

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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PRESS NOTE

Subject: Schedule for the General Election to the Legislative Assembly of Uttar Pradesh

The term of the Legislative Assembly of Uttar Pradesh is normally due to expire on 14th May 2007. By virtue of its powers, duties and functions under Article 324 read with Article 172(1) of the Constitution of India, Section 15 of Representation of the People Act, 1951, the Commission is under a constitutional mandate to hold general election to constitute the new Legislative Assembly in the State at anytime within a period of six months before the expiry of its present term.

ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCIES

2. There are 403 Assembly Constituencies (ACs) in Uttar Pradesh out of which 89 seats are reserved for the Scheduled Castes.

ELECTORAL ROLLS

3. General Election will be conducted in the State on the basis of the electoral rolls revised with reference to 01.01.07 as the qualifying date. The Electoral roll revision process in the State has been completed and the final publication was made on 15.1.07. As per final rolls, there are 11, 43, 44, 243 electors in the State. The Commission had closely monitored the revision process by deputing 21 senior officers as observers to the State during the revision period. The electoral rolls of all the Assembly Constituencies of the State have been computerized and are available on the website of the Chief Electoral Officer, Uttar Pradesh. Electoral Rolls of the State are additionally available on ECI's website with a search facility.

ELECTORS PHOTO IDENTITY CARDS (EPIC)

4. Identification of voters at the polling booth at the time of poll shall be mandatory. Presently, in Uttar Pradesh, EPIC coverage stands at 75.71%. The Commission has issued instructions to continue the campaign for increasing the EPIC coverage.

ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES (EVMs)

5 The Elections in the State will be conducted at all polling stations using EVMs. The Commission has already made arrangements to ensure availability of adequate number of EVMs for the smooth conduct of elections. These EVMs are the new makes with 'time stamping' feature.

INDELIBLE INK

6. The Commission in recent times has been adopting a new procedure for the application of indelible ink. The new procedure of applying the ink as a line running from top of the nail to the bottom of first joint of the left forefinger will be followed during the forthcoming general election also.

LAW AND ORDER AND DEPLOYMENT OF FORCES

7. Based on the assessment of ground situation, Central Para Military Forces (CPMFs) and State Armed Police (SAPs) drawn from other States will be deployed during the ensuing general election. The CPMF and SAP will be used generally for safeguarding the polling stations and for providing security to the electors and polling personnel at the polling stations on poll day. Besides, these forces will be used for securing the strong rooms where the EVMs are stored and at the counting centers. Wherever needed, the CPMF will be deployed in advance for area domination. The identification of polling stations requiring coverage by CPMF in various assembly constituencies will be made in consultation with the ECI Observers.

8. The Commission has been issuing instructions from time to time with regard to advance preventive measures to be taken by the District Magistrates and Police authorities to maintain the Law & Order and to create atmosphere conducive for the conduct of free and fair elections. The Commission will be monitoring the ground situation closely and will take appropriate measures to ensure peaceful, free and fair polls in the State.

OBSERVERS

10. The Commission will be deploying General and Expenditure Observers to ensure smooth conduct of forthcoming General Election. The Observers will be asked to keep a close watch on the electoral process to ensure free and fair elections.

CONDUCT OF OFFICIALS

11. The Commission expects all officials engaged in the conduct of elections to discharge their duties in an impartial manner without any fear or favour. Several instructions have been issued from time to time to ensure impartiality of officials who are engaged in conduct of elections. The conduct of all government officials who have been entrusted with election related responsibilities and duties would remain under constant scrutiny of the Commission and strict action shall be taken against those officials who are found wanting on any account.

12. The Commission has already given instructions that no election related official or Police officer of the rank of Sub Inspector and above shall be allowed to continue in his home district. Besides, instructions have also been issued that all the election related officials including the police officials who have completed three years in a district during last four years should be transferred out of that district. For this purpose, the posts of Sergeant Major or equivalent who is responsible for deployment of forces have also been covered for transfer under these instructions. The Government of the State has also been asked to transfer all those officers against whom the Commission has recommended disciplinary action or who have been charged for any lapse during previous elections or for any election related work, from the positions entailing any election work.

13. The Government of the State have been instructed to ensure that those who stand transferred shall move out physically of their last place of posting and not remain there on any pretext including leave.

14. The Commission has also instructed the State Government not to associate any officer with the electoral process against whom charges have been framed in a court of law in any case.

POLLING STATIONS

15. In order to facilitate voting, the Commission has decided to open auxiliary Polling Stations in the same building for the booths, where the number of electors exceeds 1500, and provide additional polling personnel at polling stations where such auxiliary polling stations cannot be opened. For the facility of disabled persons, instructions have been issued to ensure that all polling stations are located at ground floor and ramps are provided.

