





MICRO-OBSERVER's TRAINING

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OUTLINES

- Why Micro-Observer(MO)?
- > Job Description of MO.
- > MO at Multiple Polling Stations.
- > MO need to know.
- > MO need to Observe.
- Format checklist for MO.
- > Logistics for MO.
- Key Tasks
- Few Sample Formats



Various Roles of MO:

- > MO for Home Voting Process.
- > MO for Election Day Process.
- > MO for Counting Day Process.



Right to Cast Votes by MO:

MO's can exercise their right to vote by filling either Form 12 (Postal Ballot in they are appointed in AC other than their home AC) or Form 12A (EDC if appointed in their home AC)



- Each district will have a NODAL officer for MO appointed by DEO.
- Nodal officer will ensure all the facilities required for proper working of MO's in the election process.



Various Roles of MO:

DUTIES ON ELECTION DAY AND DUTIES FOR HOME VOTING



Observers have a very crucial role to play in the conduct of an independent, free and fair election.

To strengthen the system of observation, the Commission deploys Micro-Observers where necessary.



These micro-observers directly work under control and supervision of the General Observer.



 MO are appointed in the SENSITIVE POLLING Stattions identified in vulnerability mapping.



MO need to observe that a fair, unbiased and peaceful election process takes place at the polling booth assigned to him.



- The responsibilities of MO is to report any deviations in the polling process.
- MO reports to General Observer of the assigned constituency.
- MO is only an observer and is **not a member of any** polling party.



For performing his duties well, he needs to understand the roles and responsibilities of official machinery of polling booth.

The MOs will be trained for the election process, guidelines and instructions, polling materials like EVMs and electoral roll etc.



 The MO can be assigned one or more than one polling station.

The MOs will be provided with the transport.

 Each MO shall be given a photo identity card by the DEO to ensure his access to the Polling Stations.



MO IN MULTIPLE POLLING STATION

 The MO shall be responsible for all the polling stations at that location.

 MO must submit separate reports for each polling station assigned to him.

 MO must observe mock poll at any one of the polling stations assigned to him.



MO IN MULTIPLE POLLING STATION

MO shall divide her/his time between Polling Stations & will visit all the Polling Stations within the same campus at frequent intervals.

 S/he shall make it known to the polling agents at each Polling Station that s/he is available in case they want to bring anything to her/his notice.



MO-NEED TO KNOW

- Different Aspects of Election Process
- Operation of EVM
- Obtaining guidelines from General Observer for performing duties.
- Contact number of General Observer.



- 1. Mock Poll Procedure.
- 2. Presence of Polling Agents and Observance of ECI instructions.
- 3. Entry pass system and access to polling stations.
- 4. Proper identification of electors in accordance with ECI Guidelines.



- Identification and recording procedures for Absentee, Shifted and Dead voter list (ASD List)
- 6. Application of indelible ink.
- 7. Procedure of noting down particulars of electors in register 17-A.



- 8. SECRECY OF VOTING.
- 9. Conduct of polling agents, their complaints if any.

- 10. Violation Found: Immediately report to general observer through available means of communication.
- 11. Preparation of Report in prescribed format by MO.



- 12. Personally, handing over his report to General Observer.
- 13. Re-Poll at PS: Reports of Micro-Observer along with scrutiny of Register 17A are taken in due considerations.



- ✓ To attend the training for Micro observer compulsorily.
- ✓ To be present at the time of MOCK POLL.
- ✓ To understand the instructions given by General Observer.



✓ To reach the polling station at least one hour before the polls or previous day if required as per situation.

✓ To keep a track of the data of CONTROL UNIT whether properly deleted after the mock polls.



✓ To keep an eye on the presence of polling agent and political parties during mock poll.

✓ To check whether more than one polling agent from same political party was present inside polling station or not.



✓ To note down the time of mock poll.

✓ To observe whether the entry pass system for agents is been followed or not.

✓ To observe whether the voters were identified by verifying EPIC or other valid documents before permitting to vote.



