



ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINE IS TOTALLY TAMPER PROOF

The Election Commission of India brings to the notice of all concerned that voting through Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) is completely secure, foolproof, tamper-proof and secret. It is not possible for anyone to reprogram the machine in any way. Every vote is registered for the candidate to whom you have voted. The machine is used in all States of India since 2004. For reasons of transparency, the following are also being notified to the public:-

- ❖ EVM is designed and manufactured by Electronics Corporation of India Limited. (A Govt. of India Undertaking.)
- ❖ At the time of manufacturing the EVMs, nobody knows the order in which candidates of different parties are going to be arranged on the ballot units. Only after the list of contesting candidates' is finalized, the arrangements of candidates' names on the ballot unit become known. From that stage onwards, the EVMs are kept in sealed strong room.
- ❖ 1st level checking of EVM is conducted by ECIL Engineers. No other technician is involved in the process.
- ❖ The EVMs for use in a constituency are chosen on random basis and the preparation of the EVMs for poll is carried out in presence of the contesting candidates or their agents. The EVMs for each polling station is again chosen on random basis.
- ❖ Candidates or their agents are allowed to affix their seal on the lock of the strong room after those EVMs are kept in strong room duly sealed.
- ❖ The control unit and ballot unit of the EVM have a unique identification number. The information about the identification number or the units used in a polling station is provided to the candidates.
- ❖ Before poll starts in any booth, the Presiding Officer conducts mock poll in presence of the polling agents to demonstrate that the EVM is functioning properly.
- ❖ At the end of Poll the EVM is sealed in the presence of the agents who are allowed to affix their signatures.
- ❖ The Polling Party carries the EVM to the receiving counter. The candidate, his/her election agent and the representative of any political party are free to follow the vehicle of polling party up to strong room.
- ❖ The Returning Officer seals the strong room in presence of the candidates/ their agents and the Observer. Candidates or their agents can affix their seal on the lock of the strong room.
- ❖ The candidates and their agents can keep watch on the strong room round the clock till the counting.
- ❖ On the day of counting, the seal of the strong room is broken in presence of candidates/agents and Observer.
- ❖ At the counting table candidates/agents can verify whether the seal made in polling station is intact and whether the total votes polled in the Polling station tallies with the total votes recorded in EVM.
- ❖ The whole process of EVM commissioning, sealing of strong room and opening of strong room is video graphed.