

v.COUNTING OF VOTES IN VVPAT

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Ballot Slips of VVPAT counting is/may be due to:

- 1) If electronic result from the Control Unit of EVM of any polling station can not be retrieved (**No more use of ADU**);
- 2) Counting of VVPAT slips of polling station(s) having cases of improper conduct of mock poll procedure by non-clearance of mock poll data/slips or mismatch of votes polled in CU and votes polled in CU mentioned in Form-17C, ***if winning margin is equal to or less than total votes polled in these polling stations.***
- 3) **Mandatory counting of ballot slips of VVPATs of five polling stations** for each Assembly Constituency/Segment;
- 4) **Recount of ballot slips** of VVPATs of any/all polling station is requested by the candidate/election agent(in due manner) and **allowed by the Returning Officer(Rule 56D).**

COUNTING OF VOTES in VVPATs

- Counting of votes shall be done according to rule 56C of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961.
- After announcement of result sheet entries, any candidate or his election/counting agent may apply in writing to the RO according to rule 56D of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961 to count the printed ballot slips of any or all polling stations.
- RO shall pass a speaking order, whether the counting of printed paper slips shall be done or not.

While deciding RO will give due consideration to-

- a) Whether the total number of votes polled in that polling station is more or less than the margin of votes between winning candidate and candidate making application ;
- b) Whether EVM met with any defect and was replaced during poll;
- c) Whether there was any complaint about VVPAT not printing the paper slips or complaint under rule 49MA by any voter in that polling station during poll.

Process of VCB counting

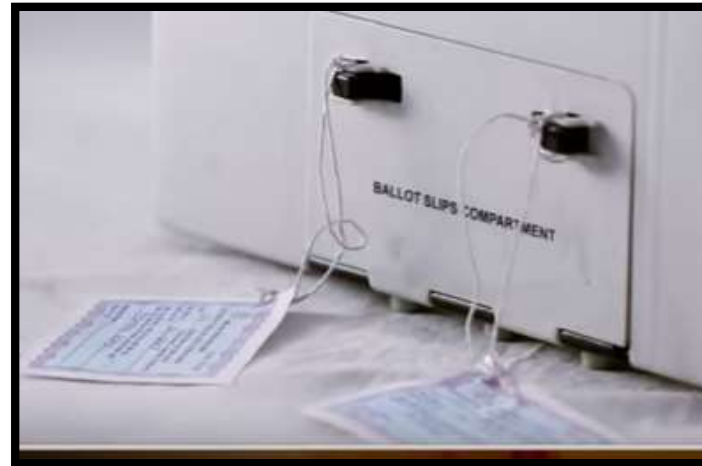
- White colour paper cards of post card size shall be used for draw of lot.
- The no of post card will be equal to polling stations whose result has been displayed in Control unit.
- The paper cards shall have pre printed AC/AS no. & name, date of polling on the top, polling station no. in the centre. Each digit of PS no shall be at least 1"× 1" size and printed in black ink.
- The paper to be four folded in such a way that polling station number is not visible.
- The paper cards shall be kept in big container and must be shaken before picking up 5 slips by RO.

- If RO decides to allow counting of printed ballot slips following procedure shall be followed-
- a) VVPAT unit(s) of the respective polling station(s) shall be brought to the VVPAT Counting Booth (VCB) [one table to be earmarked as VCB].
- b) VCB shall be enclosed in a wire-mesh just like a Bank Cashier Cabin, so that no VVPAT paper slip can be accessed by any unauthorised person.
- c) Address tag(s) of the drop box of the VVPAT unit(s) shall be cross checked to ascertain that it actually pertains to the same polling station.
- d) Address tag(s) of the drop box should be removed and printed paper slips shall be taken out and empty drop box should be shown to all counting agents.

VVPAT Counting



Keep the Ballot Slips in Tray and Count slips to verify with Result of Control Unit.



