

polling officer on duty or by any person authorized in this behalf by any such presiding officer.

2. The powers conferred by sub-rule (1) shall not be exercised so as to prevent any elector who is otherwise entitled to vote at a polling station for having an opportunity of voting at that station.
151. Failure to observe procedure for voting : If any elector to whom a ballot paper has been issued, refuses to observe the procedure prescribed for voting, the ballot paper issued to him shall be liable for cancellation.
152. Government servants not to act as election agent polling agent or counting agent : No government servant shall act as an election agent or a polling agent or a counting agent of a candidate at an election.
153. Ballot papers from polling station are not to be removed :
 1. No person at any election shall fraudulently take or attempt to take a ballot paper out of a polling station or willfully aid or abet doing of any such act.
 2. If a presiding officer of a polling station has reason to believe that any person is contravening the provisions of sub rule (1), such officer may before such person leaves the polling station, direct a police officer to search such person :

Provided that when it is necessary to cause a woman to search, the search shall be made by another woman with strict regard to decency.
 3. Any ballot paper found upon such person shall be made over for safe custody to a police officer by the presiding officer.

154. Other acts : No person shall at an election —

- (a) fraudulently deface, fraudulently destroy any nomination paper; or
- (b) fraudulently deface, or destroy or remove any list, notice or other document affixed by or under the authority of a returning officer; or
- (c) fraudulently deface or fraudulently destroy any ballot paper or the official mark on any ballot paper or any declaration or identity; or
- (d) without due authority supply any ballot paper to any person or receive any ballot paper from any person or possess any ballot paper; or
- (e) fraudulently put into any Ballot Box anything other than the ballot paper which he is authorized by law to put in; or
- (f) without due authority destroy, take, open, or otherwise interfere with any Ballot Box or ballot paper then in use for the purpose of the election; or
- (g) fraudulently or without due authority, as the case may be, attempt to do any of the foregoing acts or willfully aid or abet the doing of any such acts.

CHAPTER - XXI

POWERS OF ELECTION COMMISSION IN CONNECTION WITH INQUIRIES AS TO DISQUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS

155. Powers of Election Commission : (1) Where in connection with the tendering of any opinion to the Deputy Commissioner under section 14 and 57 of the Regulation, the Commission considers it necessary or proper to make an inquiry, and the Commission is