

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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PRESS NOTE

Subject: Schedule for bye-election to 48 Assemblies Constituencies and 2 Parliamentary Constituencies of 15 States – reg.

The Commission has decided to hold bye-elections to fill vacancies in the following Assembly/Parliamentary Constituencies:

Sl. No.	Name of State	No. and Name of AC/PC	Reason of Vacancy [along with name of the incumbent member (Sh./Smt./Ms.)]
1.	Assam	11-Dholai (SC) AC	Resignation of Parimal Suklabaidya
2.		31-Sidli (ST) AC	Resignation of Joyanta Basumatary
3.		32-Bongaigaon AC	Resignation of Phani Bhusan Choudhury
4.		77-Behali AC	Resignation of Ranjit Dutta
5.		88-Samaguri AC	Resignation of Rakibul Hussain
6.	Bihar	196-Tarari AC	Resignation of Sudama Prasad
7.		203-Ramgarh AC	Resignation of Sudhakar Singh
8.		227-Imamganj (SC) AC	Resignation of Jitan Ram Manjhi
9.		232-Belaganj AC	Resignation of Surendra Prasad Yadav
10.	Chhattisgarh	51-Raipur City South AC	Resignation of Brijmohan Agrawal
11.	Gujarat	7-Vav AC	Resignation of Geniben Nagaji Thakor
12.	Karnataka	83-Shiggaon AC	Resignation of Basavaraj Bommai
13.		95-Sandur (ST) AC	Resignation of E Tukaram
14.		185-Channapatna AC	Resignation of H D Kumaraswamy
15.	Kerala	56-Palakkad AC	Resignation of Shafi Parambil
16.		61-Chelakkara (SC) AC	Resignation of K.Radhakrishnan
17.		4-Wayanad PC	Resignation of Rahul Gandhi

18.	Madhya Pradesh	156-Budhni AC	Resignation of Shivraj Singh Chouhan
19.		02-Vijaypur AC	Resignation of Ramnivas Rawat
20.	Maharashtra	16-Nanded PC	Death of Chavan Vasant Rao Balwantrao
21.	Meghalaya	56-Gambegre (ST) AC	Resignation of Saleng A. Sangma
22.	Punjab	10-Dera Baba Nanak AC	Resignation of Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa
23.		44-Chabbewal (SC) AC	Resignation of Dr. Raj Kumar
24.		84-Gidderbaha AC	Resignation of Amarinder Singh Raja Warring
25.		103-Barnala AC	Resignation of Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer
26.	Rajasthan	27-Jhunjhunu AC	Resignation of Brijendra Singh Ola
27.		67-Ramgarh AC	Death of Zubair Khan
28.		88-Dausa AC	Resignation of Murari Lal Meena
29.		97-Deoli-Uniara AC	Resignation of Harish Chandra Meena
30.		110-Khinwsar AC	Resignation of Hanuman Beniwal
31.		156- Salumber (ST) AC	Death of Amrit Lal Meena
32.		161-Chorasi (ST) AC	Resignation of Rajkumar Roat
33.	Sikkim	07-Soreng-Chakung AC	Resignation of P.S.Tamang
34.		11-Namchi-Singhithang AC	Resignation of Krishna Kumari Rai
35.	Uttar Pradesh	16-Meerapur AC	Resignation of Chandan Chauhan
36.		29-Kundarki AC	Resignation of Zia Ur Rehman
37.		56-Ghaziabad AC	Resignation of Atul Garg
38.		71-Khair (SC) AC	Resignation of Anoop Singh alias Anoop Pradhan Balmiki
39.		110-Karhal AC	Resignation of Akhilesh Yadav
40.		213-Sishamau AC	Disqualification of Haji Irfan Solanki
41.		256-Phulpur AC	Resignation of Praveen Patel
42.		277-Katehari AC	Resignation of Lalji Verma
43.		397-Majhawan AC	Resignation of Dr. Vinod Kumar Bind
44.	Uttarakhand	07-Kedarnath AC	Death of Shailarani Rawat
45.	West Bengal	6-Sitai (SC) AC	Resignation of Jagadish Chandra Barma Basunia
46.		14-Madarihat (ST)	Resignation of Manoj Tigga

		AC	
47.		104-Naihati AC	Resignation of Partha Bhowmick
48.		121-Harua AC	Resignation of SK. Nurul Islam (Haji)
49.		236-Medinipur AC	Resignation of June Maliah
50.		251-Taldangra AC	Resignation of Arup Chakraborty

The Schedule for the bye elections is enclosed at **Annexure-I**.

1. ELECTORAL ROLLS

(I) Commission firmly believes that pure and updated electoral rolls are the foundation of free, fair and credible elections. Hence, intensive and sustained focus is placed upon improving its quality, health and fidelity. After the amendment in Section 14 of the Representation of the People Act-1950 by the Election Laws (Amendment) Act-2021, there is a provision of four qualifying dates to enroll as a voter in a year. Accordingly, the Commission conducted the Special Summary Revision of Electoral Roll with reference to 1st January, 2024, as the qualifying date, wherein applications were invited from eligible citizens seeking registration in electoral roll with respect to 1st January, 2024 as the qualifying date. After time-bound completion of Special Summary Revision of Electoral Rolls with reference to 1st January, 2024 as the qualifying date, the final publication of the electoral roll has been done on –

- i) 5th January 2024 for Gujarat, Meghalaya and Sikkim;
- ii) 22nd January 2024 for Bihar, Kerala, Karnataka, Punjab, Uttarakhand and West Bengal;
- iii) 23rd January 2024 for Uttar Pradesh; and
- iv) 8th February, 2024 for Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, and Rajasthan.

