

## Booth Capturing

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### About Booth Capturing:

- Booth-capturing, defined in **Section 135A of the RPA**, includes all or any of the following activities by any person or persons:
  - **Seizure of a polling station**, affecting the conduct of elections;
  - **Taking possession of a polling station**, allowing only his or their supporters to vote;
  - Intimidating or threatening any elector and preventing him from going to the polling station;
  - Seizure of a counting place affecting the counting of votes;
  - Involvement of any person in government service in any of the above activities.
- It is **punishable** for a term of **not less than one year**, which may extend to three years for lay people, and not less than three years, extending to **five years for government servants**.
- In such cases the Election Commission of India, based on the material facts, may
  - Declare the poll at that polling station to be void and **direct a fresh poll** on a new date; or
  - Countermand the election in the constituency in case booth capturing has taken place in a large number of polling stations, or if it has affected the counting of votes.

## Q1: What C-Vigil App?

**C-Vigil App** is a mobile application developed by the Election Commission of India (ECI) to enable citizens to report violations of the **Model Code of Conduct** (MCC) during elections.

**Source:** [Expert Explains: What Election Commission can do if normal polling process is disrupted](#)

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