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Dated, the 4th January, 2016.

To

All the District Election Officer (Panchayat)-cum-
Deputy Commissioners,
Himachal Pradesh.

Sub: *Clarification regarding wrong insertion of polled ballot in other ballot box.*

Madam/Sir,

The Commission has received various queries regarding insertion of polled ballot in wrong/other box by the voters.

In this regard I am directed to clarify as under:

- i) That if any ballot paper is wrongly inserted in other ballot box and the same is detected during the Counting it shall not be opened to see the marking for candidates.
- ii) That all such ballot papers shall be put in a separate envelop superscribing there on the name of office, Gram Panchayat Polling Station to which the ballot paper belongs, number and name of polling station where it is found and number of ballot papers inside the envelop.
- iii) Such ballot papers shall be put into separate envelops in respect of each office.
- iv) These envelops will be sealed and sent to the concerned Returning Officer.
- v) The Concerned Returning Officer on receipt of such envelops will not open the envelops but consider the number of ballot paper superscribed on the envelop in order to tally the ballot paper account.

- vi) All such ballot papers shall be treated as invalid and will not be counted or seen to observe the marking thereon.

You are, therefore, requested to appraise all the ROs/AROs to proceed in accordance with aforesaid procedure in case of any such eventuality. The specimen of detail to be superscribed on the envelop are also appended below:-

Yours faithfully,



Secretary
State Election Commission
Himachal Pradesh.

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Copy to:

1. All the Sub-Divisional Officers (Civil) Himachal Pradesh.
2. All the Assistant District Election Officer (P)-cum-District Panchayat Officers, Himachal Pradesh, for information.
3. All the Block Development Officers, Himachal Pradesh.
4. Guard file.



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Detail to be superscribed on the envelop.

- i) Name of Office to which the ballot papers belongs.....
- ii) Name of GP/PS/ZP and No. of ward where it is found
- iii) Number and name of polling station where it is found.....
- iv) Number of ballot papers put into the envelop.....

(Signature of RO/ARO)

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