

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

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PRESS NOTE

Subject: Schedule for bye-elections to fill casual vacancies in the Legislative Assemblies of Meghalaya, Kerala, Tripura, Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu – Regarding.

There are clear vacancies from the following Assembly Constituencies of the States mentioned against those, which need to be filled up:

Sl. No.	State	No. & Name of Assembly Constituency
1.	Meghalaya	59-Chokpot (ST)
2.	Kerala	136-Aruvikkara
3.	Tripura	13-Pratapgarh (SC)
4.	Tripura	46-Surma (SC)
5.	Madhya Pradesh	227-Garoth
6.	Tamil Nadu	11-Dr. Radhakrishnan Nagar

The Commission has decided to hold bye-elections to fill these vacancies as per the following schedule:-

1.	Issue of Notification	03.06.2015 (Wednesday)
2.	Last Date of filing Nominations	10.06.2015 (Wednesday)
3.	Date of Scrutiny	11.06.2015 (Thursday)
4.	Date of Withdrawal of Candidature	13.06.2015 (Saturday)
5.	Date of Poll	27.06.2015 (Saturday)
6.	Date of Counting	30.06.2015 (Tuesday)
7.	Date of Completion of Election	02.07.2015 (Thursday)
8.	Hours of Poll	8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

ELECTORAL ROLL

The electoral rolls of these Assembly Constituencies have been revised with reference to 01.01.2015 as the qualifying date and have been finally published on 05.01.2015 in Meghalaya, 05.01.2015 in Kerala, 05.01.2015 in Tripura, 05.01.2015 in Madhya Pradesh, 05.01.2015 in Tamil Nadu.

ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES (EVMs)

The Commission has decided to use EVMs in the bye-elections in all the polling stations. Adequate numbers of EVMs have been made available and all steps have been taken to ensure that the polls are conducted smoothly with the help of these machines.

IDENTIFICATION OF VOTERS

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 Card (EPIC) shall be the main document of identification 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 voter at the time of poll in the said bye-elections.

MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

The Model Code of Conduct shall come into force with immediate effect in the district(s) in which the whole or any part of the Assembly Constituency going for bye-election is included, subject to partial modification as issued vide Commission's instruction No. 437/INST/2012/CC&BE, dated 26th April, 2012 (available on the Commission's website). The Model Code of Conduct shall be applicable to all candidates, political parties and the State Governments concerned. The Model Code of Conduct shall also be applicable to the Union Government in respect of the above district(s) of the States concerned.



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