

80 lakh security holograms for I-cards

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JAMMU, Oct 25: State Election Commission will soon procure 80 lakh tamper-proof security holograms for Electoral Photo Identity Cards to ensure there is no misuse of cards during the forthcoming polls in the State.

“We have started process for getting 80 lakh tamper-proof and sticker style security holograms for the I-card so that nobody misuses them during polling”, officials said.

Tenders have been floated and the process is in final phase for procuring such holograms, they said.

The holograms would be round in shape of 20 mm diameter, silver metallised in colour with polyester film of 24 microns, they said.

It would depict the Ashoka Emblem at centre besides Satya-

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maive Jayate and Election Commission of India (ECI) over their round shape, they said.

The holograms will have a laser numbering with a unique serial number code written inside them which could be detected through electronic scanner only, the EC officials said.

Hundreds of electoral I-cards were recovered from slain militants and over 8,000 went missing after the Assembly elections of 2002.

Over 65 lakh voters will exercise their right of franchise at 8,000 polling station in the State during the seven-phase poll starting November 17.

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