

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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PRESS NOTE

Subject : Schedule for bye-elections to fill casual vacancies in Parliamentary/Assembly Constituencies - Regarding.

There are following clear vacancies in Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies of various States, which need to be filled up:-

Vacancies in the Lok Sabha:

Sl. No.	Name of State	Number and Name of Parliamentary Constituency	No. of Polling Stations
1	Bihar	19 – Maharajganj	1350
2	Gujarat	11 – Porbandar	1755
3	Gujarat	2 – Banaskantha	1636
4	West Bengal	25 – Howrah	1938

Vacancies in the State Legislative Assemblies:

Sl. No.	Name of State	Number and Name of Assembly Constituency	No. of Polling Stations
1	Maharashtra	78 – Yavatmal	292
2	Uttar Pradesh	258 – Handia	314
3	Gujarat	125 – Morva Hadaf (ST)	210
4	Gujarat	61 – Limbdi	280
5	Gujarat	75 – Dhoraji	250
6	Gujarat	74 – Jetpur	254

After taking into consideration various factors like, festivals, electoral rolls, etc., the Commission has decided to hold bye-elections to fill these vacancies as per the

programme mentioned as under: -

Event	Date
Date of Press Note	03.05.2013 (Friday)
1. Issue of Notification	08.05.2013 (Wednesday)
2. Last date of making Nominations	15.05.2013 (Wednesday)
3. Scrutiny of Nominations	16.05.2013 (Thursday)
4. Last date for withdrawal of Candidatures	18.05.2013 (Saturday)
5. Date of Poll	02.06.2013 (Sunday)
6. Counting of Votes	05.06.2013 (Wednesday)
7. Date before which election shall be completed	07.06.2013 (Friday)
8. Hours of Poll	08.00 AM to 5.00 PM

ELECTORAL ROLL

The electoral rolls of the Parliamentary/Assembly Constituencies where bye-elections are being held, have been revised with reference to 01.01.2013 as the qualifying date. The Electoral Rolls have been finally published in respect of the States where bye-elections are to be held, on the dates given in the table below:

State	Final publication
Bihar	21.1.2013
Gujarat	26.3.2013
Maharashtra	15.1.2013
Uttar Pradesh	15.1.2013
West Bengal	5.1.2013 & 21.1.2013

ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES (EVMs)

The Commission has decided to use EVMs in the bye-elections 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

In consonance with the past practice, the Commission has decided that the voter's identification shall be mandatory in the aforementioned bye- elections at the time of poll. Electoral Photo Identity Cards (EPIC) shall be the main document of identity 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-elections.

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 Parliamentary Constituency/Assembly Constituencies going for bye-elections 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 Governments concerned. The Model Code of Conduct shall also be applicable to the Union Government for the States concerned.

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SECRETARY