POLLING PARTIES AND RANDOMIZATION

16. Polling parties shall be formed randomly, using a common statewide computer programme for randomization. Three-stage randomization will be adopted. First, from a wider district database of eligible officials a shortlist of about 120% of the required numbers will be randomized. This group will be trained for polling duties. In the second stage, from this trained manpower, actual polling parties shall be formed by random selection software in the presence of ECI Observers. In the last stage, the polling stations will be allocated just before the polling party's departure by random number generation. The Central Government Employees will be utilized for the forthcoming elections to the extent possible.

COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

18. The District Election Officers have been asked to prepare a comprehensive communication plan using multi-mode resources such as landline telephones, mobile telephones, wireless sets etc., to facilitate effective monitoring and control on the day of poll. They have also been asked to open Help lines /Control Rooms in each AC for the convenience of electors.

VIDEOGRAPHY

19. The Commission has issued detailed guidelines for video coverage of all critical events during the election process and polling at sensitive / hypersensitive polling booths on the poll day. The digital cameras will also be deployed inside the booths wherever possible.

PROTECTION TO SC/ST ELECTORS

20. As per Section 3 (1) (vii) of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, whoever, not being a member of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe, forces or intimidates a member of a Scheduled Caste or a Scheduled Tribe not to vote or to vote to a particular candidate or to vote in a manner other than that provided by law shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than six months but which may extend to five years and with fine. The Commission has asked the State Government to bring these provisions to the notice of all concerned for prompt action.

MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

21. **The Model Code of Conduct comes into effect immediately from now onwards.** The Code will apply to the whole of the State of Uttar Pradesh and will be applicable to all candidates, political parties, the State Government and the Union Government.

SCHEDULE

General Election to Legislative Assembly:

22. The Commission has prepared the schedule for holding General Election to the Legislative Assembly of Uttar Pradesh after taking into consideration all relevant aspects like the school examination schedules, various festivals, prevailing law and order situation including the problems posed by the extremist elements in the State, availability of Central Para Military Forces (CPMFs), time needed for movement and proper deployment of forces, and after assessment of other ground realities.

23. The Commission after considering all relevant aspects has decided to recommend to the Governor of Uttar Pradesh to issue notification for the said General Election to the Legislative Assembly of the State under the relevant provisions of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, as per the schedules given in the **Annexure I**.

24. The names of the Assembly Constituencies going to poll in a particular phase are in **Annexure II**.

Bye-Elections to Lok Sabha

25. Apart from this, there are 3 vacancies in the Lok Sabha from 49 – Robertsganj (SC), 50 – Mirzapur and 60 – Bilhour Parliamentary Constituencies of the State. The Commission has decided to hold the bye-elections for filling up of these vacancies as per the same schedule as that of the general election to their constituent legislative assembly constituencies.

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Annexure I

Schedule for General Election to the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly, 2007

Phase	Issue of notification	Last date for making nominations	Scrutiny of nominations	Last date for withdrawal of candidature	Date of poll	Counting of votes	Date before which election process shall be completed
Phase I	13.03. 07 (Tuesday)	20.03.07 (Tuesday)	21.03.07 (Wednesday)	23.03.07 (Friday)	07.04.07 (Saturday)	11.05.2007 (Friday)	13.05.2007 (Sunday)
Phase - II	17.03.07 (Saturday)	24.03.07 (Saturday)	26.03.07 (Monday)	28.03.07 (Wednesday)	13.04.07 (Friday)	11.05.2007 (Friday)	13.05.2007 (Sunday)
Phase - III	23 .03.07 (Friday)	30.03.07 (Friday)	02.04.07 (Monday)	04.04.07 (Wednesday)	18.04.07 (Wednesday)	11.05.2007 (Friday)	13.05.2007 (Sunday)
Phase – IV	28.03.07 (Wednesday)	04.04.07 (Wednesday)	05.04.07 (Thursday)	07. 04.07 (Saturday)	23.04.07 (Monday)	11.05.2007 (Friday)	13.05.2007 (Sunday)
Phase - V	03.04.07 (Tuesday)	10.04.07 (Tuesday)	11.04.07 (Wednesday)	13.04.07 (Friday)	28.04.07 (Saturday)	11.05.2007 (Friday)	13.05.2007 (Sunday)
Phase – VI	05.04.07 (Thursday)	12.04.07 (Thursday)	13.04.07 (Friday)	16.04.07 (Monday)	03.05.07 (Thursday)	11.05.2007 (Friday)	13.05.2007 (Sunday)
Phase - VII	13.04.07 (Friday)	20.04.07 (Friday)	21.04.07 (Saturday)	23.04.07 (Monday)	08.05.07 (Tuesday)	11.05.2007 (Friday)	13.05.2007 (Sunday)

