

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 Jammu and Kashmir – Regarding.

There is a clear vacancy in State Legislative Assembly of Jammu and Kashmir, which needs to be filled up:

Vacancies in the State Legislative Assembly

Sl.No.	Name of State	Number and Name of Assembly Constituency
1	Jammu and Kashmir	40 – Anantnag

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

Sl.No.	Event	Date
1	Issue of Notification	25.05.2016 (Wed)
2	Last Date of making Nominations	01.06.2016 (Wed)
3	Date for Scrutiny of Nominations	02.06.2016 (Thur)
4	Last date for withdrawal of Candidatures	04.06.2016 (Sat)
5	Date of Poll	19.06.2016 (Sun)
6	Date of Counting of Votes	22.06.2016 (Wed)
7	Date before which election shall be completed	24.06.2016 (Fri)

ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Roll of 40- Anantnag Assembly Constituency of Jammu and Kashmir where bye-election is being held has been revised with reference to 01.01.2016 as the qualifying date and finally published on 11.01.2016.

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

In consonance with the past practice, the Commission has decided that the voter's identification shall be mandatory in the aforementioned bye-elections at the time of poll. Electoral Photo Identity Cards (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(s) 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 (available on the Commission's website). The Model Code of Conduct shall be applicable to all candidates, political parties and the State Governments concerned. The Model Code of Conduct shall also be applicable to the Union Government for the State.


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