- ✓ To observe whether the polling booth is been visited by Sector Officer or not during Actual POLL.
- ✓ To observe whether CAPF Jawan is deployed at the polling station.
- ✓ To observe whether the hourly total is compared to EVM total and Electoral Roll (17 A).



- ✓ To observe the time of Commencement of poll as well as time of closing of poll at the polling station.
- ✓ To check whether polling agents were allowed to note down the serial numbers of ballot unit and control unit and green paper seal.



✓ To check whether the list of votes issued with Postal Ballot was available with the Presiding Officer & Polling Agents.

✓ To observe whether any unauthorized person was inside the polling station at any point of time.



✓ To observe whether the Presiding Officer or Polling Officer was going towards voting compartment or giving any undue instructions to the voters.



✓ To observe whether marking of indelible ink on LEFT FOREFINGER of voter was done properly.

✓ To check whether the scrutiny of voters in the Absentee, Shifted and Dead list was done meticulously by the Presiding Officers in accordance with ECI Guidelines.



✓ To note down whether copies of accounts of votes recorded in Form-17C have been given to the polling agents.

✓ To observe whether voting compartment was properly placed to ensure secrecy of voting.



✓ To check whether sealing of voting machine was done according to ECI instructions.

✓ To check whether events are recorded as and when they occur in the Presiding Officer's Diary.

✓ To be in constant touch with the General Observer and report from time to time.



✓ To keep a track of complaints by polling agent/s, election agent/s or any political party and also understand the nature and seriousness of the complaint.

✓ To observe whether sufficient polling material has been provided to the Polling party.



✓ Assess the preparedness of the election process on the day of poll like presence of polling party, mock polls, facilities at polling booth, security arrangements, etc.



KEY AUTHORITIES

- To scrutinize the voters' list and other information.
- To access the entries in the voter's register (Form 17 A) to see if it is filled as per prescribed procedure by polling officer.

To enter and leave assigned polling booths as many times as required.



SAMPLE FORMATS



MARKING ON MARKED COPY OF ELECTORAL ROLL

Electoral Roll, 2008 of Assembly Constituency 38-Sanvordem (S05) GOA Part No. 2

31 EPIC NO : JGZ6504989	Udalshem , Sub-Division: Quepem, District: S 32 EPIC NO : JGZ6504674	(33) EPIC NO : JGZ4273528
Name : Ratnabai Kulekar	Name: Rajaram Datta	Name : Rajeshree Rajaram
Husband's Datta Kulekar	Father's Name :	Husband's Rajaram Kulekar Name :
House No :157 Age 49 Sex : Female	House No :157 Age 29 Sex : Male	House No :157 Age 27 Sex : Female
34 EPIC NO : GA/02/035/000210 Name : Babi Krishna	35 EPIC NO: JGZ8728099 Name: Babita Babi	36 EPIC NO : GA/02/035/000423
Name : Babi Krishna Sanvordekar Name : Krishna Sanvordekar	Name : Babita Babi Sanvordenkar Husband's Babi Sanvordenkar	Name : Kushali Martu Kulekar Father's Mortu Kulekar Name :
House No :158 Age 49 Sex : Male	House No :158 Age 42 Sex : Female	House No :159 Age 45 Sex : Male
37 EPIC NO: GA/02/035/000101 Name: Sushanti Kushali Kulekar Husband's Kushali Kulekar Name:	Name: Sita Savlo Bhandari Husband's Savlo Bhandari Name:	Name: Chandrakant Raghu Kalekar Raghu Kalekar Raghu Kalekar
House No :159 Age 39 Sex : Female	House No :160 Age 72 Sex : Female	House No :161 Age 38 Sex : Male
40 EPIC NO : JGZ6535868 Name : Pooja Kalekar Husband's Chandrakant Kalekar Name : House No :161 Age 29 Sex : Female	A1 EPIC NO : JGZ0000430 Name : Lilawati Krishna Naik Husband's Arishna Naik Name : Name : House No :162 Age 63 Sex : Female	A2 EPIC NO: TUH0082438 Name: Kamlakant Krishna Naik Father's Krishna Naik Name: House No:162 Age: 36 Sex: Male
43 EPIC NO : JGZ4273988 Name : Lalita Kamalakant Naik Husband's Kamalakant Naik Name :	44 EPIC NO : JGZ4273975 Name : Neeta Naik Father's Krishna Naik	45 EPIC NO : GA/02/035/000361 Name : Vithu Pandu Naik Father's Pandu Naik
House No :162 Age 33 Sex : Female	House No :162 Age 24 Sex : Female	House No :163 Age 70 Sex : Male



