



POLLING REHEARSAL IN INDIA

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Mock elections have been held in various parts of India in preparation for the general elections. This picture shows the checking-up of identification slips of rural voters in Delhi during a polling rehearsal.

Voting Techniques

The Indian voter does not mark a ballot paper; he makes his choice by placing his ballot in the box assigned to the candidate he favours. To prevent impersonation or multiple voting the index finger of the voter is marked, when he collects his ballot papers, with an indelible ink calculated not to wear off until polling in his area has been completed. As a result of the inexperience of the public at large, on-the-spot supervision of the polling stations has been made the responsibility of civil servants rather than civilian volunteers. The fact that each of the polling parties composed of civil servants must service several different stations, frequently at some distance one from another, has been one important reason for the extended time-table of the