

Public (Elections-III) Department

PRESS RELEASE

The Election Commission of India has announced the poll schedule for the General Elections to Lok Sabha and Bye-election to Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly from 28.Alandur Assembly Constituency as follows:-

Filing of nominations and issue of Notification	29.3.2014 (Saturday)
Last date for filing nominations	5.4.2014 (Saturday)
Scrutiny of Nominations	7.4.2014 (Monday)
Last date for withdrawal of candidature	9.4.2014 (Wednesday)
Date of poll	24.4.2014 (Thursday)
Counting of votes	16.5.2014 (Friday)
Date before which election process shall be completed	28.5.2014 (Wednesday)

2. The Model Code of Conduct has come into force with effect from the date of announcement of the poll schedule, i.e. 5.3.2014 and the effective monitoring of election expenditure has also come into force today itself.

3. From the time elections are announced by the Commission, following restrictions would come in place:-

- a) Government cannot announce any financial grants in any form or promises thereof; or announce any new schemes or sanction funds for new schemes;
- b) Ministers and other political executives shall not lay foundation stones or have inaugural functions etc. of projects or schemes of any kind; or
- c) Government or political functionaries shall not make any promise of construction of roads, provision of drinking water facilities, etc. or
- d) Government shall not make any appointments, including adhoc appointments, or promotions in Government, Public Undertakings, etc. which may have the effect of influencing the voters in favour of the party in power.

- e) Ministers shall not combine their official visit with electioneering work and shall not also make use of official machinery or personnel during the electioneering work.

The detailed Model Code of Conduct guidelines have been uploaded on CEO's Website at elections.tn.gov.in.

4. For the purpose of maintaining purity of election and curbing illegal expenditure of money to influence electors, the Election Commission has issued detailed expenditure guidelines involving strict enforcement through the various teams like, Flying Squad, Static Surveillance Teams, Video Surveillance Teams, Video Viewing Teams, Accounting Teams and Check Posts. These would keep vigil over excessive campaign expenses, distribution of items of bribe in cash or in kind, movement of illegal arms, ammunition, liquor, or antisocial elements, etc. in the constituency during election process.

5. Distribution of cash or any item of bribe or use of muscle power for influencing electors are crime under Section 171 of IPC and also are Corrupt Practices under Section 123 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951. People are requested not to carry any large amount of cash, and if it is essentially required to be carried, should have supporting documents for source and use of the same. Otherwise the same is likely to be seized.

6. The defacement guidelines of the Election Commission of India and that given in Tamil Nadu Open Places (Prevention of Disfigurement) Act, 1959 would be strictly implemented. All defacements in urban areas i.e. on both public and private places would have to be removed immediately. In rural areas, all defacements on public places like roads, Government buildings would have to be removed, while for defacement in private buildings written consent of owners should be taken and filed with the Returning Officer.

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