

EC hints at J&K polls as admin asked to transfer officials from home dists

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WITH assembly elections in Haryana, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, and the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) slated by the end of this year, the Election Commission of India (EC) has instructed the chief secretaries and chief electoral officers of these regions to transfer officials who have served in their native districts or any particular district for over three years.

In a letter, the EC indicated that J&K's assembly elections will be held separately from those in Haryana, Jharkhand, and Maharashtra.

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bley of Haryana will remain in office until November 3, 2024; that of Jharkhand till January 5, 2025, and Maharashtra till November 26, 2024. Elections are expected to be held within 2024. "Furthermore, elections for the legislative assembly of J&K are also anticipated in the near future," it added.

The EC has instructed that all transfers and postings following these guidelines must be completed promptly. Chief Secretaries and Director Generals of Police are required to submit compliance reports detailing the actions taken by August 20, 2024.