



भारत निर्वाचन आयोग  
Election Commission of India

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**PRESS NOTE**

**Subject: Bye Election to the Council of States from West Bengal -reg.**

There is a casual vacancy in the Council of States from West Bengal as per following details: -

State	Name of Members	Reason	Date of vacancy	Term Up to
West Bengal	Shri Dinesh Trivedi	Resignation	12.02.2021	02.04.2026

2. The Commission has decided to hold bye-election to the Council of States from West Bengal to fill up the above-mentioned vacancy in accordance with the following schedule: -

S. No	Events	Dates
1.	Issue of Notifications	22 <sup>nd</sup> July, 2021 (Thursday)
2.	Last date of making nominations	29 <sup>th</sup> July, 2021 (Thursday)
3.	Scrutiny of nominations	30 <sup>th</sup> July, 2021 (Friday)
4.	Last date for withdrawal of candidatures	02 <sup>nd</sup> August, 2021 (Monday)
5.	Date of Poll	09 <sup>th</sup> August, 2021 (Monday)
6.	Hours of Poll	09:00 am-04:00 pm
7.	Counting of Votes	09 <sup>th</sup> August, 2021 (Monday) at 05:00 pm
8.	Date before which election shall be completed	10 <sup>th</sup> August, 2021 (Tuesday)

3. Broad Guidelines to be followed during entire election process for all persons: -

- I. Every person shall wear face mask during every election related activity
- II. At the entry of hall/ room/ premises used for election purposes:
  - (a) Thermal Scanning of all persons shall be carried out:
  - (b) Sanitizer shall be made available at all locations
- III. Social distancing shall be maintained as per the extant COVID-19 guidelines of the State Govt. and Ministry of Home Affairs.

4. The Chief Secretary, West Bengal is being directed to depute a senior officer from the State to ensure that the extant instructions regarding COVID-19 containment measures are complied with while making arrangements for conducting the said bye election.



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