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announce an adjournment of the poll to a date to be notified later, and where the poll is so adjourned by a presiding officer, he shall forthwith inform the returning officer.

(2) Whenever a poll is adjourned under sub-rule (1), the returning officer shall immediately report the circumstance to the Director of Tribal Councils Elections and the Commission and shall, as soon as may be with the previous approval of the Commission, publish a notice appointing the day on which the poll shall re-commence from the state at which it was left immediately before the adjournment and fix the polling station at which, and the hours during which, the poll will be taken and shall not count the votes cast at such election until such adjourned poll shall have been completed.

(3) In every such case as aforesaid, the returning officer shall notify in such manner as the Commission may direct the date, place and hours or polling fixed under sub-rule (2).

64. Procedure on adjournment of poll: (1) If poll at any polling station is adjourned under rule 63, the provisions of rules 83 to 86 shall, as far as practicable, apply as if the poll was closed at the hour fixed in that behalf under rule 57.

(2) When an adjourned poll is recommenced under sub-rule (2) of rule 63 the electors who have already voted at the poll so adjourned shall not be allowed to vote again.

(3) The returning officer shall provide the presiding officer of the polling station at which such adjourned poll is held, with the sealed packet containing the marked copy of the electoral roll and a new ballot box.

(4) The presiding officer shall open the sealed packet in the presence of the polling agents present and use the marked copy of the electoral roll for marking the names of the electors to whom the ballot papers are issued at the adjourned poll without however recording therein the serial number thereof.

(5) The provisions of rules 67 to 86 shall apply in relation to the conduct of an adjourned poll as they apply in relation to the poll before it was so adjourned.

65. Adjournment of poll or countermanding of election on ground of booth capturing :

(1) If at any election-

(a) both capturing has taken place at a polling station in such a manner that the result of the poll at that polling station cannot be ascertained; or

(b) booth capturing takes place in any place for counting of votes in such a manner that the result of counting cannot be ascertained;

the returning officer shall forthwith report the matter to the Commission.

(2) The Commission shall, on receipt of a report from the returning officer under sub-rule (1) and after taking all material circumstances into account, either-

(a) declare that the poll at that polling station be void, appoint a day, and fix the hours, for taking fresh poll at that polling station and notify the date so appointed and hours so fixed in such manner as it may deem fit; or

(b) if satisfied that in view of the large number of polling stations involved in booth capturing the result of the election is likely to be affected, or that booth capturing had affected counting of votes in such a manner as to affect the result of the election, countermand the election in that ward.

Explanation: For the purposes of this rule. "Booth capturing" includes, among other things, all or any of the following activities namely:-