

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-1

No. ECI/PN/ 15 /2007

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PRESS NOTE

Subject: Bye-elections to the Council of States from Punjab and Haryana to fill up two vacancies occurring due to death of sitting members .

Two seats have been lying vacancy in the Council of States from the States of Punjab and Haryana due to death of sitting members Smt Sukhbuns Kaur Bhinder on 15th December, 2006 and Smt. Sumitra Mahajan on 19th January, 2007, before the expiration of their term of office, which was upto 9th April, 2010 and 9th April, 2008 respectively.

2. It has been a consistent policy of the Commission that the bye elections shall be held at the earliest possible opportunity in order to ensure that no segment of the Indian people are left unrepresented for unnecessary length of time.

3. In view of the above, the Election Commission has decided to fill up the above mentioned vacancies in accordance with the following programme :-

1.	Issue of Notifications	:	12th March, 2007 (Monday)
2.	Last date of making nominations	:	19 th March, 2007 (Monday)
3.	Scrutiny of nominations	:	20 th March, 2007 (Tuesday)
4.	Last date for withdrawal of candidatures	:	22 nd March, 2007 (Thursday)
5.	Date of poll	:	29th March, 2007 (Thursday)
6.	Hours of poll	:	9.00 A.M. to 4.00 P.M
7.	Counting of Votes	:	29 th March, 2007 (Thursday) at 5.00 PM
8.	Date before which election shall be completed	:	3 rd April, 2007 (Tuesday)

**(LALIT MOHAN)
SECRETARY**