



## **Election Schedule Codebook 1.1**

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## 1. Introduction

The Election Schedule Dataset (TCPD-ESD) is a corpus of data including all schedules for Vidhan Sabha and Lok Sabha elections from January 1967 to March 2022. The data come from the official Election Commission of India (ECI) website (<https://eci.gov.in/>), the Times of India archives, and the National Archives of India.

The data includes dates of announcement, notification, last day of nomination, polling, counting, and result announcements for each election.

This codebook provides information about the variables included in the Election Schedule dataset. The codebook will be updated as and when new information is added to the dataset.

The information in this dataset has been taken from the aforementioned sources as of 19 September, 2022. Many of the data from 1998 to the present was sourced from press releases from the ECI website. The ECI website also includes statistical reports for General Elections and state-wise elections, in which many of the counting and result announcement dates were found. Prior to 1998, most of the dates were sourced from Times of India articles containing the announced programmes as well as additional articles announcing the results. Some earlier election schedules were found in the National Archives of India.

We hope that you will find this dataset useful and request that you cite the data as indicated in the codebook, whenever you use the data in a publication or public presentation.

With thanks,  
TCPD Team



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1. Table 1: Variable names, type, and description

No.	Variable Name	Variable Type	Variable Description
1.	State	string	<p>Name of the state. The states covered are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Andhra Pradesh</li> <li>2. Arunachal Pradesh</li> <li>3. Assam</li> <li>4. Bihar</li> <li>5. Chhattisgarh</li> <li>6. Delhi</li> <li>7. Goa/Goa, Daman and Diu</li> <li>8. Gujarat</li> <li>9. Haryana</li> <li>10. Himachal Pradesh</li> <li>11. Jammu &amp; Kashmir</li> <li>12. Jharkhand</li> <li>13. Karnataka/Mysore</li> <li>14. Kerala</li> <li>15. Madhya Pradesh</li> <li>16. Maharashtra</li> <li>17. Manipur</li> <li>18. Meghalaya</li> <li>19. Mizoram</li> <li>20. Nagaland</li> <li>21. Odisha</li> <li>22. Puducherry</li> <li>23. Punjab</li> <li>24. Rajasthan</li> <li>25. Sikkim</li> <li>26. Tamil Nadu</li> <li>27. Telangana</li> <li>28. Tripura</li> <li>29. Uttar Pradesh</li> <li>30. Uttarakhand</li> <li>31. West Bengal</li> </ol>
2.	Election	numeric	The number of the election in the state.

3.	Year	numeric	The year of the election poll.
4.	Date of Announcement	date(dd-mm-yyyy)	The day, month, and year the election was announced by the ECI.
5.	Date of Notification - Phase 1	date(dd-mm-yyyy)	The day, month, and year of the first election notification.
6.	Date of Notification - Phase 2	date(dd-mm-yyyy)	The day, month, and year of the second election notification, if exists.
7.	Last Day of Nomination - phase 1	date(dd-mm-yyyy)	The day, month, and year of the first date of the last day of nomination.
8.	Last Day of Nomination - phase 2	date(dd-mm-yyyy)	The day, month, and year of the second date of the last day of nomination, if exists.
9.	Polling Date - Phase 1	date(dd-mm-yyyy)	The day, month, and year of the first polling date.
10.	Polling Date - Phase 2	date(dd-mm-yyyy)	The day, month, and year of the second polling date, if exists.
11.	Polling Date - Phase 3	date(dd-mm-yyyy)	The day, month, and year of the third polling date, if exists.
12.	Counting	date(dd-mm-yyyy)	The day, month, and year of the first date of counting.
13.	Result Announcement	date(dd-mm-yyyy)	The day, month, and year of the date in which
14.	Total Days	numeric	The number of days between the data of announcement and result announcement.
15.	Share of the Year	numeric	The percentage of total days per year. This is calculated by dividing the value of total days by 365 and multiplying it by 100.
16.	Notes	string	Describes any anomalies or specific information regarding the schedule of the election.
17.	Source	string	Provides the information for where the data was obtained through the ECI website, Times of India archives, or National Archives of India.



#### **4. Documentation Process**

All the information for this dataset was taken from the official website of the Election Commission of India (<https://eci.gov.in/>), the Times of India archives, and the National Archives of India. The data were manually inputted into a tabular format.

#### **5. Exceptions**

There are numerous reasons why additional information is needed to clarify the timing and schedule of elections in the "Notes" variable. Examples include postponed General Elections in Punjab and Assam from 1984 to 1985, a subset of constituencies in a state holding later polling or announcing the result later, or rescheduled polls (i.e. Bihar Assembly Elections in 1995).