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PRESS NOTE

Subject: Biennial Elections to the Council of States to fill the seats of members retiring in April-May 2018 and a bye-election to the Council of States from the State of Kerala.

The term of office of 58 members of the Rajya Sabha elected from 16 States is due to expire on their retirement in April-May 2018 as detailed below:

Name of State	No. of members retiring	Date of retirement
1) Andhra Pradesh	3	02.04.2018
2) Bihar	6	02.04.2018
3) Chhattisgarh	1	02.04.2018
4) Gujarat	4	02.04.2018
5) Haryana	1	02.04.2018
6) Himachal Pradesh	1	02.04.2018
7) Karnataka	4	02.04.2018
8) Madhya Pradesh	5	02.04.2018
9) Maharashtra	6	02.04.2018
10) Telangana	3	02.04.2018
11) Uttar Pradesh	10	02.04.2018
12) Uttarakhand	1	02.04.2018
13) West Bengal	5	02.04.2018
14) Odisha	3	03.04.2018
15) Rajasthan	3	03.04.2018
16) Jharkhand	2	03.05.2018

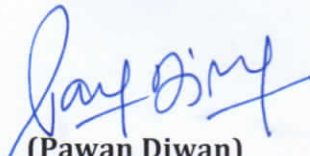
2. Besides above, there is a casual vacancy to the Council of States from Kerala due to the resignation of Shri M.P. Veerendra Kumar on 20.12.2017 before the expiration of his term of office, which is up to and including 02.04.2022.

3. The Commission has decided to hold biennial election from above mentioned 16 States and a bye-election to the Council of States from Kerala in accordance with the following programme: -

Sl.No.	Subject of Programme	Dates and Days
1.	Issue of Notifications	5 th March, 2018 (Monday)
2.	Last Date of making nominations	12 th March, 2018 (Monday)
3.	Scrutiny of nominations	13 th March, 2018 (Tuesday)
4.	Last date for withdrawal of candidatures	15 th March, 2018 (Thursday)
5.	Date of Poll	23rd March, 2018 (Friday)
6.	Hours of Poll	9.00 A.M to 4.00 P.M.
7.	Counting of Votes	23 rd March, 2018 (Friday) at 5.00 P.M.
8.	Date before which election shall be completed	26 th March, 2018 (Monday)

4. The Commission has directed that for the purpose of marking preference(s) on the ballot paper only integrated violet colour sketch pen(s) of pre-fixed specification, provided by the Returning Officer, shall be used. No other pen shall, under any circumstances, be used in the above said elections.

5. Adequate measures for close monitoring of the election process by appointing observers shall be taken to ensure free and fair election.


(Pawan Diwan)
UNDER SECRETARY