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**ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA**

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**PRESS NOTE**

**Subject :** Schedule for bye-election to fill casual vacancies in the Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies of Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Manipur, Mizoram, Meghalaya and Telangana – Regarding.

There are following clear vacancies in Lok Sabha and the Legislative Assemblies of the States mentioned below, which are required to be filled up:

**Vacancies in the Lok Sabha**

Sl. No.	State	No. & Name of Parliamentary Constituency
1	Madhya Pradesh	24 - Ratlam (ST)
2	Telangana	15 - Warangal (SC)

**Vacancies in the Legislative Assemblies**

Sl. No.	State	No. & Name of Assembly Constituency
1	Jharkhand	72 - Lohardaga (ST)
2	Madhya Pradesh	171 - Devas
3	Manipur	9 - Thangmeiband
4	Manipur	5 - Thongju
5	Mizoram	12 - Aizawl North – III (ST)
6	Meghalaya	32-Nongstoin (ST)



The Commission has decided to hold bye-elections to fill these vacancies as per the following schedule:-

1	Date of Issue of Gazette Notification	28.10.2015 (Wednesday)
2	Last date of making Nominations	04.11.2015 (Wednesday)
3	Scrutiny of Nominations	05.11.2015 (Thursday)
4	Last date for withdrawal of Candidatures	07.11.2015 (Saturday)
5	Date of Poll	21.11.2015 (Saturday)
6	Counting of Votes	24.11.2015 (Tuesday)
7	Date before which election shall be completed	26.11.2015(Thursday)

### **ELECTORAL ROLL**

The electoral rolls of the States mentioned above that contains Parliamentary and Assembly Constituencies have been revised with reference to 01.01.2015 as the qualifying date and have been finally published on 05.01.2015 except Jharkhand, Mizoram and Telangana. The date of final publication of Jharkhand is as on 19.03.2015, Telangana is as on 17.01.2015 and Mizoram is as on 15.01.2015.

### **ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES (EVMs)**

The Commission has decided to use EVMs in the bye-election in all the polling stations. Adequate numbers of EVMs have been made available and all steps have been taken to ensure that the polls are conducted smoothly with the help of these machines.

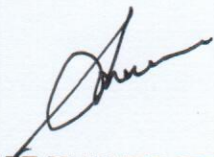
### **IDENTIFICATION OF VOTERS**

The Commission has decided that the voter's identification shall be mandatory in the aforementioned bye- election at the time of poll. Elector's Photo Identity Card (EPIC) shall be the main document of identification of a voter. However, in order to ensure that no voter is deprived of his/her franchise, if his/her name figures in the Electoral Rolls, separate instructions will be issued to allow additional documents for identification of voters at the time of poll in the said bye-election.



**MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Model Code of Conduct shall come into force with immediate effect in the district(s) in which the whole or any part of the Assembly Constituency going for bye-election is included, subject to partial modification as issued vide Commission's instruction No. 437/INST/2012/CC&BE, dated 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2012 (available on the Commission's website). The Model Code of Conduct shall be applicable to all candidates, political parties and the State Government concerned. The Model Code of Conduct shall also be applicable to the Union Government in respect of the above district(s) of the State concerned.

  
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