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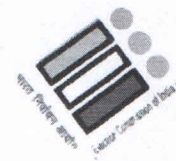
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Dear Colleagues,

I am sorry, we could not meet on 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2017. Hence this letter.

Let me first take this opportunity to extend heartiest greetings and best wishes to you for a joyous and festive Deepawali.

As you are all aware, the Election Observation Framework of the Commission has evolved as a unique and robust model, wherein an element of externality is introduced from within the system through the deployment of civil servants as Central Observers for effective oversight on the multifarious aspects of election management at the field level. This system is spearheaded by senior and experienced officers like yourself drawn from the All India and Central Services, who ensure the compliance of extant instructions and guidelines, foster a level-playing field and facilitate the Commission in the discharge of its Constitutional mandate of conducting free, fair, transparent, peaceful, participative and credible elections.

The fact that the conduct and management of Indian elections under the aegis of the Election Commission of India is looked upon with admiration and deep regard all over the democratic world, owes substantially to the superlative quality of election observation and oversight undertaken by the multitude of your worthy predecessors who served as Central Observers and delivered sterling performance with peerless professionalism and dedication. You are, not only the legatees of this illustrious tradition, but also the custodians of faith and trust of the Commission at the ground level.

We shall remain in touch in the ensuing days on real time basis, thanks to the formidable I.T system created in the ECI over the last few years. I am sure that all out efforts shall be made to ensure that the fairness and integrity of electoral process is maintained at all costs, as has been the case since the Commission came into existence in the year 1950.

With lots of best wishes

Yours sincerely,

(Sunil Arora)