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FORM-17A (REGISTER OF VOTER)

from	constituency nui	REGISTER OF VOTERS People/Legislative Assembly The policy of the policy	of State/Union Jerry	tory Part no. of
S. No.	Serial no. of elector in the electoral roll	Details of the documents produced by the elector in proof of his/her	Signature/ thumb impression of elector	Remarks
		identification	4	5
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Signature of the Presiding Officer



FORM-17A (REGISTER OF VOTER)(LAST ENTRY)

No.	SI. No. of elector in the electoral roll	Signature/Thumb impression of elector	Remarks
781	1003	Kreishown North	Pass book 0099
782	765	P.S. Konorpant	Epic 4567
783	766	ZIKIT X SAPRIE	Epic 4568
784	51	J. K. Gonsalvos	Epic 4454
785	The serial Number	of last entry in Form 17	A is 784
786		Presiding Officer Polling 1. Agents 2. 3.	



DECLARTION AT END OF POLL

PART III DECLARATION AT THE END OF POLL

I have furnished to the polling agents, who were present at the polling station at the close of the poll and whose signatures are affixed below, an attested copy of each of the entries in 'Part-I-Account of Votes Recorded' of Form 17C as required under rule 49-S (2) of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961.



POLLING AGENT PASS

	मतदान अभिकर्ता के लिए पास	
	PASS FOR POLLING AGENT	
	निर्वाचन क्षेत्र से	के लिए
	••••••	
अभिकर्ता श्री	को मतदान केन्द्र व	ä
में जाने की आज्ञा है।		
Shri	Polling Agent of Shri	
	r election to the	
	d to enter Polling Station No.	
	पीट	गसीन पदाधिकारी
		ING OFFICER



POLLING AGENT MOVEMENT RECORD

POLLING AGENTS / RELIEVING AGENTS MOVEMENT SHEET

S.	No. and	No. and	Name of	Name of	Name of	Time	Signature	Time	Signature
No.	Name of	Name of	Candidate	Political	Polling	of		of	
	Parliamentary	Assembly		Party	agents /	Entry		Exit	
	Constituency	segment			Relieving				
					agents				
1.									
2.									
3.									

Signature of the Presiding Officer



PRESIDING OFFICER'S DIARY (SAMPLE)

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PRESIDING OFFICER'S DIARY

- 1. Name of the constituency (in block letters):
- Date of poll:
- Number and Name of the polling station:

Whether located in -

- (i) Government or quasi-government building;
- (ii) Private Building;
- (iii) Temporary structure;
- 4. Number of Polling Officers recruited locally, if any:
- 5. Appointment of Polling Officer made in the absence of duly appointed Polling Officer, if any, and the reasons of such appointment:
- 6. Electronic Voting Machine
 - (i) Number of Control Units used:
 - (ii) S. No.(s) of Control Units used:
 - (iii) Number of Balloting Units used:
 - (iv) S. No.(s) of Balloting Units used:
- 7. (i) Number of paper seals used:
 - (ii) S. Nos. of paper seals used:
- 7A. (i) Number of special tags supplied:
 - (ii) S. No.(s) of special tags supplied:
 - (iii) Number of special tags used:
 - (iv) S. No.(s) of special tags used:
 - (v) S. No.(s) of special tags returned as unused:

