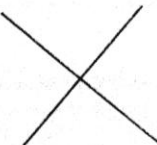


**NOTE**

The Commission has brought out this pamphlet showing illustrative cases of valid and invalid postal ballot papers and valid and invalid ordinary ballot papers for the guidance of the Returning Officers/ Assistant Returning Officers/Counting Supervisors and Counting Assistants at the time of counting of votes. The Returning Officer, or, as the case may be, the Assistant Returning Officer is required to scrutinise ballot papers on the basis of the provisions of rule 54A or 56 of the Conduct of Election Rules 1961. As it is not possible to visualise all kinds of valid and invalid markings, the specimens given in the pamphlet are not exhaustive, but only illustrative.

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**VALID CASES**  
**VALID CASE I**  
**ANUPPANADI PARLIAMENTARY**  
**CONSTITUENCY**  
2-Anuppanadi H.P./72-Genl.  
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<b>ANANTHARAMAN</b> [Communist Party of India (Marxist)]	
<b>ARUMUGAM</b> [Indian National Congress (Organisation)]	
<b>DAMODARAN</b> [Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam]	
<b>SELVARAJAN</b>	

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**VALID CASE II**  
**5. OTHAKADAI PARLIAMENTARY**  
CONSTITUENCY  
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<b>ALANGARAM, S.R.</b> [Communist Party of India (Marxist)]	✓
<b>AUDIAPPAN, L.</b> [Indian National Congress (Organisation)]	
<b>DASARATHAN, R.</b> [Indian National Congress]	
<b>PARAMASIVAM, M.</b>	

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**INVALID CASES**  
**INVALID CASE-I**  
**32. NAGAMALAI PARLIAMENTARY**  
CONSTITUENCY  
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<b>ANNASWAMY, A</b> [Communist Party of India (Marxist)]	✓
<b>ELUMALAI, K.</b> [Indian National Congress]	
<b>DAMAYANDHI, Selvi M.</b> [Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam]	
<b>PALANIYANDI</b>	✓

1. Multiple voting

**INVALID CASE II**  
**18. CHINTAMANI PARLIAMENTARY**  
 CONSTITUENCY  
 5-Chintamani H.P./72-Genl.  
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<p><b>AROKIASWAMY</b>          [Communist Party of India (Marxist)]</p>
<p><b>ULAGANATHAN, K.</b>          [Indian National Congress]</p>
<p><b>DHARAMARAJ, N.</b>          [Socialist Party]</p>
<p><b>SADAGOPAN, R.K.</b></p>

2. No Mark

**INVALID CASE III**  
**5. OTHAKADAI PARLIAMENTARY**  
 CONSTITUENCY  
 5-Othakadai H.P./72-Genl.  
 POSTAL BALLOT PAPER

<p><b>ALANGARAM, S.R.</b>          [Communist Party of India (Marxist)]</p>
<p><b>AUDIAPPAN, L.</b>          [Indian National Congress]</p>
<p><b>DASARATHAN, R.</b>          [Indian National Congress          (Organisation)]</p>
<p><b>PARAMASIVAM, M.</b></p>

3. Doubtful Marking