

HISTORY OF EVM

Four Decades and more

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1977

CEC- S L Shakdar talked about introducing an Electronic machine.

1980-81

EVMs developed and demonstrated by ECIL and BEL.

1982-83

EVMs used first time in 50 polling stations of Parur AC in Kerala. And then in 11 Assembly Constituencies: 8 states, 1UT.

1984

SC suspends EVM usage: cannot be used till RP Act is amended.

1988

RP Act amended: enabling use EVMs wef 15.03.1989.

2018

SC dismissed petition asking for return to Ballot papers!

Since 2000, EVMs have been used in all elections: 4 Lok Sabha and 122 State Legislative Assemblies. **Till date, >315 crore votes cast on EVMs.**