

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

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PRESS NOTE

Subject : Schedule for bye-election to fill the casual vacancy in the Legislative Assembly of Jharkhand Assembly Constituency

There is a casual vacancy from 58-Tamar (ST) in the State Legislative Assembly of Jharkhand which needs to be filled up early. 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	05.12.08 (Friday)
2. Last date of making Nominations	12.12.08 (Friday)
3. Scrutiny of Nominations	13.12.08 (Saturday)
4. Last date for withdrawal of Candidature	15.12.08 (Monday)
5. Date of Poll	29.12.08 (Monday)
6. Counting of Votes	02.01.09 (Friday)
7. Date of completion	05.01.09 (Monday)

ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral rolls in respect of the above assembly constituency have been revised with reference to 01.01.2008 as the qualifying date as per earlier delimitation order.

ELECTORNIC 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. 26th 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**