

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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PRESS NOTE

Subject : Schedule for bye-election to fill the casual vacancies in the Legislative Assembly of Karnataka, Manipur, and West Bengal Assembly Constituencies.

There are several casual vacancies in various state Legislative Assemblies which are needed to be fill up early. The Commission has decided to hold bye-election to fill up the vacancies indicated below after taking various factors like requirement of Central Police Forces, festivities etc. in consideration.

Legislative Assemblies :-

Sl No.	Name of State	Number and Name of Constituency
1.	Karnataka	7 – Hukkeri 8 – Arbhavi 56 – Devadurga (ST) 77 – Kanwar 130 – Turuvekere 180 – Doddaballapur 187 – Maddur
2.	Manipur	27 – Moirang
3.	West Bengal	48 – Sujapur 206 – Nandigram 240 – Para

The Commission has decided to hold bye elections to fill up the above vacancies as per programme indicated below:-

Event	Date
1. Issue of Notification	03.12.08 (Wednesday)
2. Last date of making Nominations	10.12.08 (Wednesday)
3. Scrutiny of Nominations	11.12.08 (Thursday)
4. Last date for withdrawal of Candidature	13.12.08 (Saturday)
5. Date of Poll	27.12.08 (Saturday)
6. Counting of Votes	30.12.08 (Tuesday)
7. Date of completion	01.01.09 (Thursday)

ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral rolls in respect of the above ACs have been revised with reference to 01.01.2008 as the qualifying date as per earlier delimitation orders except in the State of Karnataka where these are based on the new delimitation order.

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 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 i.e. 23rd November 2008 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 this State is concerned.

**(SHANGARA RAM)
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY**