

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA
NIRVACHAN SADAN, ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI-110001.

No.458/4/98-PLN-IV

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To

The Chief Electoral Officers of
Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh,
Mizoram, Madhya Pradesh, Nagaland, NCT of Delhi,
Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

Subject: Drafting of Personnel for election duty.

Preparations for the current elections are in full swing. The Field Officers would be finalising the list of personnel to be deployed for elections duty primarily as polling and counting staff. In this connection a suggestion has been received from the Chief Commissioner of Disabilities, Govt. of India to exempt disabled persons from being deployed for such election related duties.

The persons with disabilities have been defined under the Equal Opportunities Protection of Rights & Full Participation Act, 1996. The relevant extracts of this is enclosed. The Commission desires that as far as possible persons with disabilities as defined under the Act should not be deployed for election duty. This aspect may be kept in mind for selection and deployment of staff for election duty.

Yours faithfully,

(K.R. Prasad)
Secretary