

# ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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## PRESS NOTE

**Subject :** *Schedule for bye-elections to fill clear vacancy in State Legislative Assemblies of Andhra Pradesh, Goa and NCT of Delhi - Regarding.*

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

Sl. No.	State	Name & No. of Assembly Constituency
1	Andhra Pradesh	139 – Nandyal AC
2	Goa	19 – Valpoi AC 11 – Panaji AC
3	NCT of Delhi	07 - Bawana (SC) AC

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	Andhra Pradesh, Goa and Delhi
Date of Issue of Gazette Notification	29.07.2017 (SAT)
Last Date of Nomination	05.08.2017 (SAT)
Date for Scrutiny of Nomination	07.08.2017 (MON)
Last Date of Withdrawal of candidatures	09.08.2017 (WED)
<b>Date of Poll</b>	<b>23.08.2017 (WED)</b>
Date of Counting	28.08.2017 (MON)
Date before which election shall be completed	31.08.2017 (THU)

## **ELECTORAL ROLL**

The Electoral Rolls for Andhra Pradesh, Goa and NCT of Delhi with reference to 01.01.2017 have been finally published. The bye-election in the States will be held with the existing rolls.

## **ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES (EVMs)**

The Commission has decided to use EVMs and VVPATs in the bye-elections 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 are included, subject to partial modification as issued vide Commission's instruction No. 437/INST/2012/CC&BE, dated 26<sup>th</sup> 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 States concerned.



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