



Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Karnataka
Nirvachana Nilaya, Sheshadri Road, Bangalore-560 001.

No. DPAR 59 CHUVISA 2013

Date: 25-03-2013

PRESS NOTE

The Election Commission of India has decided for holding General Election to the Karnataka Legislative Assembly as per the following schedule:

Event		Date (day)
1.	Issue of Notification	10-04-2013 (Wednesday)
2.	Last date of making Nominations	17-04-2013 (Wednesday)
3.	Scrutiny of Nominations	18-04-2013 (Thursday)
4.	Last date for withdrawal of candidatures	20-04-2013 (Saturday)
5.	Date of poll	05-05-2013 (Sunday)
6.	Counting of votes	08-05-2013 (Wednesday)
7.	Date before which election shall be completed	11-05-2013 (Saturday)
8.	Hours of Poll	8.00 AM to 5.00 PM

2. The total number of Assembly Constituencies in the State of Karnataka and the seats reserved for the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes, as determined by the Delimitation of Parliamentary and Assembly Constituencies Order, 2008, are as under:

Total No. of A.C.s	Reserved for SCs	Reserved for STs
224	36	15

3. All the Assembly Constituencies in the State will go for poll on **05-05-2013 (Sunday)** in a single phase.

4. Photo Electoral Rolls w.r.t. 01-01-2013 as the qualifying date will be used for this General Election.

5. Poll will be conducted at all polling stations using **Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs)**.

6. Any citizen of India who is not less than twenty five (25) years of age, who is **an elector for any Assembly Constituency in the State of Karnataka** and possess such other qualifications as prescribed under Article 173 of the Constitution of India read with Section 5 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 is eligible to contest in the said election, unless otherwise disqualified under the law.

7. Persons intending to contest in the said election may obtain required nomination Form 2B, revised affidavit in Form 26, other forms from the offices of the concerned Returning Officer / Assistant Returning Officer and present them duly filled in to the Returning Officer / notified Assistant Returning Officer between 11.00 AM and 3.00 PM from 10-04-2013 to 17-04-2013 (both days inclusive) **except on 11-04-2013 (Thursday) which is a public holiday vowing to Chandramana Ugadi Festival and on 14-04-2013 which falls on Sunday, which is also a public holiday under the Negotiable Instruments Act. Candidates are required to file affidavit in revised format only.**

8. Nomination of a candidate at the said election shall be required to be subscribed by **one elector** of the Constituency, as **proposer**, if the candidate has been set up either by a recognized National party or by a recognized State party in the State of Karnataka and **Ten (10) electors of the Constituency**, as proposers, if the candidate has been set up by a registered un-recognized political party or if he is an independent candidate as required under Section 33 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

9. **If a State party recognized in one State contest election in another State in which it is not so recognized, the nomination of candidate (s) set up by that party in such other State will also be required to be subscribed by ten (10) electors of the Constituency, as proposers, even if Party is granted concession under Para 10 of the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968, to use its reserved symbol.**

10. Every candidate at this election must make a security deposit of ` **10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only)** and in the case of candidate belonging to Scheduled Caste / Scheduled Tribe is required to make a security deposit of only half of the said amount i.e., ` **5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only)** even in a General Constituency.

11. Consequent upon modification of format of Affidavit filed in Form 26 appended to the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961 with effect from 01-08-2012 as notified by the Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India, candidates are now required to file only **one affidavit** (in Revised Form 26) with the nomination paper instead of two affidavits which were required to be filed during previous elections.

12. The affidavits filed by the candidates whether set up by the recognized political parties or unrecognized political parties or independents shall be put up on the **website** soon after the candidates file the same and **within 24 hours in any event** and even if any candidate withdraws his candidature, the affidavit already uploaded on the website shall not be removed.

13. Candidates are required to file **six (6) documents** as mentioned in the **checklist** to be prepared by the Returning Officer **in duplicate** in connection with the nomination viz., 1. Affidavit in Form 26 (in Revised Form) ; 2. Certified extract of electoral roll (when candidate is an elector of a different constituency) ; 3. Forms A and B (applicable in the case of candidates set up by political parties) ; 4. Copy of Cast Certificate (if the candidate claims to belong to SC / ST) ; 5. Security deposit (whether made) and Oath / affirmation (whether taken).

