

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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PRESS NOTE

Subject: Biennial Elections and Bye-Elections to the Council of States and State Legislative Councils by (MLAs).

There are 4 vacancies lying vacant in the Council of States from the State of Karnataka due to the retirement of the following members whose term of office has expired on 9th April, 2008 :-

1.	Shri Janardhana Poojary
2.	Smt. Prema Cariappa
3.	Shri M.V.Rajashekaran
4.	Dr. Vijay Mallya

For the purpose of filling up the said vacancies, the biennial election could not be conducted, due to non-existence of the Electoral College i.e. the Karnataka Legislative Assembly on that date.

(2) There is another vacancy going to be vacant on 18th July, 2008 in the Council of State from Mizoram due to the retirement of the sitting member Shri Lalhmingliana.

(3) Also there are 3 casual vacancies lying vacant in the Council of States as detailed below :-

S. No.	Name of State	Name of Member	Cause of vacancy	Date of vacancy	Term of office upto
1	Bihar	Shri Jai Narayan Prasad Nishad	Disqualified in term of paragraph 2(1)(a) of the Tenth Schedule to the Constitution of India	26.03.2008	19.07.2010
2	Nagaland	Shri T. R. Zeliang	Resignation	24.03.2008	02.04.2010
3.	West Bengal	Dr. Barun Mukherjee	Resignation	06.05.2008	02.04.2012

(4) Apart from the aforesaid seats, there are also 7 seats in the Karnataka Legislative Council going to be vacant on 30.06.2008 due to retirement of the following members, who were elected by MLAs :-

S.No.	Name of Member	Date of retirement
1.	Dr. V.S. Acharya	30.06.2008
2.	Prof. B.K. Chandrashekhar	30.06.2008
3.	Sh. Khot Sachidananda	30.06.2008
4.	Sh. Kattimani Ashok	30.06.2008
5.	Sh. D. Madegowda	30.06.2008
6.	Smt. Rathna	30.06.2008
7.	Sh. Saleem Ahmed	30.06.2008

(5) One casual vacancy is existing in the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council due to the resignation of the sitting member Shri H. A. Rahman on 08.03.2008 whose term of office is expiring on 29.03.2009.

(6) In view of the above, the Commission has decided to hold :-

- i) Biennial election from Karnataka for 4 seats to the Council of States;
- ii) Biennial election from Mizoram for 1 seat to the Council of States;
- iii) Bye-election from Bihar to the Council of States;
- iv) Bye-election from Nagaland to the Council of States;
- v) Bye-election from West Bengal to the Council of States;
- vi) Biennial election to the Karnataka Legislative Council by MLAs for 7 seats.
- vii) Bye-election to the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council by MLAs

in accordance with the following programme :-

2	Issue of Notifications	09.06.2008 (Monday)
3	Last date of making nominations	16.06.2008 (Monday)
4	Scrutiny of nominations	17.06.2008 (Tuesday)

5	Last date for withdrawal of candidatures	19.06.2008 (Thursday)
6	Date of poll	26.06.2008 (Thursday)
7	Hours of poll	9.00 A.M. to 4.00 P.M
8	Counting of Votes	26.06.2008 (Thursday) at 5.00 PM
9	Date before which election shall be completed	28.06.2008 (Saturday)

(S. K. RUDOLA)
SECRETARY