

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA
NIRVACHAN SADAN, ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI-110001

No. ECI/PN/38/2009

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PRESS NOTE

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

The Commission had announced the schedule for filling some of the vacancies of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh and Meghalaya vide Press Note No. ECI/PN/36/2009 dated 16th July 2009. There are a total of 5 vacancies in Karnataka in the constituencies, namely, 185-Channapatha, 166-Govindrajnagar, 40-Chittapur(SC), 183-Ramanagar and 222-Kollegal(SC). With a view to fill the vacancies where the elections need to be conducted under Sec. 151A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 within August and September, 2009, the Commission had announced bye-election for 185-Channapatha constituency vide Press Release referred to above. In the meanwhile, the CEO, Karnataka has brought to the notice of the Commission that Bangalore Municipal Corporation election is likely to be announced in near future and there could be a possibility of overlapping of poll period if the bye-election for 166-Govindrajnagar AC which is normally due by first week of October is to be announced subsequently. He has suggested that bye-election for 166-Govindrajnagar AC may be taken up along with bye-election of 185-Channapatha. The Commission has considered this issue and has decided to

hold bye-election to fill the other 4 vacancies also in Karnataka, namely, 166-Govindrajnagar, 40-Chittapur(SC), 183-Ramanagar and 222-Kollegal(SC) along with the programme for bye-election for 185-Channapatha constituency which has already been announced as under :

EVENT	DATE
1. Issue of Notification	22.07.09 (Wed)
2. Last date of making Nominations	29.07.09 (Wed)
3. Scrutiny of Nominations	30.07.09 (Thur)
4. Last date for withdrawal of Candidature	01.08.09 (Sat)
5. Date of Poll	18.08.09 (Tue)
6. Counting of Votes	21.08.09 (Fri)
7. Date before which election shall be completed	23.08.08 (Sun)

ELECTORAL ROLL

As regards Karnataka the present Assembly has been constituted on the basis of new delimitation order and electoral rolls w.r.t. 1.1.2009 are already in existence.

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 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 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.

Yours faithfully,

(R.K. SRIVASTAVA)
SECRETARY