

Schedule for bye-elections to fill clear vacancy in Parliamentary Constituencies of Kerala and Jammu & Kashmir and State Legislative Assemblies of Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Jharkhand, NCT of Delhi and Sikkim - Regarding.

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I. There are following clear vacancies in Parliamentary constituencies and State Legislative Assemblies of various States, which need to be filled up:

Sl. No.	State	Parliamentary Constituency No. & Name
1	Jammu & Kashmir	2 - Srinagar PC 3 - Anantnag PC
2	Kerala	6 - Malappuram PC

Sl. No.	State	Assembly Constituency No. & Name
1	Assam	113 - Dhemaji (ST) AC
2	Himachal Pradesh	36 - Bhoranj (SC) AC
3	Madhya Pradesh	09 - Ater AC 89 - Bandhavgarh (ST) AC
4	West Bengal	216 - Kanthi Dakshin AC
5	Rajasthan	79 - Dholpur AC
6	Karnataka	214 - Nanjangud (SC) AC 224 - Gundlupet AC
7	Tamil Nadu	11 - Dr.Radhakrishnan Nagar AC
8	Jharkhand	04 - Litipara (ST) AC
9	Sikkim	28 - Upper Burtuk AC
10	NCT of Delhi	27 - Rajouri Garden AC

II. After taking into consideration various factors like, climatic conditions, major festivals, prevailing law & order electoral rolls, availability of central police force etc., the Commission has decided to hold bye-elections to fill these vacancies. Schedule for holding bye-elections in Assembly Constituencies of **Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Jharkhand and NCT of Delhi** is as under:-

Poll Events	Schedule
Date of Issue of Gazette Notification	14.03.2017 (TUE)
Last Date of Nomination	21.03.2017 (TUE)
Date for Scrutiny of Nomination	22.03.2017 (WED)
Last Date of Withdrawal of candidatures	24.03.2017 (FRI)
Date of Poll	09.04.2017 (SUN)
Date of Counting	13.04.2017 (THU)
Date before which election shall be completed	15.04.2017 (SAT)

III. Schedule of holding bye-election in Parliamentary Constituency of **Kerala** and Assembly Constituencies of **Tamil Nadu and Sikkim** is as under:

Poll Events	Schedule for Kerala	Schedule for Tamil Nadu and Sikkim
Date of Issue of Gazette Notification	16.03.2017 (THU)	16.03.2017 (THU)
Last Date of Nomination	23.03.2017 (THU)	23.03.2017 (THU)
Date for Scrutiny of Nomination	24.03.2017 (FRI)	24.03.2017 (FRI)
Last Date of Withdrawal of candidatures	27.03.2017 (MON)	27.03.2017 (MON)
Date of Poll	12.04.2017 (WED)	12.04.2017 (WED)
Date of Counting	17.04.2017	15.04.2017

	(MON)	(SAT)
Date before which election shall be completed	18.04.2017 (TUE)	17.04.2017 (MON)

IV. Schedule for holding bye-election in Parliamentary Constituencies of **Jammu & Kashmir** is as under:

Poll Events	Phase-1 (2-Srinagar PC)	Phase-2 (3 - Anantnag PC)
Date of Issue of Gazette Notification	14.03.2017 (TUE)	17.03.2017 (FRI)
Last Date of Nomination	21.03.2017 (TUE)	24.03.2017 (FRI)
Date for Scrutiny of Nomination	22.03.2017 (WED)	27.03.2017 (MON)
Last Date of Withdrawal of candidatures	24.03.2017 (FRI)	29.03.2017 (WED)
Date of Poll	09.04.2017 (SUN)	12.04.2017 (WED)
Date of Counting	15.04.2017 (SAT)	
Date before which election shall be completed	16.04.2017 (SUN)	

V. ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Roll with reference to 01.01.2017 has been finally published on 05.01.2017 in respect of West Bengal, Sikkim and Tamil Nadu, on 10.01.2017 in respect of Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, NCT of Delhi and Karnataka, on 16.01.2017 in respect of Rajasthan and Jharkhand and in respect of Assam and Kerala the electoral roll was published on 20.01.2017 and 14.01.2017 respectively.

VI. ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES (EVMs)

The Commission has decided to use EVMs in the bye-elections in all the polling stations. Adequate numbers of EVMs have been made available and all steps have been taken to ensure that the polls are conducted smoothly with the help of these machines.

VII. IDENTIFICATION OF VOTERS

In consonance with the past practice, the Commission has decided that the voter's identification shall be mandatory in the aforementioned bye-elections at the time of poll. Electoral Photo Identity Cards (EPIC) shall be the main document of identification of a voter. However, in order to ensure that no voter is deprived of his/her franchise, if his/her name figures in the Electoral Rolls, separate instructions will be issued to allow additional documents for identification of voters at the time of poll in the said bye-elections.

VIII. MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

The Model Code of Conduct shall come into force with immediate effect in the district(s) in which the whole or any part of the Parliamentary/Assembly Constituencies going for bye-elections is included, subject to partial modification as issued vide Commission's instruction No. 437/INST/2012/CC&BE, dated 26th April, 2012 (available on the Commission's website). The Model Code of Conduct shall be applicable to all candidates, political parties and the State Governments concerned. The Model Code of Conduct shall also be applicable to the Union Government for the States concerned.

Election Commission of India

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