

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

No. MCS/PN/20/98

Dated : 19th March, 1998

**PRESS NOTE**

**Subject : Bye-Elections to the Council of States (Rajya Sabha) to fill the seats of members elected to-the Lok Sabha during the recently concluded General Elections,1998 and to fill one casual-vacancy from the State of Gujarat**

Nine (9) Members of Council of States have been elected to Lok Sabha and as such their seats have become vacant from the date of declaration of results. Of these nine members, the term of retirements of five members is due to expire on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 1998; 29<sup>th</sup> June, 1998; 4<sup>th</sup> July, 1998; and 7<sup>th</sup> July, 1998. The remaining four vacancies are to be filled for the remainder of their term.

Besides these four vacancies, one vacancy has been caused due to resignation by Smt. Anandiben Jetabhai Patel from Gujarat. The above five vacancies which are required to be filled are as under:

Sl.No.	Name of the Member	Name of the State	Date of retirement
1.	Shri H.D.Deve Gowda	Karnataka	09.04.2002
2.	Prof. Saifuddin Soz	Jammu & Kashmir	25.11.2002
3.	Smt. Jayanti Patnaik	Orissa	02.04.2002
4.	Shri K.Karunakaran	Kerala	21.04.2003
5.	Smt. Anandiben Jetabhai Patel	Gujarat	02.04.2000

The Commission has decided to hold the bye-elections to fill these five vacancies as per following schedule:

**SCHEDULE**

- (a) the 26<sup>th</sup> March, 1998 (Thursday), the date of issue of notification;
- (b) the 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 1998 (Thursday), as the last date for making nominations;
- (c) the 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 1998 (Friday), as the date for scrutiny of nominations;
- (d) the 6<sup>th</sup> April, 1998 (Monday), as the last date for the withdrawal of candidatures;
- (e) the 15<sup>th</sup> April, 1998 (Wednesday), as the date on which a poll shall, if necessary, be taken;
- (f) the 17<sup>th</sup> April, 1998 (Friday), as the date before which the election shall be completed.

**(BABU RAM)**  
**SECRETARY**