

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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PRESS NOTE

Subject : Schedule for bye-elections to fill the casual vacancies in the Legislative Assemblies of Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh Nagaland and Parliamentary Constituencies of Chhattisgarh and Andhra Pradesh

There are casual vacancies in the State Legislative Assemblies of Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Nagaland and Parliamentary Constituencies of Chhattisgarh and Andhra Pradesh, which need to be filled up. After taking into consideration various factors like, festivities, electoral rolls, etc., the Commission has decided to hold bye-elections to fill up the casual vacancies in the above State Legislative Assemblies and Parliamentary Constituencies as indicated below: -

Sl. No.	Name of State	Number and Name of Parliamentary/ Assembly Constituency
1	Andhra Pradesh	38 – Kadapa (Parliamentary Constituency)
		248 – Pulivendla (Assembly Constituency)
2	Uttar Pradesh	168 – Piplaich (Assembly Constituency)
3	Nagaland	26 – Aonglenden (Assembly Constituency)
4	Chhattisgarh	10 – Bastar (ST) (Parliamentary Constituency)

The Programme to hold the said bye-elections shall be as under:

Event	Date
1. Issue of Notification	11.04.2011 (Monday)
2. Last date of making Nominations	18.04.2011 (Monday)
3. Scrutiny of Nominations	19.04.2011 (Tuesday)
4. Last date for withdrawal of Candidatures	21.04.2011 (Thursday)
5. Date of Poll	08.05.2011 (Sunday)
6. Counting of Votes	13.05.2011 (Friday) (To start at 8.00 am)
7. Date before which election shall be completed	15.05.2011 (Sunday)
Hours of Poll	08.00 AM to 5.00 PM

ELECTORAL ROLL

The electoral rolls for ACs comprised in 38 – Kadapa PC & 248 – Pulivendla AC in Andhra Pradesh, 26 – Aonglenden (ST) AC in Nagaland and ACs comprised in 10 – Bastar (ST) PC in Chhattisgarh have been revised with reference to 01.01.2011 as the qualifying date and published on 05.01.2011. In Uttar Pradesh the pre-delimited electoral rolls for 168 – Pipraich AC have been revised and published on 17.01.2011 with reference to 01.01.2011 as the qualifying date.

ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES (EVMs)

The Commission has decided to use EVMs in these bye-elections in all the polling stations. Adequate number of EVMs have been made available and all steps have been taken to ensure that the poll in these constituencies is 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 identity 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 these 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 & Parliamentary Constituencies going for bye-election is (are) included. 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 as far as these States are concerned.

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