- 7B. Applicable in the polling stations where VVPAT system is used
 - No. of Printers used:
 - (ii) S. No.(s) of printer(s):
- 8. Number of candidates who had appointed polling agents at the polling stations:
- (i) Number of polling agents present at the commencement of poll:
 - (ii) Number of polling agents who arrived late:
 - (iii) Number of polling agents present at the close of the poll:
 - (i) Total number of voters assigned to the polling station:
 - (ii) Number of electors allowed to vote according to marked copy of the electoral roll:
 - (iii) Total number of electors as entered in the Register of Voters (Form 17-A):
 - (iv) Number of votes recorded as per the voting machine:
 - (v) Number of voters deciding not to record vote, if any:



PRESIDING OFFICER'S DIARY (SAMPLE)(..CONTD)

Signature	of the	first I	Polling	Office
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Signature of Polling Officer

In-charge of Register of Voters

11.	Number of electors who voted –
	Men
	Women
	Third Gender
	Total
12.	Challenged vote –
	Number allowed
	Number rejected
	Amount forfeited Rs
13.	Number of persons who have voted on production of Election Duty Certificate (EDC):
13A.	Number of overseas electors who voted:
14.	Number of electors who voted with the help of companions:
15.	Number of voters cast through proxy:
16.	Number of tendered votes:
17.	No. of electors –
	(a) From whom declarations as to their age obtained
	(b) Who refused to give such declaration
18.	Whether it was necessary to adjourn the poll and if so, the reasons for such adjournment:

19. Number of votes cast in every two hours –

From 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

From 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

From 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

From 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

(Necessary changes may be made depending on the hours fixed for commencement and close of poll)

19B. Details of visitors at polling stations as per Visit Sheet

S. No.	Name & Designation of the officer visiting (Observer/DEO/RO/ARO/Sector Magistrate/Zonal Magistrate/Pa-	Time of Visit	Brief description of polling process (Peaceful/Incident, If any)	Number polled til of visit	of votes
	trolling Magistrate)			As per Form 17	As per the EVM

20. (a) Number of slips issued at the closing hour of the poll to electors standing in the queue:



FORM-17C (ACCOUNT OF VOTES)

FORM 17C

[See rules 49S and 56C (2)]

PART I - ACCOUNT OF VOTES RECORDED

			i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i	COUNT OF TOTEST	ALCONDED.
		ouse of the Peop	_	Assembly of the State/U	Jnion Territory
Numb	er and l	Name of Pollin	g Station:		
Identif	fication	Number of vo	ting Machine u	sed at the Polling Stati	on:
			Contr	ol Unit	
			Ballo	ting Unit	
			VVP	AT	
1.				to the Polling Station	(F. 171)
2.	Lotal	number of vot	ers as entered i	n the Register for Vote	ers (Form 1/A)
3.	Num	ber of voters de	eciding not to re	ecord votes under rule	49-O
4.	Num	ber of voters no	ot allowed to vo	ote under rule 49M	
5.	Test	votes recorded	under rule 49N	IA (d) required to be d	educted-
	(a)	Total number	of test votes to	be deducted:	
			Total No.	Sl. No.(s) of	elector(s) in Form 17A
	(b)	Candidate(s)	for whom test	vote(s) cast:	
			Sl. No.	Name of candidate	No. of votes

	Total number of votes	recorded as per vo	oting machine.			
	Whether the total numb shown against item 2 m number of voters as ag	inus numbers of	voters deciding	not to record	votes as against i	item 3 minu
	Number of voters to wl	nom tendered Bal	lot papers were	e issued under	rule 49P	
	Number of tendered Ba	illot papers:				
				Sl.	No.	
			Total	From	To	
	(a) received for use					
	(b) issued to electors					
	(c) not used and return	rned				
0.	Account of papers seals					

Signature of polling agents



FORM-17C (ACCOUNT OF VOTES)(..contd)

1.	Paper seals supplied for use:	Total No	1
	Sl.No. from	To	
2.	Paper seals used:	Total No	2
	Sl.No. from	To	
3.	Unused paper seals returned	to	
	Returning Officer:	Total No	3
	Sl.No. from	To	
4.	Damaged paper seal, if any:	Total No	4
	Sl.No. from	To	
			5
			6
Date			
Place.			

