

BOOTH CAPTURING

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Sir, - Doordarshan deserves heartiest congratulations for having telecast Ms. Nalini Singh's programme on booth capturing and rigging on December 3. It was indeed most revealing and a great eye-opener to all the viewers who place the highest value on the democratic way of life. What we saw completely undermines the people's faith in the fairness of the electoral process in our country and the moral foundation of democracy in India.

In fact, if we want democracy to survive in our country, it is time that leaders of all political parties sincerely cooperate and work out a solution to this most fundamental problem. The only possible solution seems to be to employ the army and paramilitary forces in sufficient numbers on the day of polling in all the trouble-prone areas to effectively tackle the challenge posed by the unscrupulous professional booth capturers and ensure the sanctity of the electoral process in our country.