

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA
Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

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PRESS NOTE

Subject : Schedule for bye-elections to fill the casual vacancies in the Legislative Assemblies of Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Manipur, Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand

There are certain casual vacancies in the State Legislative Assemblies which need to be filled up. The casual vacancies in the States of Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Manipur and Madhya Pradesh need to be filled up before 31st March, 2011. There is another casual vacancy in 170-Sonkatch (SC) AC in Madhya Pradesh where an election petition was pending before the High Court. However, the said election petition has been dismissed by the High Court on 26th November, 2010 due to non-prosecution. Accordingly, the said vacancy has become a clear vacancy. The Government of Jharkhand has brought to the notice of the Commission that the present Chief Minister of Jharkhand took over as CM on 11.09.2010 and, in view of the constitutional requirement, he is required to become a member of the State Legislative Assembly on or before 10.03.2011. Also, the State Government has indicated that the National Games are going to be organized at Ranchi from 12th February to 26th February, 2011. After taking into consideration various factors, like, festivities, revision of electoral rolls, etc., the Commission has decided to hold bye-elections to fill up the casual vacancies in the State Legislative Assemblies mentioned in Table-I as per programme in Table-II. Further, the Commission has decided to fill

up the casual vacancy of 57-Kharsawan (ST) AC in Jharkhand as per schedule given in Table-III below:-

Table-I

Sl. No.	Name of State	Number and Name of Assembly Constituency
1	Chhattisgarh	59-Sanjari Balod
2	Gujarat	75- Khadia
3	Manipur	18-Konhoujam
4	Madhya Pradesh	198-Kukshi (ST) 170-Sonkatch (SC)

Table-II

Event	Date
1. Issue of Notification	21.01.2011 (Friday)
2. Last date of making Nominations	28.01.2011 (Friday)
3. Scrutiny of Nominations	29.01.2011 (Saturday)
4. Last date for withdrawal of Candidatures	31.01.2011 (Monday)
5. Date of Poll	14.02.2011 (Monday)
6. Counting of Votes	17.02.2011 (Thursday)
7. Date before which election shall be completed	21.02.2011 (Monday)
8. Hours of Poll	8.00 AM to 5.00 PM

Table-III**(Schedule for Bye-election from 57-Kharsawan (ST) in Jharkhand)**

Event	Date
Issue of Notification	17.1.2011 (Monday)
Last date of making Nomination	24.01.2011 (Monday)
Scrutiny of Nomination	25.01.2011 (Tuesday)
Last date for withdrawal of candidatures	27.01.2011 (Thursday)
Date of Poll	10.02.2011 (Thursday)
Counting of Votes	17.02.2011 (Thursday)
Date before which election shall be completed	21.02.2011 (Monday)
Hours of Poll	08.00 AM to 05.00 PM

ELECTORAL ROLL

The pre-delimited electoral rolls in respect of 75-Khadia AC in the State of Gujarat with reference to 1.1.2011 as the qualifying date are being revised and published on 18.01.2011. The electoral rolls in respect of other Assembly Constituencies have already been revised with reference to 01.01.2011.

ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES (EVMs)

The Commission has decided to use EVMs in these bye-elections in all the polling stations. Adequate number of EVMs has been made available 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 the voter's identification shall be mandatory in the aforementioned bye-elections at the time of poll. Electoral Photo Identity Cards (EPICs) 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 districts in which the whole or any part of the Assembly Constituencies going for bye-elections is included. The Model Code of Conduct shall be applicable to all candidates, political parties and the State Government. The Model Code of Conduct shall also be applicable to the Union Government as far as these States are concerned.




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