Signature of Presiding Officer

FORM-17C (ACCOUNT OF VOTES)(..contd)

(CHAPTER XXX, Para 1.4)
"Form 17C
[See Rules 49S and 56C(2)]

PART I. - ACCOUNT OF VOTES RECORDED

(b) Candidate(s) for whom test vote(s) cast :

SI. No.	Name of Candidate	No. of votes
1	A	0
2	В	01
3	C	0
4	D	D
5	£	0
6	F	0
7	6	01
8	H	0
9	None of the Above	0
	Total	02

6. Total number of votes recorded as per voting machine: 760

7. Whether the total number of votes as shown against items 6 tallies with the total number of votes as shown against item 2 minus number of votes deciding not to record votes as against 3 minus number of voters as against item 4(i.e. 2-3-4) or any discrepancy noticed:



FORM-17C (ACCOUNT OF VOTES)(..contd)

9. Number of tendered ballot papers.

SI. No.	Total	From	То
Received for use	20	00421	00440
Issued to electors	03	00 421	00 423
Not used and returned	17	00424	00440

10. Account of paper seals

(1)	Paper seals supplied for use:	Total No(3) SI. No. from A A 00 97 88 - A A 00 97 90
(2)	Paper seals used	Total No(1) SI. No. from AA00 9787
(3)	Unused paper seals returned to Returning Officer	SI. No. from AA009789 10.A.A.009790
(4)	Damaged paper seal, if any, Returning Officer	Total NoNil 4
		6

Place XX XX XXXX

Signature of Presiding Officer Polling Station No. 22 26

Beplajatin Primary School

Signature of Polling Agents



PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT PART-I

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

PART-I: MOCK POLL CERTIFICATE

Name of election:	(to be pre-printed)
No. and Name of AC/AS:	(to be pre-printed)
No. and Name of PC:	(to be pre-printed)
Polling Station No:	

(a) Conduct of mock poll and verification of mock poll data

S. No.	Name of Candidate (Name	Number of votes	Number of votes	Number of VVPAT	Result displayed in CU & Printed	Signature of Polling agents
	of Candidates	cast	displayed	printed	Paper Slips count	with party
	including NOTA	during	in CU on	Paper slips	tallied with each	abbreviation /
	to be pre-printed)	the mock	checking	against	other (Yes/No)	Independent
		poll	the result	Candidates		
1.						
2.						
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9.						
	NOTA					
	TOTAL	·				

(b) 'CLEAR' button on the Control Unit has been pressed to clear mock poll data (Yes/No). If yes, then write the above sentence in ink.

- (c) All paper slips taken out from VVPAT after mock poll (Yes/No)
- (d) Empty VVPAT shown to all Polling Agents (Yes/No)
- Before actual poll ensure that no printed paper slip is in VVPAT Drop Box and shown to Polling Agents (Yes/No)
- (f) 'TOTAL' button on the Control Unit has been pressed to show total vote 'O' to polling agent (Yes/No)
- (g) Mock poll VVPAT slips stamped with 'MOCK POLL SLIP' and sealed in black envelope and then sealed with Pink Paper Slip (Yes/No)
- (h) Following witness Mock Poll and certify that mock votes tallied and that the mock votes erased from CU after mock poll:

S. No.	Name of Polling Agent	Name of Party	Name of Candidate	Signature of Polling Agent
		V	O Sign	Needed
			0	
				/

(i)	Time display on the Control Unit is	minutes	more/less	than Indian	standard
	Time (IST), if any.				

