

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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No. ECI/PN/100/2019

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PRESS NOTE

Subject: Schedule for bye-elections to fill four casual vacancies in the State Legislative Assemblies of Uttarakhand and West Bengal – Regarding.

There are four vacancies in State of Uttarakhand and West Bengal Legislative Assemblies which need to be filled up are as follows:

Sl.No.	Name of State	Number and Name of Assembly Constituency
1.	Uttarakhand	44 – Pithoragarh
2.	West Bengal	34 – Kaliaganj (SC)
3.	West Bengal	77 - Karimpur
4.	West Bengal	224 - Kharagpur Sadar

After taking into consideration inputs from the Chief Electoral Officers of Uttarakhand and West Bengal and various factors like local festivals, electoral rolls, weather conditions etc., the Commission has decided to hold bye-elections to fill these vacancies as per the programme mentioned as under: -

Poll Events	Schedule
Date of Issue of Gazette Notification	30.10.2019 (Wednesday)
Last Date of Nominations	06.11.2019 (Wednesday)
Date for Scrutiny of Nominations	07.11.2019 (Thursday)
Last Date for Withdrawal of candidatures	11.11.2019 (Monday)
Date of Poll	25.11.2019 (Monday)
Date of Counting	28.11.2019 (Thursday)
Date before which election shall be completed	30.11.2019 (Saturday)

1. ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Rolls for the aforesaid Assembly Constituencies w.r.t 01.01.2019 as the qualifying date has been finally published.

2. ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES (EVMs) and VVPATs

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

3. IDENTIFICATION OF VOTERS

In consonance with the past practice, the Commission has decided that the voter's identification shall be mandatory in the aforementioned election at the time of poll. Electoral Photo Identity Cards (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 elections.

4. 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 election is included, subject to partial modification as issued vide Commission's instruction No. 437/6/1NST/2016-CCS, dated 29th June, 2017 (available on the Commission's website eci.gov.in). 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 for the district of the State concerned.

Sd/-

**(SUMIT MUKHERJEE)
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY**