

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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PRESS NOTE

Subject : Schedule for bye-elections to fill the casual vacancies in the Legislative Assemblies of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Sikkim, Uttarakhand and NCT of Delhi.

There are casual vacancies in the State Legislative Assemblies of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Sikkim, Uttarakhand and NCT of Delhi, which need to be filled up early. After taking into consideration various factors like requirement of Police Forces, festivities, position of electoral rolls, etc., the Commission has decided to hold bye-elections to fill up the vacancies indicated below: -

Sl. No.	Name of State	Number and Name of Assembly Constituency
1.	Andhra Pradesh	122-Tekkali
2.	Bihar	60 – Bochaha (SC) 62 – Aurai 93 – Kalyanpur 94 – Warisnagar (SC) 210 – Ramgarh 213 – Chainpur 215 – Chenari (SC)
3.	Gujarat	10 – Chotila 16 – Jasdan 22 – Dhoraji 47 – Kodinar 66 – Dehgam 93 – Sami 102 – Danta
4.	Madhya Pradesh	13 – Gohad 120 – Tendukheda
5.	Sikkim	11 – Namchi Singithong

6.	Uttarakhand	11 – Vikasnagar
7.	NCT of Delhi	33 – Dwarka

The Programme to hold the said bye-elections shall be as under:

Event	Date
1. Issue of Notification	17.08.09 (Monday)
2. Last date of making Nominations	24.08.09 (Monday)
3. Scrutiny of Nominations	25.08.09 (Tuesday)
4. Last date for withdrawal of Candidatures	27.08.09 (Thursday.)
5. Date of Poll	10.09.09 (Thursday)
6. Counting of Votes	14.09.09 (Monday)
7. Date before which election shall be completed	17.09.09 (Thursday)

ELECTORAL ROLL

The electoral rolls w.r.t. 01.01.2009 as the qualifying date as per pre – delimitation order in Bihar, Gujarat and Uttarakhand have been revised and published. The general elections to the Legislative Assemblies of Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Sikkim and NCT of Delhi were held on post delimitation basis. Hence, there is no need of electoral roll on pre-delimitation basis in these States/NCT of Delhi.

ELECTORNIC VOTING MACHINES (EVMs)

The Commission has decided to use EVMs in these 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 poll is 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. 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 these 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 Assembly Constituency going for bye-election is (are) included. The Model Code of Conduct shall be applicable to all candidates, political parties and the State Government. The Model Code of Conduct shall also be applicable to the Union Government as far as these States are concerned.

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