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Poll Days of Assembly Constituencies in different phases

Phase - I : Poll Date 07.04.2007

No. of Assembly Constituencies 62

AC No.	& Name	AC Type	AC No.	& Name	AC Type
271	Aryanagar	GEN	319	Madhogarh	GEN
272	Sisamau	SC	320	Bhogaon	GEN
273	Generalganj	GEN	321	Kishni	SC
274	Kanpur Cantonment	GEN	322	Karhal	GEN
275	Govind Nagar	GEN	323	Shikohabad	GEN
276	Kalyanpur	GEN	324	Jasrana	GEN
277	Sarsaul	GEN	325	Ghiror	GEN
278	Ghatampur	GEN	326	Mainpuri	GEN
279	Bhognipur	SC	327	Aliganj	GEN
280	Rajpur	GEN	328	Patiyali	GEN
281	Sarvankhera	GEN	329	Sakeet	GEN
282	Chaubepur	GEN	330	Soron	GEN
283	Bilhaur	SC	331	Kasganj	GEN
284	Derapur	GEN	332	Etah	GEN
285	Auraiya	GEN	333	Nidhauri Kalan	GEN
286	Ajitmal	SC	334	Jalesar	SC
287	Lakhana	SC	335	Firozabad	GEN
288	Etawah	GEN	336	Bah	GEN
289	Jaswantnagar	GEN	337	Fatehabad	GEN
290	Bharthana	GEN	338	Tundla	SC
291	Bidhuna	GEN	339	Etmadpur	SC
305	Hamirpur	GEN	340	Dayalbagh Agra	GEN
306	Maudaha	GEN	341	Cantonment.	GEN
307	Rath	GEN	342	Agra East	GEN
308	Charkhari	SC	343	Agra West	SC
309	Mahoba	GEN	344	Kheragarh	GEN
310	Mehroni	GEN	345	Fatehpur Sikri	GEN
311	Lalitpur	GEN			
312	Jhansi	GEN			
313	Babina	SC			
314	Mauranipur	SC			

315	Garautha	GEN
316	Konch	SC
317	Orai	GEN
318	Kalpi	GEN

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Phase - II : Poll Date 13.04.2007

No. of Assembly Constituencies 58

AC No.	& Name	AC Type	AC No.	& Name	AC Type
346	Goverdhan	SC	381	Meerut	GEN
347	Mathura	GEN	382	Kharkhauda	GEN
348	Chhata	GEN	383	Siwalkhas	SC
349	Mat	GEN	384	Khekra	GEN
350	Gokul	GEN	385	Baghpat	GEN
351	Sadabad	GEN	386	Barnawa	GEN
352	Hathras	GEN	387	Chhaprauli	GEN
353	Sasni	SC	388	Kandhla	GEN
354	Sikandara Rao	GEN	389	Khatauli	GEN
355	Gangiri	GEN	390	Jansath	SC
356	Atrauli	GEN	391	Morna	GEN
357	Aligarh	GEN	392	Muzaffarnagar	GEN
358	Koil	SC	393	Charthawal	SC
359	Iglas	GEN	394	Baghra	GEN
360	Barauli	GEN	395	Kairana	GEN
361	Khair	GEN	396	Thana Bhawan	GEN
362	Jewar	SC	397	Nakur	GEN
363	Khurja	GEN	398	Sarsawa	GEN
364	Debai	GEN	399	Nagal	SC
365	Anupshahr	GEN	400	Deoband	GEN
366	Siana	GEN	401	Harora	SC
367	Agota	GEN	402	Saharanpur	GEN
368	Bulandshahr	GEN	403	Muzaffarabad	GEN
369	Shikarpur	SC			
370	Sikandrabad	GEN			
371	Dadri	GEN			
372	Ghaziabad	GEN			
373	Muradnagar	GEN			
374	Modinagar	GEN			
375	Hapur	SC			
376	Garhmukteshwar	GEN			

