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**NOTICE INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR VIDEOGRAPHY ON  
POLL DAY IN CONNECTION WITH PARLIAMENT ELECTION 2019 IN THE  
DISTRICT OF HOWRAH - 2nd Call**

District Election Officer, Howrah invites Expression of Interest for Video recording of events inside the Polling premises for the upcoming Parliament General Election, 2019 in the District of Howrah as per Scope of Work and adjutant Terms and Conditions detailed below.

Interested parties are required to submit the Expression of Interest latest by 3 PM of **14/03/2019** as per details specified below after going through this notice thoroughly and acquainting themselves with the exact requirement and the deliverables on either side before submitting their expression of interest. They are requested to satisfy themselves of their competency for the same.

**1) Scope of Work**

**a. Introduction**

In deference to the suggestions of Supreme Court, contained in its judgment dated 11<sup>th</sup> January 2005 in Civil Appeal No.9228 of 2003 - (Janak Bingham Vs. Das Rai and Other) the Election Commission of India (ECI) has directed that photography may now be carried inside the polling stations to photograph electors and cover poll proceedings without compromising the secrecy of voting.

It has been decided that Cameras for Video recording are likely be used in the Polling Stations on the Poll day in Howrah district during Parliament General Election 2019 and/or Assembly Bye-Election of 176 Uluberia Purba AC as per schedule to be notified by the ECI. The main purpose will be to keep a watch on the proceedings inside the Polling Premises on the day of the Poll.

Cameras shall be placed in such a manner that they can record the voters in the queue, and the proceedings in the Polling Station, including the process of identification of voters, application of indelible ink etc. It must be ensured that the secrecy of voting is not violated in any way.

**b. Minimum Specifications for Camera to be used**

- i. Full HD recording in 1080P
- ii. Frame rate not less than 15 fps
- iii. Minimum Optical Zoom of 10 X
- iv. Recording Format will be AVCHD/MP4 equivalent
- v. Recording Media SD/SDHC/SDXC (Analog/ Mini DV not allowed)
- vi. Minimum Battery backup for 4 hours recording

**c. Recording Activities inside PS and Activities at DC & RC**

- I. The videographer/photographer shall make sure that all important events such as mock poll, sealing of EVMs, signing by polling agents on the seals of EVMs, etc. are properly recorded. Any untoward incident at the polling Station must also be recorded. Specially the following must be recorded: -
  - i) Attempts of intimidation of voters.
  - ii) Attempts of inducement / bribing of voters.
  - iii) Canvassing within 100 metres of polling stations.
  - iv) Positioning of voting compartment
  - v) Basic Minimum Facilities (BMF) at the polling station
  - vi) Presence of polling agents
  - vii) Mock Poll.
  - viii) Clearing of Mock poll.
  - ix) Sealing of EVMs.
  - x) Process of identification of voters.
  - xi) Voters in queues.
  - xii) The length of queue at the time fixed for close of poll.
  - xiii) Any dispute of any nature at the polling Station.
  - xiv) Visit by Sector Officers, Observers and other electoral functionaries or any important person including the candidates.
  - xv) Replacement of EVM, if any.
  - xvi) Any incident at the Polling Stations.
  - xvii) All video and photography should be done with date and time recording so that the real time and date can be verified. Recording of location using Lat/Long wherever available will be preferred.

*Note: The list above is illustrative and not exhaustive.*

- II. All video recordings made in the camera has to be downloaded from the memory immediately upon reaching the Receiving Centre and saved in sorted PS wise directory in a permanent storage device to be provided by us for the purpose.
- III. One Supervisor must be appointed for every Assembly Segment separately to coordinate the training, reporting and movement at DC with camera & accessories and downloading of recording at RC.

## **2) Training of Cameraperson**

Video Cameramen/ operators and the Supervisors will have to attend 1 day compulsory training to be organised by the Returning Officer centrally or in batches in one or more venue/s in Howrah as may be fixed subsequently.

## **3) Reporting of the Cameramen at DC/ logistic arrangement**

- a) Videographers will have to reach the Disbursal centre on P-1 day by 9 AM latest with full equipment and record their attendance therein in the designated counter/ location. Supervisors of the AC segment will directly coordinate the arrival and reporting of Cameramen with the Tagging cell.
- b) The videographer will accompany the respective Polling Party to the assigned location from the DC in the designated vehicle and will return back to the RC with the same Polling Party.
- c) Under no circumstances will the videographer accept any hospitality from any other person or organization including any Political party other than the arrangement made at the designated polling station for fooding and lodging of the Polling party.
- d) In case the polling Station where Videographer has been assigned is taken up for scrutiny on P+1 day, he/she will have to make himself available during the scrutiny process for providing clarifications if same are sought by RO or Observer.

## **4) Other Requirements**

- a) The Videographer shall not be member or active supporter of any Political Party or contesting Candidate nor shall be related to any candidate in the election in any way. The Videographer shall not have worked for any of the contesting candidates or for any Political Parties during the campaign period.
- b) Videographer shall not have any criminal antecedents or be an accused against whom criminal charges are pending in any court of law.
- c) Videographer must bring Government Photo Identity proof like EPIC/ Driving License/PAN card for Identity proof and must carry it on him at all times in addition to the Identity card provided to him

