

भारत निर्वाचन आयोग
ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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PRESS NOTE

Subject : Schedule for bye-election to fill casual vacancies in State Legislative Assemblies of Maharashtra, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, and Uttarakhand – Regarding.

There are clear vacancies from the following Assembly Constituencies of the States mentioned against those, which need to be filled up:

Sl. No.	State	No. & Name of Assembly Constituency
1	Maharashtra	176-Vandre East
2	Maharashtra	287-Tasgaon-Kvathe Mahankal
3	Punjab	107-Dhuri
4	Uttar Pradesh	231-Charkhari
5	Uttar Pradesh	315-Pharenda
6	Uttar Pradesh	358-Rasara
7	Uttarakhand	28-Bhagwanpur (SC)

The Commission has decided to hold bye-elections to fill these vacancies as per the following schedule:-

1	Issue of Notification	17.03.2015 (Tuesday)
2	Last date of making Nominations	24.03.2015 (Tuesday)
3	Scrutiny of Nominations	25.03.2015 (Wednesday)
4	Last date for withdrawal of Candidatures	27.03.2015 (Friday)
5	Date of Poll	11.04.2015 (Saturday)
6	Counting of Votes	15.04.2015 (Wednesday)
7	Date before which election shall be completed	18.04.2015 (Saturday)
8.	Hours of Poll	8 AM to 5 PM

ELECTORAL ROLL

The electoral rolls of these Assembly Constituencies have been revised with reference to 01.01.2015 as the qualifying date and have been finally published on 21.01.2015 in Maharashtra, on 05.01.2015 in Punjab and Uttar Pradesh and on 15.01.2015 in Uttarakhand.

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. Photo Electoral Roll (PER) 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(s) 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 concerned. The Model Code of Conduct shall also be applicable to the Union Government for the State concerned.



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SECRETARY