

Zaidi set to become Election Commissioner

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NEW DELHI: Sixty-year-old Syed Nasim Ahmad Zaidi, a 1976 batch IAS officer of the Uttar Pradesh cadre, is all set to become an Election Commissioner. A formal notification is expected from President Pranab Mukherjee. Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has already approved his appointment.

Mr. Zaidi superannuated as the Civil Aviation Secretary on July 31 (last Tuesday) and once he becomes an Election Commissioner, he could be in the Nirvachan Sadan till July 6, 2017. A native of U.P., he had been Director-General of Civil Aviation and Joint Secretary in the Civil Aviation Ministry. His first posting was Assistant Collector of Uttar Pradesh's Unnao district.

The vacancy in the three-member Election Commission arose after Chief Election Commissioner S.Y. Quraishi retired on June 10. V.S. Sampath was appointed in his place. H.S. Brahma is the other Commissioner.

Similarly, Vice-President Hamid Ansari's secretary Shumsher K. Sheriff, a 1977 batch IAS officer of the Arunachal Pradesh-Goa-Mizoram and Union Territory cadre who was earlier the front-runner for the post of Election Commissioner, is being appointed as the Secretary-General of the Rajya Sabha. Incumbent Vivek Kumar Agnihotri, already on extension, is set to leave office in the next few weeks.

Mr. Sheriff's elevation comes as Mr. Ansari is being fielded as the UPA candidate for Vice-President.

Mr. Sheriff had worked in Rashtrapati Bhavan and has been Chief Secretary, the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. He belongs to a family hailing from Vaniyambadi in Tamil Nadu's Vellore district.



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जागरण न्यूज नेटवर्क, नई दिल्ली: उत्तर प्रदेश कैडर के 1976 बैच के 60 वर्षीय आइएएस अधिकारी सईद नसीम जैदी को नए चुनाव आयुक्त के तौर पर नियुक्त किए जाने की जमीन तैयार हो चुकी है। माना जा रहा है कि राष्ट्रपति प्रणव मुखर्जी कभी भी इसकी औपचारिक अधिसूचना जारी कर सकते हैं। प्रधानमंत्री मनमोहन सिंह पहले ही उनकी फाइल को अनुमति दे चुके हैं। जैदी 31 जुलाई को नागरिक उड्डयन सचिव के पद से सेवानिवृत्त हुए हैं। चुनाव आयुक्त बनने के बाद वह 6 जुलाई 2017 तक निर्वाचन सदन में अपनी सेवाएं दे सकते हैं। उत्तर प्रदेश मूल के जैदी नागरिक उड्डयन विभाग के महानिदेशक रह चुके हैं। साथ ही अंतरराष्ट्रीय नागरिक उड्डयन संगठन में भारत के प्रतिनिधि भी रह चुके हैं। इसके अलावा वह उड्डयन मंत्रालय में संयुक्त सचिव, बरेली विकास प्राधिकरण के आयुक्त और गाजियाबाद व फरुखाबाद जिले के कलेक्टर भी रह चुके हैं।