

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi – 110 001

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PRESS NOTE

Subject **Biennial/bye-election to the Rajya Sabha from Pondicherry and Chhattisgarh and bye-election to Uttar Pradesh Legislative Council by MLAs.**

Biennial election to Rajya Sabha

The term of office of Shri C P Thirunavukkarasu, a member elected to the Rajya Sabha from Pondicherry is due to expire on 6.10.2003.

Bye-election to Rajya Sabha from Chhattisgarh

There is one casual vacancy in the Rajya Sabha from Chhattisgarh caused by the death of Shri Bhagat Ram on 19th June 2003. The term of office of the member was upto 2.4.2006. The Commission has decided to fill up this vacancy.

Bye-election to Uttar Pradesh Legislative Council by MLAs

There is one casual vacancy in the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Council caused by the appointment of Shri Ram Prasad as Governor of Madhya Pradesh on 7.5.2003. The Commission has decided to fill up this vacancy.

2. The Commission has decided to hold the above-mentioned elections in accordance with the following programme: -

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| 1. | Issue of Notifications | 11.09.2003 (Thursday) |
| 2. | Last date for filing nominations | 18.09.2003 (Thursday) |
| 3. | Scrutiny of nominations | 19.09.2003 (Friday) |
| 4. | Last date for the withdrawal of candidatures | 22.09.2003 (Monday) |
| 5. | Date of poll | 29.09.2003 (Monday) |
| 6. | Date before which the election shall be completed | 06.10.2003 (Monday) |

(SHANGARA RAM)
SECRETARY