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**Bye- Election to 87 – Nagarjuna Sagar A.C.
Nalgonda District – 2021**

By E-mail / Speed Post

**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER
TELANGANA STATE**

5th Floor, Buddha Bhavan, MCH Building, Ranigunj Road, Secunderabad - 500 003

Letter No. 1200/Elecs.A/ 2021-7

Dated:18-03-2021

To

The President / General Secretary / Treasurer

All the Recognized National and State Level Political Parties for the State of Telangana. (w.e.)

(As per List Enclosed)

Sir,

Sub : Elections –Bye - Election to 87 – Nagarjuna Sagar Assembly Constituency, Nalgonda District scheduled to be held on 17-04-2021 - Compendium of Instructions on Election Expenditure Monitoring (August,2020) along with Commission's Letter No. 3/4/2020/SDR/Vol.II, dated. 21-10-2020, regarding Amendment in Rule 90 of the Conduct of Election Rules – Increase in maximum limit of election expenses applicable to candidates contesting in Bye –election - Communicated - Regarding.

Ref : 1. From the Election Commission of India, Press Note No. ECI/PN/28/2021, dated. 16-03-2021.
2. From the Election Commission of India, New Delhi Letter No.76/Compendium /EEPS/2021, dated. 17-03-2021 (w.e.), addressed to the Chief Electoral Officers of, (12) States.

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A copy of the Election Commission of India letter dated. 17-03-2021 along with the Commission's letter no. 3/4/2020/SDR/Vol.II, dated. 21-10-2020, regarding Amendment in Rule 90 of the Conduct of Election Rules – Increase in maximum limit of election expenses applicable to candidates at elections to the Lok Sabha and Legislative Assemblies is communicated herewith.

2. Table appended to the Rule 90 of Conduct of Election Rules of the Compendium (at page no. 15-16 Annexure –I) (copy enclosed) shall stand substituted in accordance with aforesaid letter. As per entry relating to Sl.No. 28 of I. States against the Telangana under column no. 2 of the Table, the Maximum limit of election expenses in any one Assembly Constituency mentioned in column no.4 of the Table is **30,80,000 (Thirty Lakhs and Eighty Thousand Only)**.

3. The Commission further directed in its letter 1st cited that the instructions contained in compendium are to be followed by all concerned in the Bye-election to 87-Nagarjuna Sagar Assembly Constituency, Nalgonda district scheduled to be held on 17-04-2021 announced by the Commission vide its Press Note dated. 16-03-2021, under reference 2nd cited (copy enclosed).

4. In view of the above, I am to request you to bring the above instructions of the Election Commission of India to the notice of all concerned including the candidates set up by the Political Party contesting for the aforesaid Bye-election for their information and strict compliance. The Compendium is also available on the Commission's website under the link-www.eci.gov.in – Media & Publication – Compendium of Instructions – Compendium of Instructions on Election Expenditure Monitoring (August,2020).

Yours faithfully

Sd/-

Dr. SHASHANK GOEL

CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER &

E.O.SPL. CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

Copy to :

1. The Collector & District Election Officer, Nalgonda district for necessary action on the part of district administration (w.e).
2. The Returning Officer, 87-Nagarjuna Sagar Assembly Constituency & R.D.O., Miryalaguda Division, Nalgonda district for necessary action on their part (w.e).
{Through the DEO, Nalgonda district }
3. The P.M., I.T., and S.L.A. of this office (w.e.) for uploading the matter in CEOs website.
4. The Commissioner, Information & Public Relations Department, Telangana State at Samachar Bhavan, A.C.Guards, Hyderabad – 500 004 (w.e.) with a request to give wide publicity in Print and Electronic Media.
5. Shri Avinash Kumar, Secretary, E.C.I. Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi – 110001.
6. Shri Sanjeev Kumar Prasad, Under Secretary, ECI, Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi -110001.
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//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No. ECI/PN/ 28 /2021

Dated: 16th March, 2021

PRESS NOTE

Subject: Schedule for Bye-elections in Parliamentary/ Assembly Constituencies of various States – reg.

The Commission has decided to hold bye-elections to fill vacancies in Two (2) Parliamentary Constituencies of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka and Fourteen (14) vacancies in Assembly Constituencies of various States as per details given below:

Sl. No.	State	Constituency No. & Name
1.	Andhra Pradesh	23-Tirupati (SC)
2.	Karnataka	2-Belgaum

Sl. No.	State	Constituency No. & Name
1.	Gujarat	125- Morva Hadaf (ST)
2.	Jharkhand	13-Madhupur
3.	Karnataka	47-Basavakalyan
4.	Karnataka	59-Maski (ST)
5.	Madhya Pradesh	55-Damoh
6.	Maharashtra	252-Pandharpur
7.	Mizoram	26-Serchhip (ST)
8.	Nagaland	51-Noksen (ST)
9.	Odisha	110-Pipili
10.	Rajasthan	179- Sahara
11.	Rajasthan	24-Sujangarh (SC)
12.	Rajasthan	175-Rajsamand
13.	Telangana	87-Nagarjuna Sagar
14.	Uttarakhand	49-Salt

After taking into consideration various factors like local festivals, electoral

rolls, weather conditions, movement of forces, pandemic etc., the Commission has decided to hold bye-elections to fill these vacancies as per the programme mentioned as under:

Poll Events	Date and Day
Date of Issue of Gazette Notification	23.03.2021 (Tuesday)
Last Date of Nominations	30.03.2021 (Tuesday)
Date for Scrutiny of Nominations	31.03.2021 (Wednesday)
Last Date for Withdrawal of candidatures	03.04.2021 (Saturday)
Date of Poll	17.04.2021 (Saturday)
Date of Counting	02.05.2021 (Sunday)
Date before which election shall be completed	04.05.2021 (Tuesday)

1. ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Rolls for the aforesaid Parliamentary and Assembly Constituencies w.r.t 01.01.2021 as the qualifying date has been finally published.

2. ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES (EVMs) and VVPATs

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

3. IDENTIFICATION OF VOTERS

In continuance to the existing practice, the voter's identification shall be mandatory in the aforementioned election 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, following alternate identity documents are also prescribed:

- i. Aadhar Card,
- ii. MNREGA Job Card,
- iii. Passbooks with photograph issued by Bank/Post Office,
- iv. Health Insurance Smart Card issued under the scheme of Ministry of Labour,
- v. Driving License,
- vi. PAN Card,
- vii. Smart Card issued by RGI under NPR,
- viii. Indian Passport,
- ix. Pension document with photograph,
- x. Service Identity Cards with photograph issued to employees by Central/State Govt./PSUs/Public Limited Companies, and
- xi. Official identity cards issued to MPs/MLAs/MLCs.

4. MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

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 constituency going for election is included, subject to partial modification as issued vide Commission's instruction No. 437/6/1NST/2016-CCS, dated 29th June, 2017 (available on the commission's website <https://eci.gov.in/>) (copy enclosed). The Model code of conduct shall be applicable to all candidates, political parties and the State government concerned. The Model Code of Conduct shall also be applicable to the Union Government also.

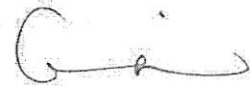
5. VOTER INFORMATION SLIPS (VIS)

To facilitate the voter to know the serial number of electoral roll of his/her polling station, date of poll, time etc., the Commission vide letter dated 26.02.2021, has decided to issue 'Voter Information Slip' to the voters in place of Photo Voter Slip. Voter Information Slip will include information like Polling Station, Date, Time etc. but not the photograph of the voter. Voter Information Slip will be distributed at least 5 days before the date of poll to all enrolled electors, by the District Election Officer. However, Voter Information Slip will not be allowed as proof of identity of voters. It may be recalled that the Commission had discontinued Photo Voter Slips as an identity proof with effect from 28th February, 2019.

6. BROAD GUIDELINES TO BE FOLLOWED DURING THE CONDUCT OF BYE-ELECTIONS DURING COVID-19

In view of spread of COVID-19, the Commission on 21st August, 2020, issued broad guidelines, which is to be followed strictly during the conduct of elections, which is available on Commission's website.

All instructions issued during General Election to Legislative Assemblies of Bihar, 2020 and General Elections to Legislative Assemblies of 5 States/UT shall also be *mutatis mutandis* applicable to the aforementioned bye-elections.



**(SANJEEV KUMAR PRASAD)
UNDER SECRETARY**



भारत निर्वाचन आयोग
Election Commission of India

निर्वाचन सदन
NIRVACHAN SADAN
अशोक रोड, नई दिल्ली - 110 001
ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI - 110 001

No. 437/6/INST/2016-CCS

Dated: 29th June, 2017

To,

1. The Chief Electoral Officers of all States and Union Territories.
2. The Chief Secretaries of all States and Union Territories.
3. Recognized political parties of all States/UTs

Subject:- Model Code of Conduct- instructions- bye-election of Parliamentary/Assembly Constituency -regarding.