377	Kithore	GEN
378	Hastinapur(SC)	SC
379	Sardhana	GEN
380	Meerut Cant	GEN

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Phase - III : Poll Date

18.04.2007

No. of Assembly Constituencies 57

AC No.	& Name	AC Type	AC No.	& Name	AC Type
1	Seohara	GEN	36	Bareilly City	GEN
2	Dhampur	GEN	37	Nawabganj	GEN
3	Afzalgarh	GEN	38	Bhojipura	GEN
4	Nagina	SC	39	Kawar	GEN
5	Nazibabad	SC	40	Baheri	GEN
6	Bijnor	GEN	41	Pilibhit	GEN
7	Chandpur	GEN	42	Barkhera	SC
8	Kanth	GEN	43	Bisalpur	GEN
9	Amroha	GEN	44	Puranpur	GEN
10	Hasanpur	GEN	45	Powayan	SC
11	Gangeshwari	SC	46	Nigohi	GEN
12	Sambhal	GEN	47	Tilhar	GEN
13	Bahjoi	GEN	48	Jalalabad	GEN
14	Chandausi	SC	49	Dadraul	GEN
15	Kunderki	GEN	50	Shahjahanpur	GEN
16	Moradabad West	GEN	292	Kannauj	SC
17	Moradabad	GEN	293	Umardha	GEN
18	Moradabad Rural	GEN	294	Chhibramau	GEN
19	Thakurdwara	GEN	295	Kamalganj	GEN
20	Suartanda	GEN	296	Farrukhabad	GEN
21	Rampur	GEN	297	Kaimganj	GEN
22	Bilaspur	GEN	298	Mohammdabad	GEN
23	Shahabad	SC			
24	Bisauli	GEN			
25	Gunnaur	GEN			
26	Sahaswan	GEN			
27	Bilsi	SC			
28	Budaun	GEN			
29	Usehat	GEN			
30	Binawar	GEN			

31	Dataganj	GEN
32	Aonla	GEN
33	Sunha	GEN
34	Faridpur	SC
35	Bareilly Cant	GEN

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Poll Days of Assembly Constituencies in different phases

Phase - IV : Poll Date

23.04.2007

No. of Assembly Constituencies 57

AC No.	& Name	AC Type	AC No.	& Name	AC Type
51	Mohamdi	SC	141	Utraula	GEN
52	Haiderabad	GEN	142	Sadullah Nagar	GEN
53	Paila	SC	143	Mankapur	SC
54	Lakhimpur	GEN	144	Mujehna	GEN
55	Srinagar	GEN	145	Gonda	GEN
56	Nighasan	GEN	146	Katra Bazar	GEN
57	Dhaurehra	GEN	147	Colonelganj	GEN
58	Behta	GEN	148	Dixir	SC
59	Biswan	GEN	149	Harraiya	GEN
60	Mahmoodabad	GEN	150	Captainganj	GEN
61	Sidhauli	SC	151	Nagar East	SC
62	Laharpur	GEN	152	Basti	GEN
63	Sitapur	GEN	153	Ramnagar	GEN
64	Hargaon	SC	154	Domariaganj	GEN
65	Misrikh	GEN	155	Itwa	GEN
66	Machhrehta	SC	156	Shohratgarh	GEN
122	Rudauli	GEN	157	Naugarh	GEN
123	Dariyabad	GEN	158	Bansi	GEN
124	Siddhaur	SC	159	Khesraha	GEN
125	Haidergarh	GEN	160	Menhdawal	GEN
126	Masauli	GEN	161	Khalilabad	SC
127	Nawabganj	GEN	162	Hainsarbazar	SC
128	Fatehpur	SC			
129	Ramnagar	GEN			
130	Kaiserganj	GEN			
131	Fakharpur	GEN			
132	Mahsi	GEN			
133	Nanpara	GEN			
134	Charda	SC			
135	Bhinga	GEN			

136	Bahraich	GEN
137	Ikauna	SC
138	Gainsari	GEN
139	Tulsipur	GEN
140	Balrampur	GEN

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Phase - V : Poll Date 28.04.2007

No. of Assembly Constituencies 58

AC No.	& Name	AC Type	AC No.	& Name	AC Type
67	Beniganj	SC	102	Pratapgarh	GEN
68	Sandila	GEN	103	Birapur	GEN
69	Ahirori	SC	104	Patti	GEN
70	Hardoi	GEN	105	Amethi	GEN
71	Bawan	SC	106	Gauriganj	GEN
72	Pihani	GEN	107	Jagdishpur	SC
73	Shahabad	GEN	108	Issauli	GEN
74	Bilgram	GEN	109	Sultanpur	GEN
75	Mallawan	GEN	110	Jaisinghpur	GEN
76	Bangarmau	GEN	111	Chanda	GEN
77	Safipur	SC	112	Kadipur	SC
78	Unnao	GEN	265	Khaga	GEN
79	Hadha	GEN	266	Kishunpur	SC
80	Bhagwant Nagar	GEN	267	Haswa	GEN
81	Purwa	GEN	268	Fatehpur	GEN
82	Hasanganj	SC	269	Jahanabad	GEN
83	Malihabad	SC	270	Bindki	GEN
84	Mahona	GEN	299	Manikpur	SC
85	Lucknow East	GEN	300	Karwi	GEN
86	Lucknow West	GEN	301	Baberu	GEN
87	Lucknow Central Lucknow	GEN	302	Tindwari	GEN
88	Cantonment	GEN	303	Banda	GEN
89	Sarojini Nagar	GEN	304	Naraini	GEN
90	Mohanlalganj	SC			
91	Bachhrawan	SC			
92	Tiloi	GEN			
93	Rae Bareli	GEN			
94	Sataon	GEN			
95	Sareni	GEN			
96	Dalmau	GEN			

