

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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

There are following casual vacancies in Parliamentary Constituency/ Assembly Constituencies in different states, which need to be filled up.

Sl. No.	Name of State	Number and Name of Parliamentary Constituency/Assembly Constituencies
1	West Bengal	23 -- Kolkata Dakshin PC
2	Himachal Pradesh	12 -- Nalagarh AC
3	Himachal Pradesh	16 -- Rainka (SC) AC
4	Haryana	41 -- Ratia (SC) AC
5	Haryana	47 -- Adampur AC
6	Orissa	73 -- Umerkote (ST) AC
7	Bihar	40 -- Laukaha AC
8	Jharkhand	24 -- Mandu AC

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
1. Issue of Notification	5.11.2011 (Saturday)
2. Last date of making Nominations	12.11.2011 (Saturday)
3. Scrutiny of Nominations	14.11.2011 (Monday)
4. Last date for withdrawal of Candidatures	16.11.2011 (Wednesday)
5. Date of Poll	30.11.2011 (Wednesday)
6. Counting of Votes	04.12.2011 (Sunday) (To start at 8.00 AM)
7. Date before which election shall be completed	07.12.2011 (Wednesday)
8. Hours of Poll	08.00 AM to 5.00 PM

ELECTORAL ROLL

The electoral rolls for ACs comprised in 23-Kolkata Dakshin Parliamentary Constituency and 41-Ratia (SC) AC and 47-Adampur AC in Haryana, 73-Umerkote (ST) AC in Orissa, 40-Laukaha AC in Bihar and 24-Mandu AC in Jharkhand have been revised with reference to 01.01.2011 as the qualifying date and have been published. In Himachal Pradesh the pre-delimited Electoral Rolls for 12-Nalagarh AC and 16-Rainka (SC) AC have been revised and published on 03.10.2011 and 15.10.2011 respectively with reference to 01.01.2011 as the qualifying date.

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. 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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