(II) For the State of Maharashtra, in view of impending General Elections to legislative Assembly, the Commission conducted 2nd SSR-2024 w.r.t 1st July, as the qualifying date. After time-bound

completion of 2nd Special Summary Revision of Electoral Rolls with reference to 1st July, 2024 as the qualifying date, the final publication of the electoral roll in the State of Maharashtra has been done on 30.08.2024

(III) The General Election to the Legislative Assembly of Assam was held in 2021 as per Delimitation of Parliamentary and Assembly Constituencies Order, 1976. After that in 2023, hence, the delimitation of Assembly and Parliamentary Constituencies of Assam was done. The existing Legislative Assembly of Assam has been constituted prior to the delimitation exercise which was completed in 2023, the bye-election in 5 vacancies of Assam legislative Assemblies shall be held as per pre-delimitation status. The Commission has also prepared a special electoral roll w.r.t 1st July as the qualifying date for conduct of bye-election of these Assemblies. The final publication of the electoral roll with reference to 1st July, 2024 as the qualifying date for these constituencies has been done on 20.08.2024

The process of continuous updation of electoral rolls in all the above States will continue till the last date of filing nominations, **with respect to proximate qualifying date.**

2. ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES (EVMs) & VVPATs

The Commission has decided to use EVMs and VVPATs in the bye-election 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 poll is conducted smoothly with the help of these machines.

3. IDENTIFICATION OF VOTERS

Electoral Photo Identity Card (EPIC) shall be the main document of identification of a voter. However, any of the below

mentioned identification documents can also be shown at the polling station:

- i. Aadhar Card,
- ii. MGNREGA Job Card,
- iii. Passbooks with photograph issued by Bank/Post Office,
- iv. Health Insurance Smart Card issued under the scheme of Ministry of Labour,
- v. Driving License,
- vi. PAN Card,
- vii. Smart Card issued by RGI under NPR,
- viii. Indian Passport,
- ix. Pension document with photograph,
- x. Service Identity Cards with photograph issued to employees by Central/State Govt./PSUs/Public Limited Companies, and
- xi. Official identity cards issued to MPs/MLAs/MLCs.
- xii. Unique Disability ID (UDID) Card, M/o Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India

4. 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 election is included, subject to provision of the instruction vide Commission's letter No. 437/6/1NST/ECI/FUNCT/MCC/2024/(BYE ELECTIONS) dated 02nd January, 2024 (available on the Commission's website).

5. INFORMATION REGARDING CRIMINAL ANTECEDENTS

Candidates with criminal antecedents are required to publish information in this regard in newspapers and through Television channels on three occasions during the campaign period. A political party that sets up candidates with criminal antecedents is also required to publish information about criminal background of

its candidates, both on its website and also in newspapers and Television channels **on three occasions.**

Commission vide its letter No. 3/4/2019/SDR/Vol. IV dated 16th September, 2020 has directed that the period specified will be decided with three blocks in the following manner, so that electors have sufficient time to know about the background of such candidates:

- a. Within first 4 days of withdrawal.
- b. Between next 5th - 8th days.
- c. From 9th day till the last day of campaign (the second day prior to date of poll)

(Illustration: If the last date for withdrawal is 10th of the month and poll is on 24th of the Month, the first block for publishing of declaration shall be done between 11th and 14th of the Month, second and third blocks shall be between 15th and 18th and 19th and 22nd of that Month, respectively.)

This requirement is in pursuance of the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Writ Petition (C) No. 784 of 2015 (Lok Prahari Vs. Union of India & Others) and Writ Petition (Civil) No. 536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr.).

This information will also be available on an App titled, '**know your candidates**'.

6. NO DUES CERTIFICATE

The Commission has issued directions to facilitate, if approached by any intending candidate, who has been in occupation of accommodation provided by the Government any time during the last 10 years before the date of notification of the election, to obtain "No dues certificate" from agencies/authorities/departments dealing with (a) rent, (b) electricity charges, (c) water charges and (d)

telephone charges. The instructions are contained in Commission's letter no. 3/ER/2023/SDR/Vol.IV dated 03.05.2024 and is available in the Commission's website. Under Para 5, the following may be added before the last sub-Para : -

The political parties shall also publish in newspapers and its official social media platforms and upload in its website, the details and the reasons for selecting candidates having criminal background within 48 hours of selection of such candidate. The details are contained in letter no. 3/4/2021/SDR/Vol.III dated 11.01.2022 available on the Commission's website.


15/10/2024

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SECRETARY

SCHEDULE FOR BYE-ELECTIONS

Poll Events	Date and Day (For all bye elections except in 16-Nanded PC Maharashtra and 07-Kedarnath AC of Uttarakhand)	Date and Day (For 16-Nanded PC Maharashtra and 07- Kedarnath AC of Uttarakhand)
Date of Issue of Gazette Notification	18.10.2024 (Friday)	22.10.2024 (Tuesday)
Last date of making nominations	25.10.2024 (Friday)	29.10.2024 (Tuesday)
Date for scrutiny of nominations	28.10.2024 (Monday)	30.10.2024 (Wednesday)
Last date for the withdrawal of candidatures	30.10.2024 (Wednesday)	04.11.2024 (Monday)
Date of Poll	13.11.2024 (Wednesday)	20.11.2024 (Wednesday)
Date of Counting	23.11.2024 (Saturday)	
Date before which election shall be completed	25.11.2024 (Monday)	