

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi - 110 001

No. ECI/PN/ 48 /2009

Dated 2nd September, 2009

PRESS NOTE

Subject: Biennial Election to the Council of States from the Union Territory of Puducherry.

The term of office of one seat in the Council of States from Puducherry is going to expire on 6.10.2009. The seat has already fallen vacant due to the election of sitting member Shri V. Narayanasami, to the Lok Sabha on 16.5.2009. The bye-election was not conducted since the remaining term of office was less than one year and it was decided that the vacancy shall be filled up through Biennial Election.

In view of the above, the Election Commission has decided to hold a Biennial Election to the Council of States from Puducherry for the purpose of filling up the said one vacancy.

Accordingly, the aforesaid Biennial Election shall be held in accordance with the following programme :-

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| 1. Issue of Notifications | : 16 th September, 2009 (Wednesday) |
| 2. Last date of making nominations | : 23 rd September, 2009 (Wednesday) |
| 3. Scrutiny of nominations | : 24 th September, 2009 (Thursday) |
| 4. Last date for withdrawal of candidature | : 26 th September, 2009 (Saturday) |
| 5. Date of poll | : 3 rd October , 2009 (Saturday) |
| 6. Hours of poll | : 9.00 A.M. to 1.00 P.M |
| 7. Counting of Votes | : 3 rd October, 2009 (Saturday) at 5.00 PM |
| 8. Date before which election shall be completed | : 5 th October, 2009 (Monday) |

**(K. AJAY KUMAR)
SECRETARY**