GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1387

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Apprehensions regarding the voting process

1387 # Shri Ramji Lal Suman:

Will the Minister of **LAW AND JUSTICE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that in the last Lok Sabha elections, suspicious voters also cast their votes;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that experts are saying that the results can be manipulated on electronic voting machines;
- (c) whether due to the questions being raised on EVMs, the apprehensions among voters have increased if their votes are being cast correctly or not; and
- (d) the details of the steps taken to dispel the apprehensions raised among the voters?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE; AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

(a): The Election Commission of India (ECI) has informed that there is no category of suspicious voters as per the Representation of People Act, 1951.

- (b): The ECI has informed that the election results cannot be manipulated on Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs).
- (c) and (d): The ECI has stated that there is no doubt in fairness and integrity of EVMs which have stood the test of several elections, public and legal scrutiny over the years. The ECI has further informed that in at least 42 petitions against use of EVMs which have been filed before various High Courts and Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and after going through various aspects of the technological soundness and the administrative safeguards involved in the use of EVMs, the Hon'ble courts have repeatedly held that EVMs are tamper proof, credible and reliable. The ECI has also mentioned that in order to dispel any apprehension of any kind whatsoever, EVM related documents, such as manual on EVM and VVPAT, presentation on EVM, status paper on EVM, legal history of EVMs and VVPATs and FAQs **ECI** on **EVM** are available in public domain i.e. website (https://www.eci.gov.in/evm-vvpat).
