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Sub : Regarding procedure of holding Re-Poll /Re-commencement of adjourned poll, and fresh Poll on booth capturing.

The State Election Commission, Assam observes that with reference Sub-Rule 4 of Rule 143 of the Assam Autonomous Districts (Constitution of District Council) Rules, 1951, a procedure for Re-Poll on a subsequent day or re-commencement of the Poll on the same day after adjournment due to the grounds indicated in the Sub-Rule 4 is not in detail. The Commission therefore, adopts the following guidelines.

Procedure regarding adjournment and Re-Poll/Re-Commencement.

- 1) In continuation of the Sub-Rule 4 of Rule 143 of the Assam Autonomous Districts (Constitution of District Council) Rules, 1951, the Returning Officer (RO) shall immediately report the circumstances to the State Election Commission regarding adjournment/ closure of the Poll by the Presiding Officer in form No 25.
- 2) Wherever a Poll is adjourned, the Returning Officer shall as soon as may be, with previous approval of the Commission appoint the date on which the Poll shall re-commence and fix Polling station or place at which and the hours during which the Poll shall be taken and shall not count the votes casts at such Election unless adjourned or re-Poll has been completed.
- 3) (I) when an adjourned Poll is re-commenced, the voters who have already voted at the poll so adjourned shall not be allowed to vote again.
(II) If the Poll at any station is adjourned under Rule 143(4) of the Assam Autonomous Districts (Constitution of District Council) Rules, 1951, it shall be deemed as if the Poll was closed at the hour fixed in that behalf under Rule 143 of the Assam Autonomous Districts (Constitution of District Council) Rules, 1951.
(III) The sealed packet containing the marked copy of the Electoral Roll and new Ballot boxes shall be provided by the Returning Officer to the Presiding officer of the polling station at which adjourned Poll is held. The Presiding Officer shall display the marked copy of the Electoral Roll before the polling agents present and use the marked copy for making the names of voters to whom Ballot papers are issued at the adjourned Poll. All relevant provisions as were applied before the adjournment of Poll shall apply in relation to the conduct of adjourned Poll.

Procedure on vitiation on the day of Poll.

- 4) (1) if, at any Election-