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Video Conferencing sessions were held with all the DEOs today (20<sup>th</sup> March 2009) in groups of 7 to 9 districts to ascertain the status and review the progress in the re-organisation of polling stations, preparation of Communication Plan and database of polling personnel including Micro Observers, Vulnerability Mapping, provision of ramps and water & toilet facilities in polling stations and distribution of Electors Photo Identity Cards.

The DEOs have been instructed to carry out 100% Field Verification (FV) by the Booth Level Officers (BLOs) to identify the dead, shifted or absent electors, with or without family linkage, and to prepare a full list of such cases booth-wise. For more effective enforcement of Model Code of Conduct, the DEOs were instructed to form joint teams comprising Revenue and Police officials and with a unit to videograph the violations. They have been instructed to treat the Media reports as complaints. The example of Andhra Pradesh where the enforcement had come up for appreciation by the full Election Commission was cited.

**Chief Electoral Officer.**

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