

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

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PRESS NOTE

Sub: Schedule for bye-election to fill the casual vacancy in the Legislative Assembly of Tamil Nadu.

The Commission has, after taking various factors like requirement of Central Police Forces, festivities etc. into consideration, decided to hold bye-election to fill up the casual vacancy in the Legislative Assembly of Tamil Nadu from 137-Thirumangalam as per following programme:

Event	Date
1. Issue of Notification	15.12.08 (Monday)
2. Last date of making Nominations	22.12.08 (Monday)
3. Scrutiny of Nominations	23.12.08 (Tuesday)
4. Last date for withdrawal of Candidature	26.12.08 (Friday)
5. Date of Poll	09.01.09 (Friday)
6. Counting of Votes	12.01.09 (Monday)
7. Date of completion	15.01.09 (Thursday)

ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral rolls in respect of the above AC has been revised with reference to 01.01.2008 as the qualifying date as per earlier delimitation orders.

ELECTORNIC VOTING MACHINES (EVMs)

The Commission has decided to use EVMs in this bye-election in all the polling stations. Adequate number of EVMs has been made available and all steps 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-election 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-election.

MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

The Model Code of Conduct shall come into force with immediate effect and shall continue into force till completion of bye-election in the district(s) in which the whole or any part of the Assembly Constituency going for bye-election is 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 the State is concerned.

**(SHANGARA RAM)
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY**