

- (h) the list of challenged votes; and
- (2) (i) any other papers directed by the Commission to be kept in a sealed packet.
- (3) (2) Each such packet shall be sealed with the seals of the presiding officer and with the seals
 - either of the candidate or of his election agent or of his polling agent who may be present at the polling station and may desire to affix his seals thereon.
- 86. **Transmission of "Ballot Box", etc. to the returning officer:**
 - (1) The presiding officer shall then deliver or cause to be delivered to the returning officer at such place as the returning officer may direct –
 - (a) the "Ballot Boxes/", or as the case may be, the bags or covers referred to in rule 83
 - (b) the ballot paper account;
 - (c) the sealed packets referred to in rule 85; and
 - (d) all other papers used at the poll. –
 - (2) The returning officer shall make adequate arrangements for the safe transport of all "Ballot Box", packets and other papers and for their safe custody until the commencement of the counting of votes.

CHAPTER – XIV

COUNTING OF VOTES

- 87. **Counting of votes:** At every election where a poll is taken, votes shall be counted by or under the supervision and direction of the returning officer, and each contesting candidate, his election agent, and the counting agents shall have a right to be present at the time of counting.
- 88. **Time and place for counting of votes:** The returning officer shall, at least one week before the date fixed for the poll, appoint the place or places where the counting of votes will be done and the date and time at which the counting will commence and shall give notice of the same in writing to each candidate or his election agent:

Provided that if for any reason the returning officer finds it necessary so to do, he may alter the date, time and place or places so fixed, or any of them, after giving notice of the same in writing to each candidate or his election agent.

- 89. **Admission to the place fixed for counting:** (1) The returning officer shall exclude from the place fixed for counting of votes all persons except-
 - (a) such persons (to be known as counting supervisors and counting assistants) as he may appoint to assist him in the counting;
 - (b) persons authorized by the Commission;
 - (c) public servants on duty in connection with the election; and
 - (d) candidates, their election agents and counting agents.
- (2) No person who has been employed by or on behalf of, or has been otherwise working for, a candidate in or about the election shall be appointed under clause (a) of sub-rule (1).