

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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PRESS NOTE

Subject : Schedule for bye-elections to fill casual vacancies in the Lok Sabha from Parliamentary Constituency of Assam, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh and Assembly Constituencies of State Legislative Assemblies of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu and Tripura – reg.

There are following clear vacancies in Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies of various States/UT, which needs to be filled up:

| Sl. No. | State | Name of Parliamentary/ Assembly Constituency No. & Name |
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| 1 | Assam | 14-Lakhimpur (Parliamentary Constituency) |
| 2 | Assam | 20-Baithalangso (ST) (Assembly Constituency) |
| 3 | Arunachal Pradesh | 45 – Hayuliang (ST) (Assembly Constituency) |
| 4 | Madhya Pradesh | 12-Shahdol (ST) (Parliamentary Constituency) |
| 5 | Madhya Pradesh | 179-Nepanagar (ST) (Assembly Constituency) |
| 6 | West Bengal | 1-Coochbehar (SC) (Parliamentary Constituency) |
| 7 | West Bengal | 30-Tamluk (Parliamentary Constituency) |
| 8 | West Bengal | 263-Monteswar (Assembly Constituency) |
| 9 | Tamil Nadu | 195-Thiruparankundram (Assembly Constituency) |
| 10 | Tripura | 4-Barjala (Assembly Constituency) |
| 11 | Tripura | 25-Khowai (Assembly Constituency) |
| 12 | Puducherry | 17-Nellithope (Assembly Constituency) |

After taking into consideration various factors like local festivals, electoral rolls, weather conditions etc., the Commission has decided to hold bye-elections to fill these vacancies as per the programme mentioned as under: -

| Poll Events | Schedule |
|---|-------------------------|
| Date of Issue of Gazette Notification | 26.10.2016 (WED) |
| Last Date of Nomination | 02.11.2016 (WED) |
| Date for Scrutiny of Nomination | 03.11.2016 (THU) |
| Last Date of Withdrawal of candidatures | 05.11.2016 (SAT) |
| Date of Poll | 19.11.2016 (SAT) |
| Date of Counting | 22.11.2016 (TUE) |
| Date before which election shall be completed | 24.11.2016 (THU) |

ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Roll for all the States with reference to 01.01.2016 has been finally published. The bye-election in all the States will be held with the existing rolls.

ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES (EVMs)

The Commission has decided to use EVMs in the bye-elections in all the polling stations. Adequate numbers of EVMs have been made available and all steps have been taken to ensure that the polls are conducted smoothly with the help of these machines.

IDENTIFICATION OF VOTERS

In consonance with the past practice, the Commission has decided that the voter's identification shall be mandatory in the aforementioned bye- elections at the time of poll. Electoral Photo Identity Cards (EPIC) shall be the main document of identification of a voter. However, in order to ensure that no voter is deprived of his/her franchise, if his/her name figures in the Electoral Rolls, separate instructions will be issued to allow additional documents for identification of voters at the time of poll in the said bye-elections.

MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

The Model Code of Conduct shall come into force with immediate effect in

the district(s) in which the whole or any part of the Parliamentary Constituency/Assembly Constituencies going for bye-elections is included, subject to partial modification as issued vide Commission's instruction No. 437/INST/2012/CC&BE, dated 26th April, 2012 (available on the Commission's website). The Model Code of Conduct shall be applicable to all candidates, political parties and the State Governments concerned. The Model Code of Conduct shall also be applicable to the Union Government for the States concerned.



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