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Under Section 135C of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, no spirituous, fermented or intoxicating liquors or other substances of a like nature shall be sold, given or distributed at a hotel, eating house, tavern, shop or any other place, public or private within the polling area during the period of forty eight hours ending with the hour fixed for the conclusion of poll for any election in that polling area.

2. The Election Commission of India has issued instructions that "dry days" should be declared and observed from 5.00 p.m. of 16th August, 2009 to 5.00 p.m. of 18th August, 2009, i.e. during the period of 48 hours ending with the hour fixed for the conclusion of poll. Further, even though the poll hours will be from 7.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m., the poll may continue in certain polling stations even after 5.00 p.m. and the poll process may extend upto 10.00 p.m. on 18.8.2009. Hence, the closure of IMFL retail vending shops is required upto 10.00 p.m. on 18.8.2009.

3. The Commission has further directed that the day, the 21st August, 2009 on which counting of votes is to be taken up, shall be declared "Dry Day".

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