

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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No. ECI/PN/24/2010

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PRESS NOTE

Subject : [Schedule for bye-elections to fill the casual vacancies from 28 - Vemulawada and 29 - Sircilla in the Legislative Assembly of Andhra Pradesh– regarding.]

The Commission vide its Press Note No. ECI/PN/23/2010 dated 21.06.2010 announced bye-elections to fill up 10 clear vacancies out of 12 casual vacancies in the State Legislative Assembly of Andhra Pradesh from 1-Sirpur, 2-Chennur(SC), 04-Mancherial, 15-Yellareddy, 17-Nizamabad(Urban), 20-Koratla, 22-Dharmapuri(SC), 31-Huzurabad,33- Siddipet and 105- Warangal West. Since in two Assembly Constituencies viz. 28- Vemulawada and 29 – Sircilla, election petitions were pending wherein the petitioners had sought to be declared elected, the elections were not announced in these constituencies along with aforesaid 10 clear vacancies.

Now, the Honb'le High Court of Judicature, Andhra Pradesh vide its order in Writ Petition no. 14443 of 2010 dated 30.06.2010 has held that the bye-elections for filling the vacancies for 28- Vemulawada assembly constituency and 29 – Sircilla assembly constituency should be held along with the bye-elections already notified for other 10 assembly constituencies, notwithstanding the pendency of above mentioned 2 Election petitions.

Now therefore, the Commission has decided to hold bye-elections to fill up the said 2 vacancies for 28- Vemulawada assembly constituency and 29 – Sircilla assembly

constituency also, along with the 10 clear vacancies already announced, as per programme indicated below: -

Event	Date
1. Issue of Notification	02.07.2010 (Friday)
2. Last date of making Nominations	09.07.2010 (Friday)
3. Scrutiny of Nominations	10.07.2010 (Saturday)
4. Last date for withdrawal of Candidatures	12.07.2010 (Monday)
5. Date of Poll	27.07.2010 (Tuesday)
6. Hours of Poll	07.00 AM to 05.00 PM
7. Counting of Votes	30.07.2010 (Friday) 08.00 AM
8. Date before which election shall be completed	02.08.2010 (Monday)

ELECTORAL ROLL

The electoral rolls w.r.t. 01.01.2010 as the qualifying date have been published on 25.06.2010. in respect of 28-Vemulawada and 29 – Sircilla assembly constituencies

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. 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 this 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 this State is concerned.

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SECRETARY