

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA
Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi - 110 001

No. ECI/PN/15/2016

Dated 24th February, 2016

PRESS NOTE

Subject: Biennial Elections to the Council of States to fill the seats of members retiring in April, 2016.

The term of office of 13 members of the Rajya Sabha elected from 6 States is due to expire on their retirement in April, 2016 as detailed below :-

S.No.	Name of State	Name of the Member	Date of retirement	Remarks
1.	Assam	1 Sh. Pankaj Bora	02.04.2016	
		2 Sh. Naznin Faruque	02.04.2016	
2.	Himachal Pradesh	1 Smt. Bimla	02.04.2016	
3.	Kerala	1 Sh. K.N.Balagopal	02.04.2016	
		2 Sh. A.K. Antony	02.04.2016	
		3 Dr. T.N. Seema	02.04.2016	
4.	Nagaland	1 Sh. Khekiho Zhimomi	02.04.2016	Vacant since 26.11.2015 due to death of sitting member
5.	Tripura	1 Sh. Jharna Das (Baidya)	02.04.2016	
6.	Punjab	1 Sh. Ashwani Kumar	09.04.2016	One separate election for these 3 seats
		2 Sh. Avinash Rai Khanna	09.04.2016	
		3 Sh. Sukhdev Singh	09.04.2016	
		4 Sh. Manohar Singh Gill	09.04.2016	One separate election for these 2 seats
		5 Sh. Naresh Gujral	09.04.2016	

2. Out of the five seats to be filled from Punjab three are to be filled by holding one election and other two through another election as these seats belong to two different biennial cycles. Further, the term of office of the members to be elected to the Council of States from the State of Punjab shall be subject to the decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP(C) No. 17123/2015 (Election Commission of India Vs Devesh Chandra Thakur & Others).

3. The Election Commission has decided that the aforesaid Biennial Elections to the Council of States from the above States shall be held in accordance with the following programme:-.

1.	Issue of Notifications	4 th March, 2016 (Friday)
2.	Last date of making nominations	11 th March, 2016 (Friday)
3.	Scrutiny of nominations	12 th March, 2016 (Saturday)
4.	Last date for withdrawal of candidatures	14 th March, 2016 (Monday)
5.	Date of poll	21 st March, 2016 (Monday)
6.	Hours of poll	9.00 A.M. to 4.00 P.M
7.	Counting of Votes	21 st March, 2016 (Monday) at 5.00 PM
8.	Date before which election shall be completed	23 rd March, 2016 (Wednesday)

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DIRECTOR