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To

Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao,  
B4/137, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor,  
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New Delhi-110029.

Subject: Your concerns about Electronic Voting Machines.

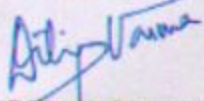
Ref: Your letter addressed to Hon'ble President of India, dated 17<sup>th</sup> July 2010.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter cited above, received from the President's Secretariat. In this regard, it is state that Electronic Voting System in India along with all the administrative safeguards prescribed by the Election Commission is completely tamper proof. This is a time tested system, which has worked without any problem in our Country. EVMs have also undergone judicial scrutiny and have been supported by various Courts of Law in number of occasions.

Detailed description of the technical and administrative safeguards of the Indian Electronic Voting Machines is available on the website of Election Commission of India. These safeguards were explained to you in detail when you had come to the Commission along with Shri Kirit Somaiya on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2009, with Shri V.V.Rao on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2009 and again with the BJP delegation on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2010. In spite of several opportunities given by the Commission, nobody has been able to demonstrate the alleged tamperability of ECI-EVMs. It is also worthwhile mentioning that the Commission continuously reviews and makes improvements in the voting system in the country. The Commission has repeatedly made it clear that it has completely open mind in the matter and welcomes any suggestions for improvements.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Dilip K. Varma)  
Under Secretary

Copy to the President's Secretariat (Public Section), Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi-110004 w.r.t. their letter No.PI-A/15820, dated 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2010.