(j) Signature of Micro-Observer (if posted at the polling station)



Name of the Election	
Name of AC/AS	
Name of Assigned Polling Station	

S.N.	Point	Remarks
1	Whether Assured Minimum facilities like Provisions of ramp, drinking water, adequate furniture, proper lighting/electricity arrangement, proper signage, toilets, shade, etc. were available at the polling station?	Yes or No
2	Whether mock poll has been conducted in presence of micro-Observer?	Yes or No
3	Whether data of mock poll from the Control Unit was cleared and all slips are taken out from VVPAT & put in black envelop and the EVM count was set to zero after the mock poll and before the beginning of actual poll?	Yes or No
4	How many polling agents and of which political party, were present during poll?	Yes or No and brief details
5	Whether more than one polling agent from the same political party were present inside the polling station at any time?	Yes or No



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6	Whether polling agents were allowed to note the serial numbers of balloting unit and Control Unit and green paper seal?	Yes or No
7	Whether voting compartment was properly placed to ensure secrecy of voting?	Yes or No
8	Whether the entry pass system was enforced properly? Whether any unauthorized person was inside the polling station at any point of time?	Yes or No
9	Whether marking of indelible ink was done properly?	Yes or No
10	Whether the identification document particulars were being filled up meticulously in Register of Voters (Form 17A)?	Yes or No
11	(a) Whether the information of voters issued with Postal Ballot was available with the Presiding Officer & Polling Agents?	Yes or No
11	(b) Did any person already issued with Postal Ballot appeared to vote again in person?(c) Whether any person cast a vote on the basis of EDC?	Yes or No Yes or No



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12	Whether events are recorded from time to time as and when they occur in the Presiding Officer Diary?	Yes or No
13	Whether the Presiding Officer or Polling Officer was going towards voting compartment without valid reasons or giving any undue instructions to the voters?	Yes or No
14	Whether the scrutiny of voters in the Absentee, Shifted and Dead list was done meticulously by the Presiding Officer in accordance with ECI Guidelines?	Yes or No



15	Whether sealing of voting machines was done according to instruction?	Yes or No
16	Whether copies of accounts of votes recorded in Form 17C have been given to the polling agents?	Yes or No
17	Whether any complaint by polling agent, election agent or any political party was received? If yes, its substance.	Yes or No
18	Any other incident or issue that you would like to highlight?	Yes or No

Signature of the Micro Observer

Name (in Full):

Designation:

Mobile No:

Date and Time:



Duties on Counting Day.



- Each Counting table including tables for Counting of Postal Ballots, shall have one Micro Observer.
- ✓ The Micro Observer shall be responsible for the PURITY OF COUNTING PROCESS on his/her respective table.
- ✓ The Micro Observers will note down the details of votes displayed by the CUs being counted in each round on the table assigned to them.





Micro Observers would be provided with a preprinted statement on which there will be space for noting down the CU Number, Round Number, Table Number, Polling Station Number and the names of all the contesting candidates, including NOTA, as they appear in the Ballot Paper.



✓ Micro Observers shall put their signatures at the end of the statement and shall hand over the statement to the Observer after completion of each round.



- ✓ The two Micro Observers, attached with the Observer, are entrusted with the following responsibilities:
- a) One of these two Micro Observers shall keep a watch over the data entry in the computer placed in the Counting Hall for round-wise compilation of the votes recorded for each candidate. He/ she should ensure that the entries of the Part II of the Form 17C are correctly entered in the computer by the data entry operator.
- b) The second Micro-Observer shall assist the Observer. He/ She shall by obtaining a print-out of the data entry done in the computer and verifying the entries with the statement handed over by the Micro-Observers, present on Counting tables, after each round of Counting.



In cases where the Observer is assigned to look after Counting in more than one Hall/AC:

The Micro Observers attached to the Observer in each Hall and who are preparing the round-wise tabulation format of randomly selected two CUs, should sign the round-wise tabulation format on behalf of the Observer in absence of the Observer. The Observer will countersign the same when he/she returns/ visits the Counting Hall.

THANK YOU