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Bharatiya Janata Party

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To,

The Chief Election Commissioner and
Election Commissioners
Election Commission of India,
Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road,
New Delhi – 110001

Sub: Deployment of CAPF Personnel inside Polling Booths with added mandate of Voter ID verifications

Dear Sirs,

Apropos our previous representations on the alarming situation of political violence and electoral malpractices in the state of West Bengal, particularly the rampant misuse of state machinery and bureaucracy by the members of the All India Trinamool Congress (AITC), it is imperative that Central Forces are deployed at the polling booths for the impartial conduct of Assembly Elections.

During previous elections, the mainstream media was replete with news of innumerable instances wherein the Presiding Officers and Polling Officers indulged in widespread electoral malpractices, bogus voting and influencing/threatening/dissuading voters inside polling stations.

So much so, that the opposition parties were constrained to file hundreds of complaints with this Commission of the said instances of electoral malpractices inside polling booths.

Without prejudice to the conduct of members of the state machinery deployed at the polling booths, it is imperative that the members of Central Armed Police Forces be additionally deployed inside the polling booths with an added mandate of Voter ID/ Election Card verifications for the conduct of free and fair voting.



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We therefore request the Commission as follows:

1. CAPF personnel be deployed along with the Presiding Officers and Polling Officers inside the Polling Booths in the upcoming Assembly Elections.
2. CAPF Personnel should be assigned the responsibility of Voter ID/Election Card verifications. This would be in addition to their authority over Access Control on the respective Polling Booths.
3. CAPF personnel be directed to conduct patrolling on the day of polling for control of large scale political violence, prevalent on polling days.

This would not only impede Bogus Voting, control political violence and killing of political workers but also reaffirm the Electorates' faith in the Indian Electoral system.

Yours Sincerely

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Anil Baluni

Om Pathak

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