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ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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PRESS NOTE

Subject : Schedule for bye-election to fill casual vacancy in the State Legislative Assemblies of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Bihar, Telangana, Maharashtra, Punjab and Tripura - Regarding.

There are following clear vacancies in the State Legislative Assemblies of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Bihar, Telangana, Maharashtra, Punjab and Tripura:

Vacancy in the Legislative Assemblies

Sl. No.	No. & Name of Assembly Constituency	Name of the State
1	14-Muzaffar Nagar AC	Uttar Pradesh
2	56-Devadurga (ST) AC	Karnataka
3	35-Narayankhed AC	Telangana
4	65-Maihar AC	Madhya Pradesh
5	274-Bikapur AC	Uttar Pradesh
6	130- Palghar (ST) AC	Maharashtra
7	5-Deoband AC	Uttar Pradesh
8	24-Khadoor Sahib AC	Punjab
9	50-Bidar AC	Karnataka
10	158-Hebbal AC	Karnataka
11	31-Harlakhi AC	Bihar
12	42-Amarpur AC	Tripura

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

1	Date of Issue of Gazette Notification	20.01.2016 (Wednesday)
2	Last date of making Nominations	27.01.2016 (Wednesday)
3	Scrutiny of Nominations	28.01.2016 (Thursday)
4	Last date for withdrawal of Candidatures	30.01.2016 (Saturday)
5	Date of Poll	13.02.2016 (Saturday)
6	Counting of Votes	16.02.2016 (Tuesday)
7	Date before which election shall be completed	18.02.2016 (Thursday)

ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Roll for the States of Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Telangana, Madhya Pradesh and Punjab with reference to 01.01.2016 has been finally published in the states on 11.01.2016. The Electoral Roll for the States of Tripura with reference to 01.01.2016 has been finally published in the state on 05.01.2016. The Electoral Roll for the State of Maharashtra with reference to 01.01.2016 will be finally published in the state on 16.01.2016. The bye-election from 31-Harlakhi AC of Bihar State & 35-Narayankhed AC of Telangana State will be held with the existing electoral.

ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES (EVMs)

The Commission has decided to use EVMs in the bye-elections in all the polling stations of these States. 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- elections 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-elections.

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 Constituencies going for bye-elections is included, subject to partial modification as issued vide Commission's instruction No. 437/INST/2012/CC&BE, dated 26th April, 2012 and 21st October, 2013 (available on the Commission's website). The Model Code of Conduct shall be applicable to all candidates, political parties and the State Governments. The Model Code of Conduct shall also be applicable to the Union Government in respect of the above districts of the State concerned.



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SECRETARY