

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

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PRESS NOTE

Subject : Schedule for bye-elections to fill casual vacancies in the State Legislative Assemblies of Arunachal Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal – Regarding.

There are following clear vacancies in the State Legislative Assemblies of various States, which need to be filled up:

Sl. No.	State	Number & Name of Assembly Constituency
1	Arunachal Pradesh	12 – Pakke-Kasang (ST)
		28 – Likabali (ST)
2	Tamil Nadu	11 – Dr. Radhakrishnan Nagar
3	Uttar Pradesh	207-Sikandra
4	West Bengal	226-Sabang

After taking into consideration various factors like local festivals, electoral rolls, weather conditions etc., the Commission has decided to hold bye-elections to fill these vacancies as per the programme mentioned as under: -

Poll Events	Schedule
Date of Issue of Gazette Notification	27.11.2017 (MON)
Last Date of Nominations	04.12.2017 (MON)
Date for Scrutiny of Nominations	05.12.2017 (TUE)
Last Date for Withdrawal of candidatures	07.12.2017 (THU)
Date of Poll	21.12.2017 (THU)
Date of Counting	24.12.2017 (SUN)
Date before which election shall be completed	26.12.2017 (TUE)

ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Rolls of the Assembly Constituencies 12-Pakke Kasang (ST) and 28-Likabali (ST) of Arunachal Pradesh, 11-Dr. Radhakrishnann Nagar of Tamil Nadu, 207-Sikandra of Uttar Pradesh and 226-Sabang of West Bengal, revised with reference to 01.01.2017 as the qualifying date will be used for bye-election.

ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES (EVMs) and VVPATs

The Commission has decided to use EVMs and VVPATs in the bye-elections in all the polling stations. Adequate numbers of EVMs and VVPATs 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 Constituency going for bye-election is included, subject to partial modification as issued vide Commission's instruction No. 437/6/INST/2016-CCS, dated 29th June, 2017 (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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