Cut the seal and Open Ballot Slips Compartment



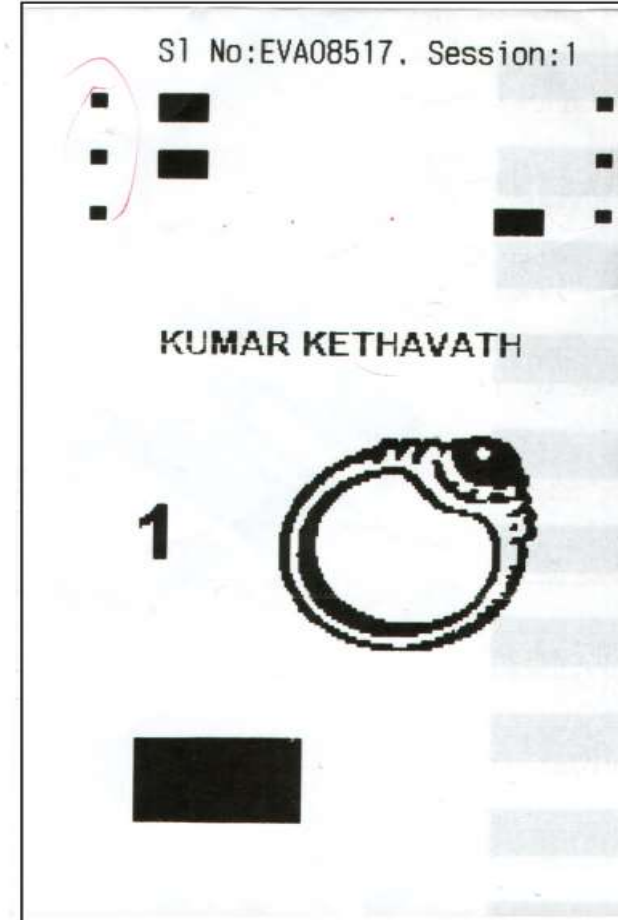
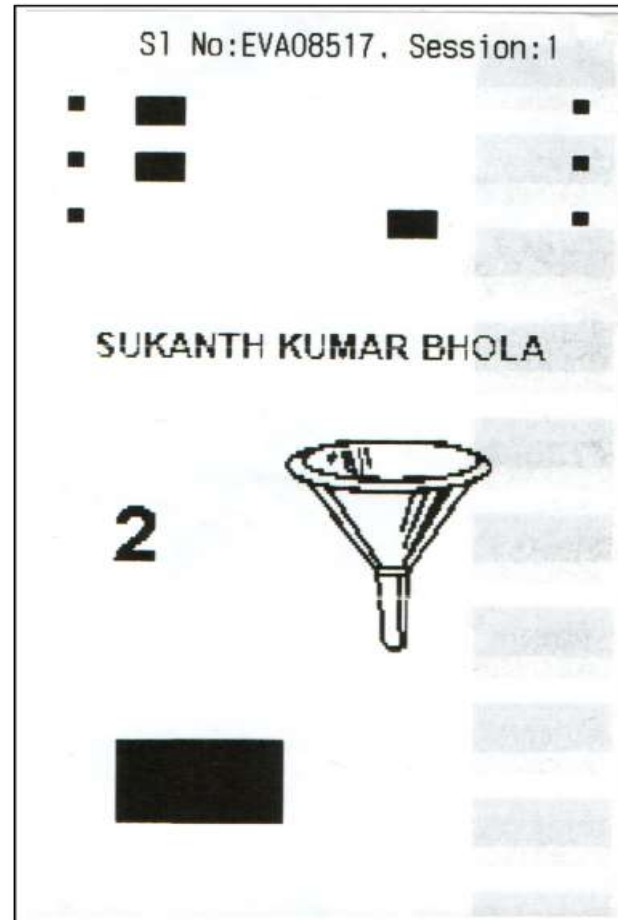
COUNTING OF VVPAT PAPER SLIPS



PROCEDURE TO COUNT PAPER BALLOT SLIPS

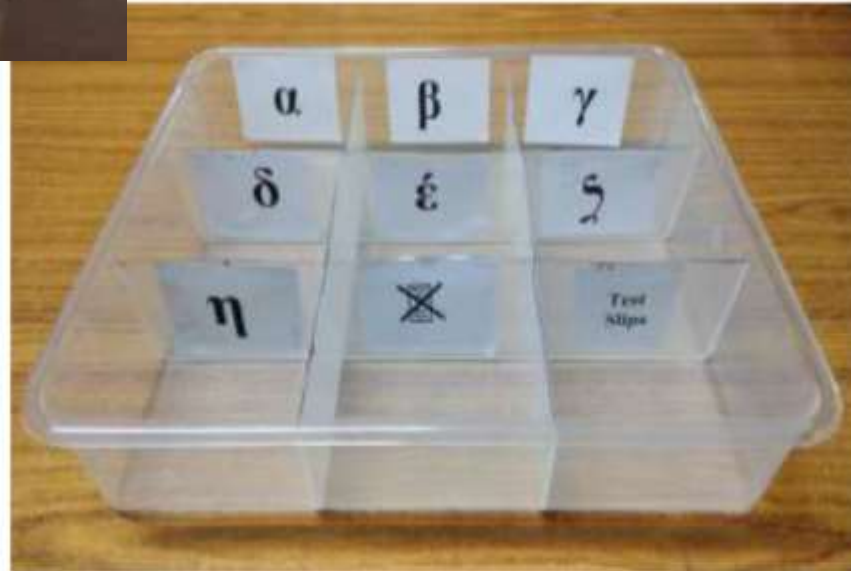
- For keeping VVPAT Paper Slips taken out from the Drop Box of the VVPAT, a sufficiently sized sturdy transparent plastic container with lid, of dimensions 14 inch X 10 inch X 5 inch (length x breadth x height), to easily accommodate around 1400 Printed Paper Slips, shall be kept on the table of VCB.
- For keeping VVPAT paper slips of the respective candidates, a Pigeonhole Framework shall be prepared in advance according to the number of candidates including NOTA, with one additional pigeonhole for keeping self-test slips of the VVPAT, and shall be kept on the table of VCB.
- The symbol of each contesting candidate as per the Ballot Paper should be affixed on the wall of the pigeonhole allotted to the particular candidates. The symbol should be printed in black and white on a plain paper of minimum size 4inch X 3 inch.

