EVM BROCHURE FOR ELECTORS

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Control Unit (CU) and Ballot Unit (BU)

The Electronic Voting Machine used by the Election Commission of India (ECI) is a standalone machine. It is not connected to any network and has no provision for any input except from the Ballot Unit. EVMs have been used by ECI from General Elections to State Legislative Assemblies & Bye-elections to Assembly/Parliamentary Constituencies since 2000. Successful use of EVMs has given a quantum leap to India's credibility in conducting elections worldwide.

In fact elections by ECI are rated as a Global Gold Standard.

COMPONENTS OF AN EVM

1. The EVM consists of a Control Unit (CU) and Ballot Unit (BU) and their connecting cables.
2. The CU is kept with the Presiding Officer while BU is kept in voting compartment.
3. Ballot paper to be used in the election is fixed on the BU.

Latches

Interconnecting Cable — *Ballot Unit* — *Control Unit*

BU and CU Carrying Cases

TECHNICAL SECURITY FEATURES OF EVM

(a) The micro controller chip controlling the operation of the EVM is programmable only once.

(b) The software programme in the chip is neither readable nor rewriteable.

(c) EVMs are stand alone machines and are not accessible remotely.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES AND ROLE OF CANDIDATES AND THEIR AGENTS

▶▶ Security of EVMs:

1. The EVMs are kept under lock and key and under police security.

2. Functionality checks are performed in the presence of political party representatives.

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FIRST LEVEL CHECKING

RANDOMISATION

3. Security seals are also put in the presence of political party representatives.

▶▶ Randomisation:

Random allocation of EVMs is made to Assembly Constituencies and to polling stations. Polled EVMs are kept under two layers of manned security and CCTV surveillance to ensure free and fair elections.

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▶▶ Role of Candidates:

Political Parties, candidates and their agents play an important role in First Level Checking of EVMs, Randomization of EVMs for allocating them Assembly Constituency wise and Polling Station wise, Preparation of EVMs, use of EVMs in polling stations and storage of EVMs.

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STORAGE OF EVMs

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PROCESS OF VOTING USING EVM

After identification of voter and application of indelible ink, the Presiding Officer enables the ballot by pressing Ballot key on the CU and sends the voter to the voting compartment.
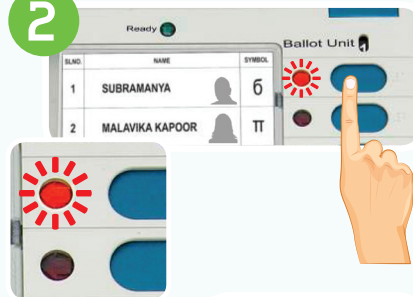
GO TO VOTING BOOTH: When the Presiding officer says — Enter Voting booth — Check to See the **Green Ready Light is On**

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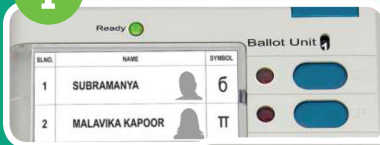
CHOOSE CANDIDATE & CAST YOUR VOTE: Press **Blue Button** next to the Candidate of Choice

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NOTE

If you do not see red light glow and hear the loud beep please contact the Presiding officer.

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SEE THE LIGHT:
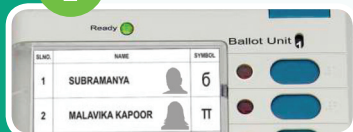Confirm that your Vote is registered by Seeing Red light glow and hearing a beep.

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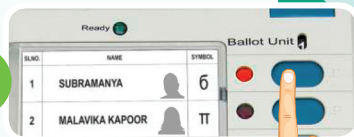
THE PROCESS OF VOTING USING EVM AND VVPAT

1 **ENTER THE BOOTH:** The Presiding Officer will enable the ballot Unit while you enter the polling compartment.

2

CAST YOUR VOTE: Press the Blue Button on the Ballot Unit against the name/ symbol of candidate of your choice.

SEE THE LIGHT: The red light against the name/ symbol of candidate chosen will glow

3

NOTE

If you do not see the ballot slip and hear the loud beep please contact the Presiding officer.

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SEE THE PRINT: The Printer will print a ballot slip containing Serial Number, Name and Symbol of the chosen Candidate as shown.

This ballot slip will be visible for seven seconds after which it will be cut and dropped in the printer's drop box and a beep will be heard.

See the print through the glass, as the printout will not be given to you

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