97	Salon	SC
98	Kunda	GEN
99	Bihar	SC
100	Rampurkhas	GEN
101	Gadwara	GEN

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Poll Days of Assembly Constituencies in different phases

Phase - VI : Poll Date
03.05.2007

No. of Assembly Constituencies 52

AC No.	& Name	AC Type	AC No.	& Name	AC Type
213	Zahoorabad	GEN	248	Majhwa	GEN
214	Mohammadabad	GEN	249	Mirzapur	GEN
215	Dildarnagar	GEN	250	Chhanvey	SC
216	Zamania	GEN	251	Meja	SC
217	Ghazipur	GEN	252	Karchhana	GEN
218	Jakhania	SC	253	Bara	GEN
219	Sadat	SC	254	Jhusi	GEN
220	Saidpur	GEN	255	Handia	GEN
221	Dhanapur	GEN	256	Pratappur	GEN
222	Chandauli	SC	257	Soraon	GEN
223	Chakia	SC	258	Nawabganj	GEN
224	Mughalsarai Varanasi	GEN	259	Allahabad North	GEN
225	Cantonment	GEN	260	Allahabad South	GEN
226	Varanasi South	GEN	261	Allahabad West	GEN
227	Varanasi North	GEN	262	Chail	SC
228	Chiraigaon	GEN	263	Manjhanpur	SC
229	Kolasla	GEN	264	Sirathu	SC
230	Gangapur	GEN			
231	Aurai	GEN			
232	Gyanpur	GEN			
233	Bhadohi	SC			
234	Barsathi	GEN			
235	Mariahu	GEN			
236	Kerakat	SC			
237	Bayalsi	GEN			
238	Jaunpur	GEN			
239	Rari	GEN			
240	Shahganj	SC			
241	Khutahan	GEN			
242	Garwara	GEN			

243	Machhlishahr	GEN
244	Dudhi	SC
245	Robertsganj	SC
246	Rajgarh	GEN
247	Chunar	GEN

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Phase - VII : Poll Date

08.05.2007

No. of Assembly Constituencies 59

AC No.	& Name	AC Type	AC No.	& Name	AC Type
113	Katehari	GEN	188	Bhatpar Rani	GEN
114	Akbarpur	GEN	189	Salempur	GEN
115	Jalalpur	GEN	190	Barhaj	GEN
116	Jahangirganj	SC	191	Natthupur	GEN
117	Tanda	GEN	192	Ghosi	GEN
118	Ayodhya	GEN	193	Sagri	GEN
119	Bikapur	GEN	194	Gopalpur	GEN
120	Milkipur	GEN	195	Azamgarh	GEN
121	Sohawal	SC	196	Nizamabad	GEN
163	Bansgaon	SC	197	Atraulia	GEN
164	Dhuriapar	GEN	198	Phulpur	GEN
165	Chillupar	GEN	199	Saraimir	SC
166	Kauriram	GEN	200	Mehnagar	SC
167	Mundera Bazar	SC	201	Lalganj	GEN
168	Pipraich	GEN	202	Mubarakpur	GEN
169	Gorakhpur	GEN	203	Mohammadabad	
170	Maniram	GEN		Gohna	SC
171	Sahjanwa	GEN	204	Mau	GEN
172	Paniara	GEN	205	Rasra	SC
173	Pharenda	GEN	206	Siar	GEN
174	Laxmipur	GEN	207	Chilkahar	GEN
175	Siswa	GEN	208	Sikandarpur	GEN
176	Maharajganj	SC	209	Bansdih	GEN
177	Shyamdeurwa	GEN	210	Daoba	GEN
178	Naurangia	SC	211	Ballia	GEN
179	Ramkola	GEN	212	Kopachit	GEN
180	Hata	SC			
181	Padrauna	GEN			
182	Seorahi	GEN			

183	Fazilnagar	GEN
184	Kasia	GEN
185	Gauri Bazar	GEN
186	Rudrapur	GEN
187	Deoria	GEN