BALLOT SLIPS FROM VVPAT





**Sample Container -14 inch X 10
inch X 5 inch (length X breadth
X height)**



Sample Pigeonholes (Size of each compartment 6 inch X 4 inch X 4 inch)

- **Uncut** , partially printed ,self test reports shall be kept as part of record. Can be easily identified as it does not contain sl. no, name, symbol of candidate and larger in length.
- **Ballot slips shall be put in pigeon holes and prepared for counting in bundles of 25.**
- Result of the VVPAT paper slips count shall be prepared in the format as per **Annexure-VII** (of the order of ECI dt. 05.12.2017) and attached to Part-II of Form 17-C.
- **The result of the count of VVPAT paper slips shall be announced loudly in the counting hall and shown to the counting agents.**
- If there is any discrepancy between EVM count and paper slip count, the **paper slip count shall prevail.**
- **The result sheet will be amended as per the printed paper slips count.**

**ANNEXURE TO PART II OF FORM 17C
RESULT OF PRINTED PAPER COUNT**

Polling Station No.

Total number of VVPATs used:

Unique ID of VVPAT:

Sl. No of Candidate	Name of Candidate	No. of votes as per count of Printed Paper Slips of VVPAT	No. of test votes be deducted as per item 5 of Part - I	Number of Valid votes (3-4)
1	2	3	4	5
1	S.S. AHLUWALIA			
2	JAHANARA KHAN			
3	SHATRUGHAN PRASAD SINHA			
4	SUNNY KUMAR SAH			
5	AMAR CHOWDHURY			
6	DIPIKA BAURI			
7	SUJIT PAL			
	NOTA			
TOTAL				

Whether the total number of votes shown above tallies with the total number of votes shown against item 6 of Part I (YES/NO).

or any discrepancy noticed between the two totals.....

Place: Asansol Engineering College

Date : 04.06.2024

Signature of Counting Supervisor

Name of candidate/election agent/counting agent.

(Full Signature)

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Place: Asansol Engineering College

Signature of Returning Officer

Date: 04.06.2024

GENERAL ELECTION TO 40-ASANSOL PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY 2024

Mandatory verification of paper slips of VVPAT of 05 randomly selected polling station
(Separate for each polling station)

Name of State / ~~UF~~: West Bengal

No. and Name of ~~Assembly~~/ Parliamentary Constituency: 40-Asansol Parliamentary Constituency

No. and Name of Assembly Segment (in case of PC):.....

Sl. No. and name of Polling Stations:.....

Unique ID of Control Unit:.....

Unique ID of VVPAT:.....

It is certify that mandatory verification of paper slips of VVPAT of randomly selected polling station mentioned above has been conducted as per the instructions of the Commission.

Sl. No.	Name of Candidate	No. of Votes Cast		Discrepancy, if any
		As per EVM	As per Printed Paper Slips	
1	S.S. AHLUWALIA			
2	JAHANARA KHAN			
3	SHATRUGHAN PRASAD SINHA			
4	SUNNY KUMAR SAH			
5	AMAR CHOWDHURY			
6	DIPIKA BAURI			
7	SUJIT PAL			
	NOTA			
TOTAL VOTES				

Signature of the Counting Agents

(Present during the mandatory verification of VVPAT slips count)

Sl. No.	Name of the Candidate	Name of the Counting Agent	Signature

Signature of the Counting Supervisor

Signature of Assistant Returning Officer

Signature of Returning Officer

Signature of ECI Observer