14. If affidavit and Forms A & B aforesaid which have not been filed at the time of filing nomination shall have to filed **latest by 3.00 PM on the last date of filing nominations i.e., on 17-04-2013.**

15. Security deposit should be made either before filing of nomination paper or at the time of filing of nomination paper.

16. Oath has to be taken after filing nomination paper and before the date fixed for scrutiny.

17. Certified extract of electoral roll referred to above can be filed upto time of scrutiny.

18. Upto four (4) nomination papers can be presented by or on behalf of any candidate as per provisio to Section 33 (6) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

19. A person shall not be nominated as a candidate for this General Election from more than two (2) Assembly Constituencies in the State as per Section 33 (7) (b) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

20. The maximum number of vehicles in the convey of a candidate or accompanying him to be allowed to come within a periphery of 100 meters of ROs / AROs Office has been restricted to **three** and the maximum number of persons who can be allowed to enter the office of the RO / AROs at the time of filling nomination has been limited to **five** (including the candidate).

21. As per Para 6.2.1 of Part 1 of the **Instructions on Election Expenditure Monitoring** issued by the Election Commission of India, each candidate is required to **open a separate bank account** exclusively for the purpose of election expenditure and this account shall be opened at least one day before the date on which the candidate files his nomination paper(s).

22. As per Para 6.3.1 of Part 1 of the **Instructions on Election Expenditure Monitoring** issued by the Commission, each candidate is required to maintain a day to day account of his election expenditure in a register to be provided by the Returning Officer at the time of filing of nomination papers.

23. The candidate shall have to submit the register of election expenditure aforesaid for inspection by the Expenditure Observer / Authorised Officer at least **three (3) times** during the campaign period.

24. Every contesting candidate at this election shall, **within thirty (30) days** from the date of election of the return candidate, lodge with the District Election Officer an account of his election expenses as required under Section 78 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

25. For more details, the District Election Officer / Returning Officer / Assistant Returning Officer (s) may be contacted.

(ANIL KUMAR JHA)
Chief Electoral Officer and
Ex-Officio Principal Secretary to Govt.,
D.P.A.R. (Elections).

5. ೨-ನೇ ಅಧ್ಯಾಯದ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ (ಇ) (ಇ) ಅಧ್ಯಾಯದ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ

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6. ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಧೀನದಲ್ಲಿ (25) ಅಧ್ಯಾಯದ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ (ಇ) ಅಧ್ಯಾಯದ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ

7. ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಧೀನದಲ್ಲಿ (10-04-2013) ಅಧ್ಯಾಯದ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ (ಇ) ಅಧ್ಯಾಯದ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ

8. ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಧೀನದಲ್ಲಿ (ಇ) ಅಧ್ಯಾಯದ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ (ಇ) ಅಧ್ಯಾಯದ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ

9. ಯಾವುದೇ ಒಂದು ರಾಜ್ಯ ಪಕ್ಷವು ಯಾವುದೇ ಒಂದು ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾನ್ಯತೆ ಪಡೆದ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಪಕ್ಷವಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಅಂತಹ ಮಾನ್ಯತೆ ಪಡೆಯದ ಬೇರೊಂದು ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧಿಸಿದಲ್ಲಿ ಚುನಾವಣಾ ಚಿಹ್ನೆಗಳು (ಕಾಯ್ದಿರಿಸುವಿಕೆ ಮತ್ತು ಹಂಚಿಕೆ) ಆದೇಶ, 1968ರ ಕಂಡಿಕೆ 10 ರಂತೆ ಆ ಪಕ್ಷಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾಯ್ದಿರಿಸಿದ ಚಿಹ್ನೆಯನ್ನು ಉಪಯೋಗಿಸಲು ಭಾರತ ಚುನಾವಣಾ ಆಯೋಗವು ರಿಯಾಯಿತಿ ನೀಡಿ ಆದೇಶಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದರೂ ಸಹ ಅಂತಹ ಪಕ್ಷದ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳ ನಾಮಪತ್ರಗಳಿಗೂ ಸಹ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದ ಹತ್ತು (10) ಜನ ಮತದಾರರು ಸೂಚಕರಾಗಿ ಒಪ್ಪಿಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡತಕ್ಕದ್ದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

10. ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಧೀನದಲ್ಲಿ (ಇ) ಅಧ್ಯಾಯದ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ (ಇ) ಅಧ್ಯಾಯದ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ

