved the use of modified Pink Paper Seals and Green Paper Seals in election, as follows:

A. Modified Pink Paper Seal

The common specification of the modified Pink Paper Seal both for sealing Control Unit and Ballot Unit of EVM is 100 mm x 18 mm (length x breadth) and having unique Serial Number in QR-Code and date of manufacture.

B. Modified Green Paper Seal

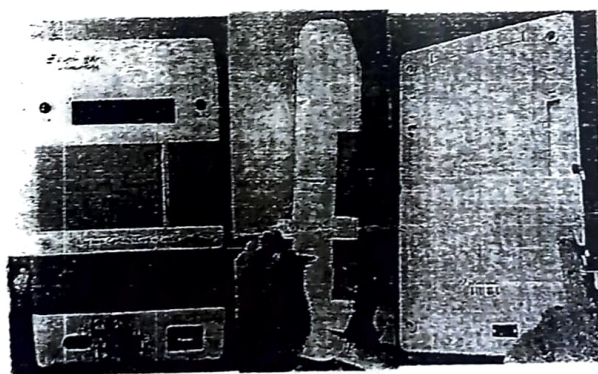
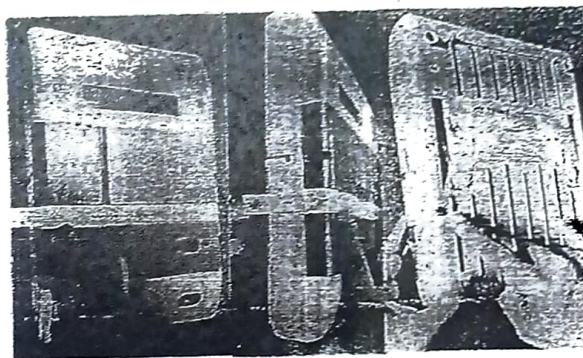
The specification of the Modified Green Paper Seal is 18.6 cm x 3.5 cm (length x breadth). At both the ends of the Modified Green Paper Seal on the inner side, there are TWO (2) pre-gummed portions identified by the letters 'A' and 'B'. Each gummed portion is covered by a strip of wax paper. On the inner side of the Modified Green Paper Seal there are two color marks, the Green Colour Mark adjacent to the 'A' end and Red Color Mark adjacent to the 'B' end.

2. The Commission has directed that the following instructions shall be strictly followed on use of modified Pink Paper Seals and Green Paper Seals:

(a) **Sealing of Cabinets of the Control Units with Pink Paper Seals in First Level Checking of EVMs:** In First Level Checking (FLC) of EVMs, the cabinet the Control Units shall be sealed with Modified Pink Paper Seal on

the portion between the Candidate Set Section and the Result Section by the authorized engineers of BEL/ECIL in the presence of representatives of National and State Recognized Political Parties. For sealing cabinet of Control Unit in First Level Checking following procedure shall be followed:

- (i) Modified Pink Paper Seal has two portion/part of Pink Paper Seals of same Unique Serial Number. First, split the seal into two separate Pink Paper Seals.
- (ii) Remove the gummed paper from Pink Paper Seal carefully.
- (iii) These two Pink Paper Seals shall be pasted on two sides of the Cabinet of the Control Unit as shown in the figures:



Control Unit sealed with Modified Pink Paper Seal

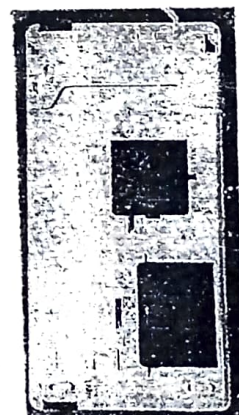
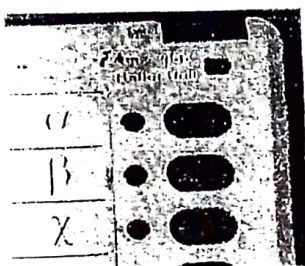
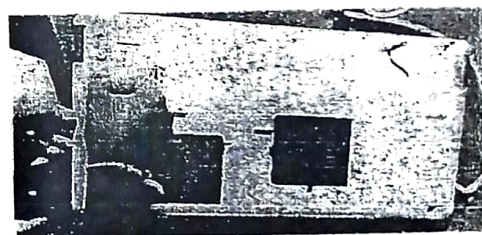
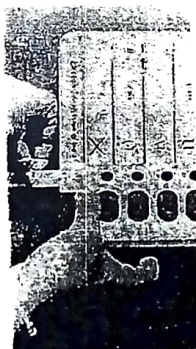
- (iv) While marking FLC-Ok in EVM Management System (EMS) using Mobile App, the Unique Serial Number of Pink Paper Seal shall be entered by scanning QR-Code.
- (v) There is no change in other instructions like signing of BEL/ECIL engineer, the representatives of political parties and DEO etc. on Pink Paper Seal, providing photocopies of register having serial no. of the

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Pink Paper Seal used on the Control Unit to all National and State Level Recognised Political Parties etc.

(b) Sealing of Cabinets of the Ballot Units with Pink Paper Seals in commissioning process of EVMs: In commissioning of EVM, the plastic cabinet of the Ballot Unit shall also be sealed with modified Pink Paper Seal by applying its two parts on the lower and upper sides of the cabinet in the presence of contesting candidates/their representatives. For sealing cabinet of Ballot Unit in commissioning process following procedure shall be followed:

- (i) Modified Pink Paper Seal has two portion/part of Pink Paper Seals of same Unique Serial Number. First, split the seal into two separate Pink Paper Seals.
- (ii) Remove the gummed paper from Pink Paper Seal carefully.
- (iii) These two Pink Paper Seals shall be pasted on lower and upper sides of the Cabinet of the Ballot Unit as shown in the figures:

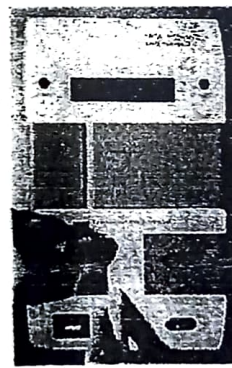
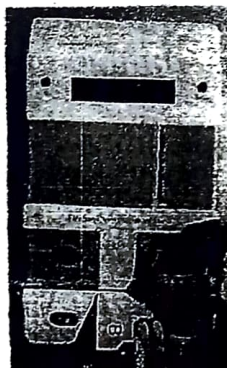
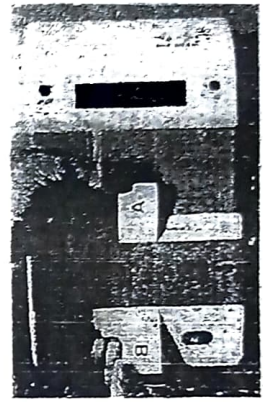
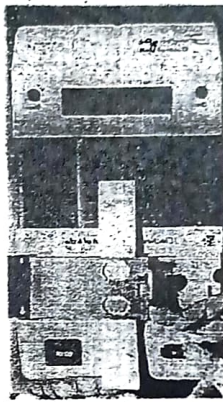
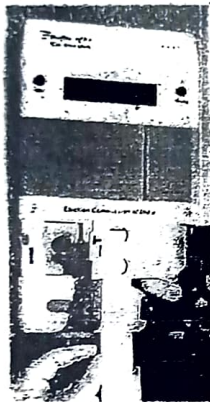


Ballot Unit sealed with Pink Paper Seal

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(iv) There is no change in other instructions like signing of BEL/ECIL engineer, candidates/their representatives etc. on Pink Paper Seal, providing photocopies of register having serial no. of the Pink Paper Seal used on the Ballot Unit to all candidates etc.

(c) Sealing of Result Section of the Control Unit with Green Paper Seal on Poll Day after completion of mock poll and before starting actual poll: On Poll Day, after completion of mock poll and before start of actual poll, Presiding Officer shall affix the modified Green Paper Seal in the Control Unit to seal the Result Section as given below:



- (i) To fix the Modified Green Paper Seal in the slot provided in the windows of the Inner Door of the Control Unit, Green Paper Seal shall be inserted in the window of the Inner Door in such a way that the Green Colour Mark on white side of seal comes on top of the Result button and the Red Colour Mark on the top of the Print button.

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- (ii) After inserting the Green Paper Seal, the inner door above the result buttons shall be closed. Both Green and Red color marks are visible through the windows of the inner door after it is closed.
- (iii) Then, the inner door of the result section shall be sealed with the special tag.
- (iv) After fixing the Special Tag, close the outer door of the Result Section ensuring that the loose ends of the Green Paper Seal protrude out from both the sides of the closed outer door. Then the Presiding Officer shall seal the outer door with thread and address tag.
- (v) The wax paper from 'A' side of the Modified Green Paper Seal should be removed and the 'A' side shall be pasted on the outer door of the Result Section.
- (vi) The wax paper from 'B' side of the Modified Green Paper Seal should be removed and the 'B' side shall be pasted on top of the underlying 'A' side of the Modified Green Paper seal in such a way that the serial no. of the seal is visible on the top. Outer Paper Strip Seal will not require to be used to hold Green Paper Seal.
- (vii) Presiding Officer shall sign on the Green Paper Seal. Signatures of Polling Agents shall also be obtained on the Green Paper Seals.

3. The above instructions on use of modified Pink Paper Seal and Green Paper Seal shall amend the existing instructions to that extent.

4. The above instructions shall be applicable from the upcoming General Elections to State Legislative Assemblies of Goa, Manipur, Punjab, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh. States/UTs which have already procured old Pink Paper Seals and Green Paper Seals for use in bye-elections may use old Pink Paper Seals and Green Paper Seals.

5. The above instructions shall be brought to notice of all the concerned. Further, comprehensive hands-on-training shall be conducted to avoid any confusion on use of above sealing process.

Yours faithfully,


(Madhusudan Gupta)
Secretary


No. 52/2/Prep/2020-EMS

Dated: 20th September, 2021

To

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Nagavara, Outer Ring Road.
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2. The Chairman-cum-Managing Director,
Electronics Corporation of India Limited,
Hyderabad, Telangana.
3. The Chairman-cum-Managing Director,
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