

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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PRESS NOTE

Subject : Schedule for bye-elections to fill the casual vacancies in the Legislative Assemblies of Gujarat and Karnataka

There are casual vacancies in the State Legislative Assemblies of Gujarat and Karnataka which need to be filled up. After taking into consideration various factors like, festivities, electoral rolls, etc., the Commission has decided to hold bye-elections to fill up the casual vacancies in the above State Legislative Assemblies as indicated below: -

Sl. No.	Name of State	Number and Name of Assembly Constituency
1.	Gujarat	128-Kathlal
2.	Karnataka	44-Gulbarga Dakshin
		127-Kadur

The Programme to hold the said bye-elections shall be as under:

Event	Date
1. Issue of Notification	18.08.2010 (Wed)
2. Last date of making Nominations	25.08.2010 (Wed)
3. Scrutiny of Nominations	26.08.2010 (Thurs)
4. Last date for withdrawal of Candidatures	28.08.2010 (Sat)
5. Date of Poll	13.09.2010 (Mon)
6. Counting of Votes	16.09.2010 (Thurs) (to start at 8.00 am)
7. Date before which election shall be completed	20.09.2010 (Mon)
Hours of Poll	07.00 AM to 5.00 PM

ELECTORAL ROLL

The pre-delimited electoral rolls for 128-Kathlal AC in Gujarat, with reference to 1.1.2010 as the qualifying date have been revised and published on 13.08.2010 and in Karnataka the electoral rolls, as per post delimitation order, have been revised and published on 06.08.2010 with reference to 1.1.2010 as the qualifying date.

ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES (EVMs)

The Commission has decided to use EVMs in these 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 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 (EPIC) 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 district (s) in which the whole or any part of the Assembly Constituency going for bye-election is (are) 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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