

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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PRESS NOTE

Subject: Schedule for bye-elections to fill casual vacancies in the Lok Sabha and Legislative Assemblies of West Bengal, Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh – Regarding.

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

Vacancy in the Lok Sabha

Sl. No.	State	No. & Name of Parliamentary Constituency
1	West Bengal	14-Bangaon (SC)

Vacancies in Legislative Assemblies

Sl. No.	State	No. & Name of Assembly Constituency
1	Arunachal Pradesh	27-Liromoba (ST)
2	Goa	11-Panaji
3	Tamil Nadu	139-Srirangam
4	West Bengal	88-Krishnaganj (SC)
5	Maharashtra	91-Mukhed
6	Andhra Pradesh	167-Tirupati

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

1.	Issue of Notification	19.01.2015 (Monday)
2.	Last date of making Nominations	27.01.2015 (Tuesday)
3.	Scrutiny of Nominations	28.01.2015 (Wednesday)
4.	Last date for withdrawal of Candidatures	30.01.2015 (Friday)
5.	Date of Poll	13.02.2015 (Friday)
6.	Counting of Votes	16.02.2015 (Monday)
7.	Date before which election shall be completed	18.02.2015 (Wednesday)

ELECTORAL ROLL

The electoral rolls of States mentioned above that contained the above 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 Andhra Pradesh. The date of final publication in respect of 167-Tirupati (AC) of Andhra Pradesh will be published on 17.01.2015

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

The Commission has decided that the voter's Identification shall be mandatory in the aforementioned bye-elections at the time of poll. Electors Photo Identify 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 voter 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 / Assembly Constituency 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 in respect of the above district(s) of the States concerned.



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