

भारत निर्वाचन आयोग
ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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PRESS NOTE

Subject : Schedule for bye-election to fill casual vacancy in the State Legislative Assembly of Gujarat - Regarding.

There are following clear vacancy in the state Legislative Assembly of Gujarat:

Vacancy in the Legislative Assembly

Sl. No.	State	No. & Name of Assembly Constituency
1	Gujarat	168-Choryasi

The Commission has decided to hold bye-election to fill the vacancy as per the following schedule:-

1	Date of Issue of Gazette Notification	28.12.2015 (MONDAY)
2	Last date of making Nominations	04.01.2016 (MONDAY)
3	Scrutiny of Nominations	05.01.2016 (TUESDAY)
4	Last date for withdrawal of Candidatures	07.01.2016 (THURSDAY)
5	Date of Poll	21.01.2016 (THURSDAY)
6	Counting of Votes	24.01.2016 (SUNDAY)
7	Date before which election shall be completed	27.01.2016 (WEDNESDAY)

ELECTORAL ROLL

The electoral roll of the State of Gujarat has been revised with reference to 01.01.2015 as the qualifying date and have been finally published.

ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES (EVMs)

The Commission has decided to use EVMs in the bye-election 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

The Commission has decided that the voter's identification shall be mandatory in the aforementioned bye- election at the time of poll. Elector's Photo Identity Card (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 bye-election.

MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

The Model Code of Conduct shall come into force with immediate effect in the district in which the whole or any part of the Assembly Constituency going for bye-election is included, subject to partial modification as issued vide Commission's instruction No. 437/INST/2012/CC&BE, dated 26th April, 2012 (available on the Commission's website). The Model Code of Conduct shall be applicable to all candidates, political parties and the State Government. The Model Code of Conduct shall also be applicable to the Union Government in respect of the above district of the State concerned.



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