

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No. ECI/65/2015

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PRESS NOTE

Subject: Biennial Elections to Legislative Councils of Karnataka, Maharashtra and Telangana from Local Authorities' Constituencies.

1. The term of office of 25 (twenty five) members of the Karnataka Legislative Council from Local Authorities Constituencies is due to expire on **5th January, 2016** on the retirement of the sitting members as detailed below :-

KARNATAKA

S.No.	Name of Member	Constituency	Date of retirement
1.	Basavaraj Hawgeppa Patil	Bidar	05.01.2016
2.	Allamprabhu Patil	Gulbarga	05.01.2016
3.	G.S. Nyamagouda	Bijapur	05.01.2016
4.	S.R. Patil		05.01.2016
5.	Kavatagimath Mahantesh Mallikarjun	Belgaum	05.01.2016
6.	Veerakumar Appaso Patil		05.01.2016
7.	Ghotnekar Shrikant Laxman	Uttara Kannada	05.01.2016
8.	Mane Srinivas	Dharwad	05.01.2016
9.	Chebbi Nagaraj		05.01.2016
10.	Achar Halappa Basappa	Raichur	05.01.2016
11.	Mruthunjaya Jinaga	Bellary	05.01.2016
12.	G. Raghu Achar	Chitradurga	05.01.2016
13.	R.K. Siddaramanna	Shimoga	05.01.2016
14.	Kota Srinivasa Poojary	Dakshina Kannada	05.01.2016
15.	K. Prathapachandra Shetty		05.01.2016
16.	A.V. Gayatri Shanthegowda	Chikmagalur	05.01.2016
17.	Patel Shivaram	Hassan	05.01.2016
18.	M.R. Hulinaykar	Tumkur	05.01.2016
19.	B. Ramakrishna	Mandya	05.01.2016
20.	Dayananda	Bangalore	05.01.2016
21.	E. Krishnappa	Bangalore Rural	05.01.2016
22.	Naseer Ahmed	Kolar	05.01.2016
23.	T. John	Kodagu	05.01.2016
24.	S. Nagaraju(Sandesh Nagaraju)	Mysore	05.01.2016
25.	Dharmasena		05.01.2016

2. The term of office of 8 (eight) members of Maharashtra Legislative Councils from Local Authorities Constituencies is also due to expire on **1st January, 2016** on the retirement of the sitting members as detailed below:

MAHARASHTRA

S.No.	Name of Member	Constituency	Date of retirement
1.	Ashok Arjunrao Alias Bhai Jagtap	Mumbai	01.01.2016
2.	Kadam Ramdas	Mumbai	01.01.2016
3.	Salunkhe Dipakrao Bapuso	Solapur	01.01.2016
4.	Mahadik Mahadevrao Ramchandra	Kolhapur	01.01.2016
5.	Amrishbhai Rasiklal Patel	Dhule Cum Nandurbar	01.01.2016
6.	Gopikisan Radhakisan Bajoria	Akola-cum-Buldhana	01.01.2016
7.	Arunkaka Balbhimrao Jagtap	Ahmednagar	01.01.2016
8.	Mulak Rajendra Bhausahab	Nagpur	01.01.2016

3. Apart from the above, 12 (twelve) seats in the Legislative Council of Telangana from Local Authorities' Constituencies are lying vacant as detailed below:-

Sl. No.	Name of LAC	Number of Seats lying vacant
1	Adilabad Local Authorities' Constituency	1
2	Nizamabad Local Authorities' Constituency	1
3	Karimnagar Local Authorities' Constituency	2
4	Medak Local Authorities' Constituency	1
5	Ranga Reddy Local Authorities' Constituency	2
6	Mahabubnagar Local Authorities' Constituency	2
7	Nalgonda Local Authorities Constituency	1
8	Warangal Local Authorities' Constituency	1
9	Khammam Local Authorities' Constituency	1

The term of Office of 1 (one) member of Telangana Legislative Council from Adilabad Local Authorities' Constituency of the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council expired on 1st May, 2013 (Before the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh into Andhra Pradesh & Telangana) but election could not be conducted due to non-availability of constituents/elected bodies and electors. Also, the term of office of 8 (eight) members of the Telangana Legislative Council from eight Local Authorities' Constituencies expired on 1st May, 2015. The election could not be conducted earlier in time as there were inconsistencies in the Andhra Pradesh Reorganization Act, 2014. The said

inconsistencies have been removed now by creating one more seat in each of **Karimnagar, Ranga Reddy and Mahabubnagar** LACs.

4. The Commission has decided to hold Biennial Elections from the above mentioned Local Authorities' Constituencies of Karnataka, Maharashtra and Telangana Legislative Councils in accordance with the following Schedule:-

S.No.	Event	Schedule
1.	Issue of Notifications	2 nd December, 2015 (Wednesday)
2.	Last date of making nominations	9 th December, 2015 (Wednesday)
3.	Scrutiny of nominations	10 th December, 2015 (Thursday)
4.	Last date for withdrawal of candidatures	12 th December, 2015 (Saturday)
5.	Date of poll	27 th December, 2015 (Sunday)
6.	Hours of poll	8.00 AM to 4.00 PM
7.	Counting of Votes	30 th December, 2015 (Wednesday)
8.	Date before which election shall be completed	1 st January, 2016 (Friday)

5. The term of office of the members to be elected to the above Legislative Councils from Local Authorities' Constituencies will be subject to the decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP(c) No. 17123/15 (Election Commission of India Vs Devesh Chandra Thakur & Others).

6. The Model Code of Conduct will come into force with immediate effect in the district(s) in which the above Constituencies are comprised. In addition, the ECI instructions relating to defacement of Public & Private properties shall also be applicable. A detailed instruction with regard to applicable provisions of Model Code of Conduct for this election is being issued separately.

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