



Increase in VVPAT numbers will delay counting by six days: EC

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Poll body uses report given by Indian Statistical Institute to defend its stand in SC

- The 2019 Lok Sabha election results will be delayed by six whole days if the Opposition parties' demand to increase the counting of VVPAT slips by 50% becomes a reality, the Election Commission indicated to the Supreme Court.
- The current confidence level in EVM-VVPAT accuracy is 99.9936%. Any increase in the sample size of verification of VVPAT slips would only lead to a "very negligible gain in the confidence level."
- The EC said the adoption of a particular percentage as a sample for VVPAT slip verification was devoid of scientific logic or statistical basis.
- The EC made its stand clear despite the court's recent strong observations in favour of an increase in the sample VVPAT slip counting for the forthcoming elections.

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