



भारत निर्वाचन आयोग  
Election Commission of India

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ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI-110001

No. 318/ LET/ECI/FUNC/BIEN/MULTI-CS/2/2018

Dated: 01<sup>st</sup> March, 2018

To,

1. The Chief Electoral Officers of

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| 1. Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad | 9. Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal  |
| 2. Bihar, Patna              | 10. Maharashtra, Mumbai    |
| 3. Chhattisgarh, Raipur      | 11. Odisha, Bhubaneswar    |
| 4. Gujarat, Gandhinagar      | 12. Rajasthan, Jaipur      |
| 5. Haryana, Chandigarh       | 13. Telangana, Hyderabad   |
| 6. Himachal Pradesh, Shimla  | 14. Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow |
| 7. Jharkhand, Ranchi         | 15. Uttarakhand, Dehradun  |
| 8. Karnataka, Bengaluru      | 16. West Bengal, Kolkata   |

2. The Returning Officers for the Biennial Elections to the Council of States: -

1. Sh. K. Satyanarayana Rao, Deputy Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Legislature Secretariat, Hyderabad,
2. Secretary, Telangana Legislature Secretariat, Hyderabad,
3. Secretary, Bihar Vidhan Sabha, Patna,
4. Secretary, Chhattisgarh Vidhan Sabha, Raipur,
5. Sh. A.B. Karora, Deputy Secretary, Gujarat Legislature Secretariat, Gandhinagar,
6. Sh. Vijay Singh Dahiya, Director General, Higher Education & Secretary to Govt. Haryana, Higher Education Department, Chandigarh
7. Sh. G.C. Negi, ADM(Protocol), Himachal Pradesh, Shimla,
8. Sh. Binay Kumar Singh, Secretary-In-Charge, Jharkhand Vidhan Sabha, Ranchi
9. Sh. S. Murthy, Secretary(I/C), Karnataka Legislative Assembly, Bengaluru,
10. Sh. Awadhesh Pratap Singh, Principal Secretary, Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly, Bhopal,
11. Sh. Vilas G. Athawale, Deputy Secretary, Maharashtra Legislative Secretariat, Mumbai,
12. Sh. Patil Rajesh Prabhakar, IAS, Director, Employment-cum-chief Executive Officer, Odisha Skill Development Authority
13. Sh. Akhil Arora, Principal Secretary, to Govt., Planning & Statistic Dept. & Principal Secretary to Govt., IT & Communication Dept. Rajasthan, Jaipur
14. Smt. Poonam Saxena, Special Secretary, Uttar Pradesh Vidhan Sabha, Lucknow,
15. Sh. Madan Singh Kunjwal, Joint Secretary, Uttarakhand Legislative Assembly, Dehradun,
16. Secretary, West Bengal Vidhan Sabha, Kolkata.

Subject: Biennial Election to the Council of States, 2018– Approval of place of poll, type of ballot box and other instructions – regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to invite your attention to the Commission's letter of even number dated 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 forwarding therewith an advance copy of each of the Schedule Notification to be

issued by the Commission under Section 39 (1), 56, 21 and 22(1) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 for holding biennial election to fill a seat(s) of Member(s) elected from your State who is/are retiring on April and May, 2018. The schedule Notification is being published in an extraordinary issue of the Gazette of India, Part-II, Section-3 (iii), dated 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2018, and are being republished in an extraordinary issue of the State Gazette on the same date.

2. With reference to sub-section (1) of section 29 of the said Act, I am further to convey the approval of the Commission to the place as shown in Appendix –‘A’ enclosed being fixed as the place at which a poll for the said election will, if necessary, be taken. The Election Commission further directs, under the said section that the place for the poll so fixed shall be notified by putting up a notice on the notice board of the Legislative Assembly. A draft of the form in which the place of poll shall be so notified is enclosed.

3. I am also to invite your attention to rule 69 of the conduct of Election Rules, 1961 and to request that the place so fixed as also the date and the hours fixed for polling may be included in the notice to be sent to each of the electors under the said Rule. A copy of the notice may in addition, be sent to each contesting candidate for his information.

4. In pursuance of rule 70 read with rule 29 of the said Rules, the Commission hereby approves the type of ballot boxes mentioned in the enclosed Appendix – ‘A’ as ballot box for the biennial elections.

5. I am also to draw your attention to the fact that under section 39(2) read with section 34(1)(b) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 as amended by the Representation of the People (Amendment) Act, 2009 that every candidate at an election to the Council of States has to make a deposit of Rs., 10,000/- with his nomination paper unless he belongs to a scheduled caste or scheduled tribe community, in which case he needs to make a deposit of Rs. 5000/- only.

6. **It may also be noted that the system of voting in the election to the Council of States (Rajya Sabha) shall be through open ballot vide Representation of People (Amendment) Act, 2003 no. 40 of 2003 dated 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2003 and Government of India Notification dated 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2004.**

7. Kindly acknowledge the receipt of this letter together with its enclosures.

Yours faithfully

(SUMAN KUMAR DAS)  
SECRETARY

**BIENNIAL ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL OF STATES TO FILL SEATS OF  
THE MEMBER ON THE RETIREMENT OF  
THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF OFFICE**

In pursuance of the provision of sub-section (1) of section 29 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, I, .....the Returning Officer for the election by the elected members of the ..... Legislative Assembly to fill ..... seats in the Council of States on the retirement of ..... members on ..... (date), hereby fix, with the previous approval of the Election Commission the ..... as the place of poll at which a poll will be taken in pursuance of the Election Commission's Notification No. .... dated .....

Dated the

**RETURNING OFFICER**

