

- (i) Seizure of a polling station fixed for the poll by any person or persons, making polling authorities surrender the ballot papers and doing of any other act which affects the orderly conduct of elections;
- (ii) Taking possession of a polling station fixed for the poll by any person or persons and allowing only his or their own supporters to exercise their right to vote and prevent others from voting;
- (iii) Threatening any elector and preventing him from going to the polling station fixed for the poll to cast his vote;
- (iv) Seizure of a place for counting of votes by any person or persons, making the counting authorities surrender the ballot papers and the doing of anything which affects the orderly counting of votes;
- (v) Doing by any person in the service of Government of all or any of the aforesaid activities or aiding or conniving at, any such activity in the furtherance of the prospects of the election of a candidate.

66. Fresh poll in the case of destruction etc. of "Ballot Box".

(1) If at any election

- (a) any ballot box used at a polling station is unlawfully taken out of the custody of the presiding officer or the returning officer or is accidentally or intentionally destroyed or lost, or is damaged or tampered with, to such an extent that the result of the poll at that polling station cannot be ascertained; or
- (b) any such error or irregularity in procedure as is likely to vitiate the poll is committed at a polling station;

The returning officer shall forthwith report the matter to the commission.

(2) Thereupon the Commission shall, after taking all material circumstances into account, either-

- (a) declare the poll at that polling station void, appoint a day and fix the hours for taking a fresh poll at that polling station and notify the day so appointed and the hours so fixed in such manner as it may deem fit; or
- (b) if satisfied that the result of a fresh poll at that polling station will not, in any way, affect the result of the election of the constituency or that the error or irregularity in procedure is not material, issue such directions to the returning officer as it may deem proper for the further conduct and completion of the election.

(3) The provision of the Regulation and these rules made thereunder shall apply to every fresh poll as they apply to the original poll.

67. Design of "Ballot Box". Every ballot box shall be of such design as may be approved by the Commission.

68. Form of ballot papers: (1) Every ballot paper shall have a counterfoil attached thereto and the set ballot paper and the counterfoil shall be in such form and the particulars therein shall be in such language or languages as the Commission may direct.

(2) The names of the candidates shall be arranged on the ballot paper in the same order in which they appear in the list of contesting candidates.

(3) If two or more candidates bear the same name, they shall be distinguished by the addition of their occupation or residence or in some other manner.