

**PUBLIC (ELECTIONS-III) DEPARTMENT**

**PRESS RELEASE**

The Bye-election to Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly from 83.Yercaud (ST) Assembly Constituency will be held on 4.12.2013 from 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. The following restrictions will apply to publication and dissemination of results of Opinion poll / Exit poll during the above bye-election:-

- i) The Election Commission of India has stated that in exercise of the powers under sub-section (1) of Section 126A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, and having regard to the provisions of sub-Section (2) of the said Section, hereby notifies the period between 7.00 A.M. on 11-11-2013 (Monday), i.e the first day of poll in Chhattisgarh and 5.30 P.M. on 4-12-2013 i.e. the last day of poll in National Capital Territory of Delhi and bye-elections to the State Legislative Assemblies of Tamil Nadu and Gujarat, as the period during which conducting any exit poll and publishing or publicizing by means of the print or electronic media or dissemination in any other manner whatsoever, the result of any exit poll in connection with the current General Elections to the Legislative Assemblies of Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Rajasthan and National Capital Territory of Delhi and bye-elections to Legislative Assemblies of Tamil Nadu and Gujarat, shall be prohibited.
- ii) The Election Commission of India has further clarified that under Section 126(1)(b) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, displaying any election matter including results of any opinion poll or any other poll survey, in any electronic media, would be prohibited during the period of 48 hours ending with the hours fixed for conclusion of poll in connection with aforesaid General Elections and bye-elections.

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