



**PROCEEDINGS OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION KERALA,**  
**THIRUVANANTHAPURAM**

State Election Commission, Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram – General Election to Local Self Government Institutions 2015 – Failure of Electronic Voting Machines – HLFF Committee – Recommendations, Constitution of Expert Committee - Constituted – Orders issued.

No. 47/2016/SEC.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 02.02.2016

Read: (1) Proceedings No. 795/2015/SEC. dated 19.11.2015.

(2) Report of the High Level Fact Finding Committee dated 22.12.2015.

(3) Proceedings No. 871/2015/SE C. dated 31.12.2015

**ORDER**

In the proceedings read as first above a High Level Fact Finding Committee was constituted consisting of Technical Experts Prof. Dr. K.R. Srivathsan, formerly Pro Vice Chancellor, IGNOU, Golden Enclave, Thottada P.O., Kannur-7, Prof. Rajat Moona, Director General, C-DAC and Sri. Ramani B., Executive Director, C-DAC as members to ascertain the cause of failures of the EVMs during poll in the districts of Malappuram and Thrissur and to suggest remedial measures. Accordingly the committee has submitted the report on 22.12.2015.

2. In the proceedings 3<sup>rd</sup> cited, the recommendations of the High Level Fact Finding Committee was accepted in toto.

3. The following recommendations were also made by the committee.

a. The SEC should form a panel of experts to define test procedures and QC criteria for the machines. The panel should also define the first level check to be carried out by the manufacturers periodically as well as just prior to the elections.

b. From the remaining lot, a sample based testing must be carried out by organizations such as ERTL using the test procedure so defined.

4. The State Election Commission in exercise of powers under Article 243K of the Constitution of India and all other powers enabling it to do so and to ensure free and fair poll hereby constitute a Committee of Experts consisting of Shri .T. Mohandas (Convener), State Informatics Officer, National Informatic Centre, Thiruvananthapuram, Sri. Ramani. B, Executive Director, C-DAC, Thiruvananthapuram and Prof. Jiji C.V., Head of Department, Electronics and Communications, College of Engineering, Thiruvananthapuram to carry out the above recommendations of the High Level Fact Finding Committee.

5. The Committee is free to co-opt any officials for assisting the above duties.

6. The District Election Officers & District Collectors in the districts will assist the Committee as required by them.

7. The expenditure in this regard will be met from the funds to be specified by State Election Commission.

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To

1. Prof. Dr. K.R. Srivathsan, Golden Enclave, Thottada. P.O, Kannur-7.
2. Prof. Rajat Moona, Director General, C-DAC, New Delhi.
3. Sri. Ramani. B, Executive Director, C-DAC, Thiruvananthapuram.
4. Sri. T. Mohandas, State Informatics Officer, NIC, CDAC Buildings, Keltron Compund, Vellayambalam Thiruvananthapuram.
5. Prof. Jiji C.V., Head of Department, Electronics and Communications, College of Engineering, Thiruvananthapuram
6. The Chief Secretary, Government of Kerala.  
(with Covering letter).
7. The Principal Secretary, LSGD, Government of Kerala.  
(with Covering letter).
8. The Head, EMSD, Electronics Corporation of India Limited, Hyderabad.
9. All District Election Officers & District Collector,
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