

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

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PRESS NOTE

Subject: Schedule for bye-election to fill casual vacancies in the State Legislative Assembly of West Bengal - Regarding.

There are five clear vacancies from 29-Islampur, 68-Kandi, 74-Nowda, 43- Habibpur (ST) and 105-Bhatpara Assembly Constituencies in the State Legislative Assembly of West Bengal, which needs to be filled up.

After taking into consideration various factors like, festivals, electoral rolls, etc., the Commission has decided to hold the bye-election to fill this vacancy as per the programme mentioned as under : -

Sl No.	Poll Events	Schedule
1	Date of Issue of Gazette Notification	22.04.2019 (Monday)
2	Last date of making Nominations	29.04.2019 (Monday)
3	Date of Scrutiny of Nominations	30.04.2019 (Tuesday)
4	Last date for withdrawal of Candidatures	02.05.2019 (Thursday)
5	Date of Poll	19.05.2019 (Sunday)
6	Counting of Votes	23.05.2019 (Thursday)
7	Date before which election shall be completed	27.05.2019 (Monday)

ELECTORAL ROLL

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

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.

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- election at the time of poll. Electoral Photo Identity Cards (EPIC) shall be the main document of identification of a voter. The order issued by the Commission in this regard for the General Election to the House of People and State Legislative Assembly, 2019 shall apply for identification of voters at the time of poll in the said bye-election.

MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

The Model Code of Conduct has already come into force with announcement of General Election to Lok Sabha, 2019 on 10th March, 2019 in all States/UTs. 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.


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