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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 State Legislative Assemblies of Jharkhand – Regarding.

There is a clear vacancy in the Legislative Assembly of the State of Jharkhand, which is required to be filled up:

Vacancies in the Legislative Assembly of Jharkhand

Sl. No.	State	No. & Name of Assembly Constituency
1	Jharkhand	72-Lohardaga (ST)

The Commission has decided to hold bye-election to fill vacancy as per the following schedule:-

1	Date of Issue of Gazette Notification	19.11.2015 (THU)
2	Last Date of Nomination	26.11.2015 (THU)
3	Date for Scrutiny of Nomination	27.11.2015 (FRI)
4	Last Date of Withdrawal of candidatures	30.11.2015 (MON)
5	Date of Poll	14.12.2015 (MON)
6	Date of Counting	17.12.2015 (THU)
7	Date before which election shall be completed	19.12.2015 (SAT)

ELECTORAL ROLL

The electoral rolls of the State of Jharkhand contains Assembly Constituency which has been revised with reference to 01.01.2015 as the qualifying date and has been finally published on 19.03.2015 in Jharkhand.

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 26th 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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