

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi - 110 001

No. ECI/PN/12/2010

Dated: 20th April, 2010

PRESS NOTE

Subject: Biennial Election to the Maharashtra Legislative Council from Thane Local Authorities' Constituency.

The term of office of one member of the Maharashtra Legislative Council from Thane Local Authorities' Constituency, is due to expire on 8th June, 2010 on the retirement of the sitting member Shri. Davkhare Vasant Shankar.

2. The Election Commission has decided to hold the Biennial Election to the Maharashtra Legislative Council from the Thane Local Authorities' Constituency in accordance with the following programme :-

1	Issue of Notification	: 4 th May, 2010 (Tuesday)
2	Last date of making nominations	: 11 th May, 2010 (Tuesday)
3	Scrutiny of nominations	: 12 th May, 2010 (Wednesday)
4	Last date for withdrawal of candidatures	: 14 th May, 2010 (Friday)
5	Date of poll	: 28 th May, 2010 (Friday)
6	Hours of poll	: 8.00 A.M. to 4.00 P.M
7	Counting of Votes	: 31 st May, 2010 (Monday) at 8.00 AM
8	Date before which election shall be completed	: 2 nd June, 2010 (Wednesday)

3. The Model Code of Conduct will come into force with immediate effect in the said Constituency going to biennial election.

4. The Hon'ble High Court of Bombay, vide its order dated 1st April, 2010, disposing of Writ Petition No. 1796 of 2010 filed by Shri Sudhir Chimaji Sonawane against the State of Maharashtra & Others, has declined to grant the relief prayed for to hold the election from the above Constituency after including the names of yet to be elected corporators of Vasai Virar Municipal Corporation in the voter list. The Court has clarified that it would be open to Election Commission of India to proceed with the election process to elect representative of the said Thane Local Authorities' Constituency of Maharashtra Legislative Council.

(TAPAS KUMAR)
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY