

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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PRESS NOTE

Subject: Biennial/Bye Elections to the Council of States (Rajya Sabha) and State Legislative Councils of Bihar and Maharashtra by (MLAs)-2008.

The Election Commission has decided to hold Biennial Elections to the Council of States, Biennial Elections to the State Legislative Councils by the Members of Legislative Assemblies and a Bye-Election to the Council of States from the State of Bihar.

i) **Biennial Elections to the Council of States: -**

Biennial Elections to the Council of States from 17 States are to be held to fill up 56 seats.

The details of seats are as under: -

S. No.	Name of the States	No. of members	Date of retirement
1.	Maharashtra	7	02-04-2008
2.	Orissa	4	02-04-2008
3.	Tamil Nadu	6	02-04-2008
4.	West Bengal	5	02-04-2008
5.	Andhra Pradesh	6	09-04-2008
6.	Assam	3	09-04-2008
7.	Bihar	5	09-04-2008
8.	Chhattisgarh	2	09-04-2008
9.	Gujarat	4	09-04-2008
10.	Haryana	2	09-04-2008
11.	Himachal Pradesh	1	09-04-2008
12.	Jharkhand	2	09-04-2008
13.	Madhya Pradesh	3	09-04-2008
14.	Manipur	1	09-04-2008
15.	Rajasthan	3	09-04-2008
16.	Meghalaya	1	12-04-2008
17.	Arunachal Pradesh	1	26-05-2008

A statement showing the details of the abovementioned vacancies is given in Appendix `A`.

Also there are 04 (Four) seats in the Council of States, which are going to become vacant on 9th April, 2008, due to retirement of sitting members (1) Janardhana Poojary, (2) Prema Cariappa,

(3) M.V. Rajashekar and (4) Vijay Mallya, elected from the State of Karnataka. Since the Legislative Assembly of Karnataka has been dissolved w.e.f. 28th November, 2007 vide Notification no. V/11013/6/2007-CSR dated 28th November, 2007, the biennial elections to fill the above mentioned 04 (four) seats arising out of the retirement of the said members can not be held for the non-existence of Electoral College from that State.

ii) Biennial Elections to the State Legislative Council by MLAs :-

Biennial Elections to the Legislative Councils of Maharashtra and Bihar by the Members of Legislative Assemblies of Maharashtra and Bihar respectively are to be held to fill up 18 seats.

S.No.	Name of State	No. of Members	Date of retirement
1.	Maharashtra	9	24-04-2008
2.	Bihar	9	06-05-2008

A statement showing the details of the abovementioned vacancies is given in Appendix `B`.

iii) Bye Elections to the Council of States: -

A Bye-Election to the Council of States from Bihar to fill a casual vacancy occurred due to the death of Shri Motiur Rahman on 18.12.2007, is also required to be held.

2. The Election Commission of India has decided that above mentioned Biennial Elections / Bye-Election shall be held in accordance with the following programme: -

1	Issue of Notifications	: 8th March, 2008 (Saturday)
2	Last date of making nominations	: 15 th March, 2008 (Saturday)
3	Scrutiny of nominations	: 17 th March, 2008 (Monday)
4	Last date for withdrawal of candidatures	: 19 th March, 2008 (Wednesday)
5	Date of poll	: 26th March, 2008 (Wednesday)
6	Hours of poll	: 9.00 A.M. to 4.00 P.M
7	Counting of Votes	: 26th March, 2008 (Wednesday) at 5.00 PM
8	Date before which election shall be completed	: 29 th March, 2008 (Saturday)

(BERNARD JOHN)
SECRETARY

Appendix - A

Sl. No.	State	Name of Member	Date of Retirement
1.	MAHARASHTRA	Goyal Vedprakash Prithvinath	02.04.2008
2.		Chavan Prithviraj Dajisaheb	02.04.2008
3.		Thakur Eknath Keshav	02.04.2008
4.		Deora Murli Sitaram	02.04.2008
5.		Dhoot Rajkumar Nandlal	02.04.2008
6.		Alexander Padinjarethalakkal Cherian	02.04.2008
7.		Meghe Dattatraya Raghobaji	02.04.2008
8.	ORISSA	Surendra Lath	02.04.2008
9.		Pramila Bahidar	02.04.2008
10.		Sushree Devi	02.04.2008
11.		Dilip Kumar Ray	02.04.2008
12.	TAMIL NADU	R. Shunmugasundaram	02.04.2008
13.		S.P.M. Syed Khan	02.04.2008
14.		Thanga Tamilselvan	02.04.2008
15.		C.Perumal	02.04.2008
16.		G.K. Vasana	02.04.2008
17.		N.Jothi	02.04.2008
18.	WEST BENGAL	Dinesh Trivedi	02.04.2008
19.		Prasanta Chatterjee	02.04.2008
20.		Tarini Kanta Ray	02.04.2008
21.		Sk. Khabir Uddin Ahmed	02.04.2008
22.		Debabrata Biswas	02.04.2008
23.	ANDHRA PD.	Akarapu Sudershan	09.04.2008
24.		Thikkavarapu Subba Rami Reddi	09.04.2008
25.		N.P.Durga	09.04.2008
26.		Nanda Yellaiah	09.04.2008
27.		Ravula Chandra Sheker Reddy	09.04.2008
28.		Lal Jan Basha S.M.	09.04.2008
29.	ASSAM	Karnendu Bhattacharjee	09.04.2008
30.		Dwijendra Nath Sharmah	09.04.2008
31.		Urkhao Gwra Brahma	09.04.2008
32.	BIHAR	Prem Chand Gupta	09.04.2008
33.		Ramdeb Bhandary	09.04.2008
34.		Magni Lal Mandal	09.04.2008
35.		Vashist Narain Singh	09.04.2008
36.		Shatrughan Pd. Sinha	09.04.2008
37.	CHHATTISGARH	Motilal Vora	09.04.2008
38.		Ramdhar	09.04.2008
39.	GUJARAT	Vacant	09.04.2008
40.		Patel Keshubhai Savdasbhai	09.04.2008
41.		Barot Jayantilal Sitaram	09.04.2008
42.		Kshatriya Alkaben Balarambhai	09.04.2008
43.	HARYANA	Ram Prakash	09.04.2008
44.		Harendra Singh Malik	09.04.2008

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45.	HIMACHAL PRADESH	Vacant	09.04.2008
46.	JHARKHAND	Ajay Kr. Masro	09.04.2008
47.		Devdas Apte	09.04.2008
48.	MADHYA PRADESH	Maya Singh	09.04.2008
49.		Mohd. Obedulla Khan	09.04.2008
50.		Suresh Pachouri	09.04.2008
51.	MANIPUR	Rishang Keishing	09.04.2008
52.	RAJASTHAN	Gyan Prakash Paliania	09.04.2008
53.		K.Natwar Singh	09.04.2008
54.		Prabha Thakur	09.04.2008
55.	MEGHALAYA	Robert Kharshiing	12.04.2008
56.	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	Nabam Rebia	26.05.2008

Appendix - B

MAHARASHTRA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (ELECTED BY MLAS.)

S.No.	Name of the Member	Date of Retirement
1.	Gangane Sudhakar Ramkrishna	24.04.2008
2.	Gorhe Neelam Diwakar	24.04.2008
3.	Tawade Vinod Shreedhar	24.04.2008
4.	Deshmukh Shivajirao Bapusaheb	24.04.2008
5.	Pol Sadashiv Abaji	24.04.2008
6.	Phundkar Pandurang Pundalik	24.04.2008
7.	Patil Ranajagjitsinha Padmsinha	24.04.2008
8.	Ranpise Sharad Namdeo	24.04.2008
9.	Sarpotdar Madhukar Raghunath	24.04.2008

BIHAR LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (ELECTED BY MLAS.)

S.No.	Name of the Member	Date of Retirement
1.	Kameshwar Chaupal	06.05.2008
2.	Vinoy Kumar Sinha	06.05.2008
3.	Srimati Jyoti	06.05.2008
4.	Nagendra Pd. Singh	06.05.2008
5.	Giriraj Singh	06.05.2008
6.	Vadshah Pd. Azad	06.05.2008
7.	Gita Kumari	06.05.2008
8.	Yunus Lohiya	06.05.2008
9.	Mohd. Tanvir Hasan	06.05.2008