

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (ELECTIONS.F) DEPARTMENT

PRESS NOTE

The Election Commission of India has announced the schedule for conduct of General Elections to House of the People / A.P.Legislative Assembly among others today. The elections in A.P., will be held in two phases i.e., on 16.04.2009 and 23.04.2009. The details of Parliamentary Constituencies going for poll along with Assembly Constituencies in the State in two phases are as follows:

SCHEDULE-1		SCHEDULE-2	
Poll Day : 16.04.2009		Poll Day: 23.04.2009	
CONSTITUENCIES		CONSTITUENCIES	
No.	Name	No.	Name
1	Adilabad	23	Kakinada
2	Peddapalle	24	Amalapuram
3	Karimnagar	25	Rajahmundry
4	Nizamabad	26	Narsapuram
5	Zahirabad	27	Eluru
6	Medak	28	Machilipatnam
7	Malkajgiri	29	Vijayawada
8	Secunderabad	30	Guntur
9	Hyderabad	31	Narasaraopet
10	Chevella	32	Bapatla
11	Mahabubnagar	33	Ongole
12	Nagarkurnool	34	Nandyal
13	Nalgonda	35	Kurnool
14	Bhongir	36	Anantapur
15	Warangal	37	Hindupur
16	Mahabubabad	38	Kadapa
17	Khammam	39	Nellore
18	Araku	40	Tirupati
19	Srikakulam	41	Rajampet
20	Vizianagaram	42	Chittoor
21	Visakhapatnam		
22	Anakapalle		

The Assembly Constituencies falling within the above Parliamentary Constituencies will also go to polls on the same days as the Parliamentary Constituencies.

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The schedule for the two phases is as detailed below:

Sl.No.	Poll Event	Schedule-1	Schedule-2
1	Issue of Notification	23.03.2009 (Monday)	28.03.2009 (Saturday)
2	Last date for filing nominations	30.03.2009 (Monday)	04.04.2009 (Saturday)
3	Scrutiny of Nominations	31.03.2009 (Tuesday)	06.04.2009 (Monday)
4	Last date for withdrawal of candidature	02.04.2009 (Thursday)	08.04.2009 (Wednesday)
5	Date of Poll	16.04.2009 (Thursday)	23.04.2009 (Thursday)
6	Counting of votes	16.05.2009 (Saturday)	16.05.2009 (Saturday)
7	Date before which the election shall be completed	28.05.2009 (Thursday)	28.05.2009 (Thursday)

The Election Commission of India has also announced that the **Model Code of Conduct** for the guidance of Political Parties and Candidates comes into operation with immediate effect from **today itself** in the entire country. This will be applicable to all political parties and to the Union and State and Union Territory Governments. The Commission calls upon all the political parties, candidates and the Union and State and Union Territory governments to strictly adhere to the Model Code of Conduct.

The Commission has also announced that processing of any fresh applications filed for registration of new political parties hereafter for their registration would remain suspended with immediate effect till completion of the election process on 28.05.2009.

The Commission has decided to use Electronic Voting Machines in all the polling stations in the country.

The Commission has also advised all the residual electors to obtain their Electors' Photo Identity Cards from the respective Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) urgently, as the Commission decided that compulsory identification of voters will be made in the General Elections, 2009 for the electors who have been provided with EPIC.

The electoral rolls have been updated in terms of newly delimited constituencies with reference to 1.1.2009 as the qualifying date have been finally published on 22.01.2009. However, the process of continuous updating will continue till the last date for filing nominations. This would be the first time that photo electoral rolls is being used in the State.