

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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PRESS NOTE

Subject : Schedule for bye-elections to fill casual vacancy in the Lok Sabha from Parliamentary Constituency of Rajasthan and West Bengal and State Legislative Assemblies of Rajasthan and West Bengal – Regarding.

There are clear vacancies in the Lok Sabha from Parliamentary Constituencies of various States, which need to be filled up:

Sl. No.	State	Number & Name of Parliamentary Constituency
1	Rajasthan	8-Alwar
		13-Ajmer
2	West Bengal	26-Uluberia

There are clear vacancies in the State Legislative Assemblies of various States, which need to be filled up:

Sl. No.	State	Number & Name of Assembly Constituency
1	Rajasthan	183-Mandalgarh
2	West Bengal	107-Noapara

After taking into consideration various factors like local festivals, electoral rolls, weather conditions etc., the Commission has decided to hold bye-elections to fill these vacancies as per the programme mentioned as under: -

Poll Events	Schedule
Date of Issue of Gazette Notification	03.01.2018 (WED)
Last Date of Nominations	10.01.2018 (WED)
Date for Scrutiny of Nominations	11.01.2018 (THU)
Last Date for Withdrawal of candidatures	15.01.2018 (MON)
Date of Poll	29.01.2018 (MON)
Date of Counting	01.02.2018 (THU)
Date before which election shall be completed	03.02.2018 (SAT)

ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Rolls of the of 8-Alwar PC, 13-Ajmer PC of Rajasthan, 26-Uluberia PC of West Bengal and 183-Mandhalgarh AC of Rajasthan and 107-Noapara AC of West Bengal with reference to 01.01.2018 will be used for bye-election. The Electoral Roll of these Constituencies will be finally published on 02.01.2018.

ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES (EVMs) and VVPATs

The Commission has decided to use EVMs and VVPATs in the bye-elections in all the polling stations. Adequate numbers of EVMs and VVPATs 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

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 (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 voters 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 Parliamentary/Assembly Constituency going for bye-election is included, subject to partial modification as issued vide Commission's instruction No. 437/6/INST2016-CCS, dated 29th June, 2017 (available on the Commission's website). The Model Code of Conduct shall be applicable to all candidates, political parties and the State Government concerned. The Model Code of Conduct shall also be applicable to the Union Government for the State concerned.



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