

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

NirvachanSadan, Ashok Road, New Delhi-110 001

No. ECI/PN/23/2017

Dated: 4th March, 2017

PRESS NOTE

Subject: Ban on Exit Polls during State assembly elections of Goa, Manipur, Punjab, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh.

The Commission had notified the period of prohibition of conduct of Exit polls for on-going State legislative assembly elections of Goa, Manipur, Punjab, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh vide Notification dated: 27th January, 2017. The period notified was from 7.00A.M on 04/02/2017 to 17.30 Hours (5.30 PM) on 8/3/2017.

Due to death of contesting candidates, namely, Shri Chand Shekhar and Shri Kuldeep Singh Kanwasi from 279- Alapur (SC) Assembly constituency of the Uttar Pradesh and from 06-Karna Prayag Assembly Constituency of Uttarakhand respectively, the Commission adjourned the poll in the aforesaid two constituencies and fixed 9th March 2017 (Thursday) as the date of poll in the said constituencies.

In view of the above, the Commission, in exercise of the powers under sub-section(1) of Section 126 A of the Representation of the People Act 1951 has extended the period of prohibition of conduct of Exit Polls up to 5.30 P.M. of 09/03/2017. Notification has been issued in this behalf today. Therefore, conducting of exit poll and disseminating result of any exit poll now stands prohibited till 5.30 P.M. of 9th March 2017.

Dhirendra Ojha
Director