

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No. ECI/PN/18/2010

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PRESS NOTE

Subject : Schedule for bye-election to fill the casual vacancy in the Legislative Assembly of West Bengal – regarding.

There is a casual vacancy in the State Legislative Assembly of West Bengal from 264-Durgapur-I assembly constituency, which needs to be filled up early. After taking into consideration various factors, the Commission has decided to hold bye-election to fill up the said vacancy as per programme indicated below: -

Event	Date
1. Issue of Notification	11.06.2010 (Friday)
2. Last date of making Nominations	18.06.2010 (Friday)
3. Scrutiny of Nominations	19.06.2010 (Saturday)
4. Last date for withdrawal of Candidatures	21.06.2010 (Monday)
5. Date of Poll	05.07.2010 (Monday)
6. Hours of Poll	07.00 am to 05.00 pm
7. Counting of Votes	08.07.2010 (Thursday) (8.00 am)
8. Date before which election shall be completed	12.07.2010 (Monday)

ELECTORAL ROLL

The pre - delimited electoral rolls w.r.t. 01.01.2010 as the qualifying date has been revised and published on 28.04.2010 in respect of 264-Durgapur-I assembly constituency in the State of West Bengal.

ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES (EVMs)

The Commission has decided to use EVMs in this bye-election 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-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 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 this State is concerned.

**(TAPAS KUMAR)
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY**