

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA
NIRVACHAN SADAN, ASHOKA ROAD , NEW DELHI -110001

No. MCS/PN/17/98

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PRESS NOTE

Subject: Biennial Elections to the Council of States (Rajya Sabha) to fill the seats of members retiring in April, 1998 and Bye-election to fill one casual vacancy.

The term of office of 23 members of Rajya Sabha elected from 8 States is due to expire on their retirement in April, 1998 as detailed below:-

Sl. No.	Name of the State	No. of members retiring	Date of retirement
1.	Andhra Pradesh	6	2-4-1998
2.	Assam	2	2-4-1998
3.	Himachal Pradesh	1	2-4-1998
4.	Karnataka	4	2-4-1998
5.	Kerala	3	2-4-1998
6.	Nagaland	1	2-4-1998
7.	Tripura	1	2-4-1998
8.	Punjab	5	9-4-1998

A statement showing the names of members retiring as mentioned above is given in the appendix.

The Commission has decided to hold Biennial Elections for vacancies occurring in April, 1998 as per following schedule.

SCHEDULE

- (a) Issue of Notification by the President 10-03-1998
(Tuesday)
- (b) Last date for making nominations 17-03-1998
(Tuesday)
- (c) The date for scrutiny of nominations 18-03-1998
- (d) Last date for withdrawal of candidatures 20-03-1998
- (e) The date on which a poll shall, if necessary, 27-03-1998 be taken (Friday)
- (f) Date before which the election shall be completed 30-03-1998 (Monday)
- (g) Hours of poll , if necessary 10.00 A.M. to 2.00 P.M.
- (h) Counting of votes, if required 3.00 P.M. onwards on 27-03-1998

BYE-ELECTION FROM WEST BENGAL

There is a vacancy in Rajya Sabha due to the death on 21-12-1997 of Shri Tridib Chowdhury elected from the State of West Bengal. The remaining term of the seat is up to 18-08-1999. Commission has decided to

fill this casual vacancy also alongwith the Biennial Elections mentioned above with the same schedule.

APPENDIX

STATEMENT OF BIENNIAL ELECTIONS TO RAJY SABHA

IN APRIL 1998.

MEMBERS RETIRING ON 2-4-1998.

NAME OF THE STATE	NAMES OF THE MEMBERS RETIRING
ANDHRA PRADESH	1. Shri Sudini Jaipal Reddy 2. Shri G. Prathapa Reddy 3. Shri Rajeshwar Rao 4. Smt. Renuka Chowdhu 5. Shri Sarvarayudu Chowdary 6. Shri Hanumantha Rao, V
ASSAM	1. Shri Tara Charan Mazumdar 2. Shri Matan
HIMACHAL PRADESH	1. Shri Maheshwar Singh
KARNATAKA	1. Shri Gundappa 2. Shri K.R. Jayadevappa 3. Smt. Margaret Alva 4. Shri Satchidananda
KERALA	1. Shri B.V. Abdulla Koya 2. Shri M.A. Baby 3. Shri Thennala G. Balakrishna
NAGALAND	1. Shri Vizol
TRIPURA	1. Shri Sudhir Ranjan Mazumdar
<u>MEMBERS RETIRING ON 9-04-1998</u>	
PUNJAB	1. Shri Jagir Singh 2. Shri Balbir Singh 3. Shri Venod Kumar 4. Shri Iqbal Singh 5. Shri Surinder Kumar Singla

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