

# **ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA**

**Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001**

No. ECI/PN/23/2010

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## **PRESS NOTE**

**Subject : Schedule for bye-elections to fill the casual vacancies in the Legislative Assembly of Andhra Pradesh– regarding.**

There are 12 casual vacancies in the State Legislative Assembly of Andhra Pradesh out of which, in two assembly constituencies viz. 28-Vemulawada and 29-Sircilla, election petitions are pending wherein the petitioners have sought to be declared elected. Therefore there are only 10 clear 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 assembly constituencies which need to be filled up.

After taking into consideration various factors, the Commission has decided to hold bye-elections to fill up the said 10 clear vacancies as per programme indicated below: -

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
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 are due for publication on 25.06.2010 in respect of 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 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 extant 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 districts in which the whole or any part of the Assembly Constituencies going for bye-elections 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.

**( TAPAS KUMAR )  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY**