

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA
Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No. ECI/PN/59/2017

Dated: 14th July, 2017

PRESS NOTE

Subject: Biennial Elections to the Council of States from the States of Gujarat and West Bengal and bye election to Council of States from Madhya Pradesh-reg

The term of office of 9 (Nine) members of the Rajya Sabha elected from below mentioned 2 (two) States is due to expire on their retirement in August, 2017 as detailed below: -

S.No.	Name of State	Name of the Member		Date of Retirement
1.	Gujarat	1.	Patel Ahmed Mohammedbhai	18.08.2017
		2.	Pandya Dilipbhai Shivshankarbhai	
		3.	Irani Smriti Zubin	
2.	West Bengal	1.	Derek O'Brien	18.08.2017
		2.	Debabrata Bandyopadhyay	
		3.	Pradip Bhattacharya	
		4.	Sitaram Yechury	
		5.	Sukhendusekhar Roy	
		6.	Dola Sen	

2. Apart from above, a casual vacancy in the Council of States from Madhya Pradesh has also arisen. The details are given as below: -

S.No	State	Name of Member	Cause of vacancy	Term of office up to
1.	Madhya Pradesh	Sh. Anil Madhav Dave	Death on 18.05.2017	29.06.2022

3. The Election Commission has decided that the aforesaid Biennial Elections to the Council of States from the above States and a bye-election to Council of States from Madhya Pradesh shall be held in accordance with the following programme: -

Sl.No.	Subject of Programme	Dates and Days
1.	Issue of Notifications	21 st July, 2017 (Friday)
2.	Last Date of making nominations	28 th July, 2017 (Friday)
3.	Scrutiny of nominations	29 th July, 2017 (Saturday)
4.	Last date for withdrawal of candidatures	31 st July, 2017 (Monday)
5.	Date of Poll	8 th August, 2017(Tuesday)
6.	Hours of Poll	9.00 A.M. to 4.00 P.M.
7.	Counting of Votes	8 th August, 2017 (Tuesday) at 5.00 P.M.
8.	Date before which election shall be completed	11 th August, 2017 (Friday)

(SUMAN KUMAR DAS)
UNDER SECRETARY