

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No. ECI/PN/36/2015

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PRESS NOTE

Subject: Schedule for bye-election to fill casual vacancy in the Legislative Assembly of Maharashtra from 130-Palghar (ST) Assembly Constituency – Regarding.

A clear vacancy has arisen in the Legislative Assembly of Maharashtra from the 130-Palghar (ST) Assembly Constituency on 24th May, 2015 due to demise of Shri Krushna Arjun Ghoda, the sitting Member of Legislative Assembly. The Commission has decided to hold bye-election to fill the vacancy as per the following schedule:-

1.	Issue of Notification	03.06.2015 (Wednesday)
2.	Last Date of filing Nominations	10.06.2015 (Wednesday)
3.	Date of Scrutiny	11.06.2015 (Thursday)
4.	Date of Withdrawal of Candidature	13.06.2015 (Saturday)
5.	Date of Poll	27.06.2015 (Saturday)
6.	Date of Counting	30.06.2015 (Tuesday)
7.	Date of Completion of Election	02.07.2015 (Thursday)
8.	Hours of Poll	8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

ELECTORAL ROLL

The electoral rolls of the Assembly Constituency has been revised with reference to 01.01.2015 as the qualifying date and have been finally published on 21.01.2015.

ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES (EVMs)

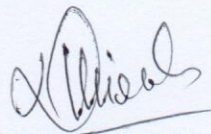
The Commission has decided to use EVMs in the bye-election in all the polling stations. Adequate numbers of EVMs have been made available and all steps have been taken to ensure that the polls are conducted smoothly with the help of these machines.

IDENTIFICATION OF VOTERS

The Commission has decided that the voter's identification shall be mandatory in the aforementioned bye-elections at the time of poll. Electoral 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 voter 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 in respect of the above district(s) of the State concerned.



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