

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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PRESS NOTE

Sub: Schedule for bye-elections to fill casual vacancies in the Lok Sabha from Karnataka and State Legislative Assemblies from Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala and Uttar Pradesh.

It has been a clear and consistent policy of the Commission that the bye elections shall be held at the earliest possible opportunity in order to ensure that no segment of the Indian people are left unrepresented for unnecessary length of time. There is 1 (one) clear vacancy in the Lok Sabha and 17 (seventeen) clear vacancies in various State Legislative Assemblies which are as follows: -

A. VACANCIES IN STATE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLIES

Sl.No.	Name of State	Number and name of Constituency	Date of Vacancy
1.	Andhra Pradesh	166- Penukonda AC	24-01-2005
2.	Goa	11- Taleigao AC 14- Cambarjua AC 28- Benaulim AC 30- Margao AC 40- Poinguinim AC	29-01-2005 31-01-2005 29-01-2005 28-02-2005 29-01-2005
3.	Haryana	29-Kiloi AC 67-Tosham AC 74- Hissar AC	5-04-2005 31-03-2005 31-03-2005
4.	Jammu & Kashmir	50- Zanskar	10-04-2005
5.	Karnataka	81-Chamrajapet AC	4-12-2004

6.	Kerala	9-Azhikode AC	17-04-2005
		14- Kuthuparamba AC	11-01-2005
7.	Uttar Pradesh	162- Hainsarbazsar (SC) AC	05-01-2005
		227- Varanasi North AC	05-01-2005
		261- Allahabad West AC	25-01-2005
		344- Kheragarh AC	03-02-2005

B- VACANCIES IN THE LOK SABHA

Sl.No.	Name of State	Number and name of Constituency	Date of Vacancy
1.	Karnataka	21- Shimoga PC	10-03-2005

These are clear vacancies, which are not subject to any election petition or appeal pending in any court and the remaining tenure of the concerned Assembly/Lok Sabha is more than one year. **The schedule for these bye-elections shall be as follows: -**

Programme	Schedule
1. Issue of Press Note	02.05.2005 (Monday)
2. Issue of Notification	09.05.2005 (Monday)
3. Last date of making Nominations	16.05.2005 (Monday)
4. Scrutiny of Nominations	17.05.2005 (Tuesday)
5. Last date for withdrawal of candidature	19.05.2005 (Thursday)
6. Date of Poll	02.06.2005 (Thursday)
7. Counting of votes	05.06.2005 (Sunday)
8. Date before which election shall be completed	07.06.2005 (Tuesday)

ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES

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

IDENTIFICATION OF VOTERS

In consonance with the past practice, the Commission has decided that compulsory identification of voters will be made in the aforementioned bye-elections. In order to ensure that no voter is deprived of his/her franchise, if his/her name figures in the Electoral Rolls, separate instructions are being issued to allow additional documents of identification of voters in the said Lok Sabha /Assembly Constituencies.

MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

The Model Code of Conduct comes into force with immediate effect i.e., May 2, 2005. It will apply to the whole of the district in which the whole or a part of any Assembly or Lok Sabha Constituency going for Bye-election is included. The Model Code of Conduct shall be applicable to all Political Parties and to the State and Union Governments.

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