

ECI revises guidelines to make EVM Ballot Papers more readable

Starting from Bihar, EVMs to have colour photographs of candidates for the first time

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1. The Election Commission of India (ECI) has revised the existing guidelines under Rule 49B of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, for the design and printing of EVM Ballot Papers to enhance their clarity and readability.
2. The initiative is in line with the 28 initiatives already taken by the ECI in the past 6 months to streamline and improve election processes and enhance convenience for voters.
3. Henceforth, photographs of candidates will be printed in colour on the EVM Ballot Paper. The candidate's face will occupy three-fourths of the photo space for better visibility.
4. Serial numbers of candidates/NOTA will be printed in the international form of Indian numerals. The font size will be **30** and in **bold** for clarity.
5. To ensure uniformity, the names of all candidates/NOTA will be printed in the same font type and font size large enough for easy readability.
6. The EVM Ballot Papers will be printed on **70 GSM paper**. For Assembly Elections, pink-coloured paper of specified RGB values shall be used.
7. The upgraded EVM Ballot Papers will be used in the upcoming elections, starting with Bihar.

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