Sir,

On the above cited subject, I am directed to state that the Commission has reviewed the issue and has issued the following modifications of its earlier instructions-

1. **Enforcement of MCC**

The Commission's instructions, contained in letters No. 437/6/INST/2012/CC&BE dated 26.04.2012 and No. 437/6/INST/2012/CC&BE dated 21.10.2013, list various provisions of applicability of MCC to the concerned district or the AC/PC concerned. These instructions are modified to the extent that in case the constituency is comprised in State Capital/Metropolitan Cities/Municipal Corporations, then aforesaid instructions would be applicable in the area of concerned Constituency only. In all other cases the MCC would be enforced in the entire district(s) covering the Constituency going for bye-election(s).

2. **Publishing of Advertisements**

The Commission on 25th June, 2013, directed that the release /publishing of advertisements during the period of operation of Model Code of Conduct in connection with bye-elections would be regulated as follows:-

- (i) Advertisement of general nature in connection with specific occasions of importance may be published. However, such publishing shall be restricted to the dates coinciding with the special occasion only, and it shall not be published on other days. The advertisement shall not bear photographs of any Minister and other political functionaries.
- (ii) No advertisement having any specific/pointed reference or connotation to the areas covered by the bye-election constituencies shall be released/published on any date during the period.

Further, it is clarified that no new schemes should be advertised in the districts where the bye-election is being conducted. [Subpara (ii) above] stands modified.

3. **Tours of Ministers**

During bye elections from any constituencies, either Parliamentary or Assemblies, the following restrictions are applicable as per instruction issued by the Commission on 23rd November, 2007 with regard to the tours of Ministers which inter alia provides that:-

- (i) All Ministers, whether Central or State, shall not combine in any manner their official tours with election work after the announcement of the bye elections. All and any visits to the district(s) where bye-election is being held and where Model Code of Conduct is, therefore, in force, have to be completely private in nature.
- (ii) In case where a Minister travelling on official work transits through the district(s) where the bye-election is being held en route to any other district on official visit, he shall not attend to any political work.

Further, it is clarified that the Ministers or persons holding equivalent rank/status cannot combine their official visit with campaign by en routing their journey for official purposes to a place where MCC is not in force and then proceeding from that place to the area where MCC is in force for election campaign. In case it is done, the entire journey expense shall be treated as election expense. [subpara (ii) above stands modified].

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4. Regarding Transfer/Posting of Officers

For all officers, who are connected with the conduct of bye-election in the State, the existing ECI's instructions on implementation of transfer policy be applied within the area falling under the concerned AC/PC. While implementing this policy the DEO/RO should take care that in case of deployment of any officer from outside the constituency for any election related duty, shall also conform to the transfer policy of the Commission.

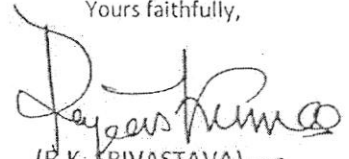
5. Regarding Announcement of D.A.

There is no ECI's instruction in the context of bye-election prohibiting State Governments to take decisions which have State wide effect and consequently in the Constituency concerned.

The Commission, after taking into consideration all relevant factors in this regards, has decided that announcement of D.A. by the state government may be done as a routine affair but it should not be publicized as the Government's achievement.

Kindly inform all concerned and give due publicity and ensure compliance in letter and spirit.

Yours faithfully,


(R.K. SRIVASTAVA)
SR. PR. SECRETARY

By Speed Post/e-mail

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No. 76/Compendium/EEPS/2021

Dated: 17th March, 2021

To

The Chief Electoral Officers of,

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|-------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. Andhra Pradesh | 2. Gujarat | 3. Jharkhand | 4. Karnataka |
| 5. Madhya Pradesh | 6. Maharashtra | 7. Mizoram | 8. Nagaland |
| 9. Odisha | 10. Rajasthan | 11. Telangana | 12. Uttarakhand |

Subject: Bye-elections to 2 PCs and 14 ACs- Compendium of Instructions on Election Expenditure Monitoring (August, 2020)"-Reg.


Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith "Compendium of Instructions on Election Expenditure Monitoring (August, 2020)" along with the Commission's letter No. 3/4/2020/SDR/Vol. II, dated 21.10.2020, regarding Amendment in Rule 90 of the CE Rules-Increase in maximum limit of election expenses. Table appended to the Rule 90 of CE Rules of the Compendium (at page No. 15-16 Annexure-1) shall stand substituted in accordance with aforesaid letter.

You are requested that the instructions contained in Compendium are to be followed by all concerned in the Bye-elections to 2 PCs and 14 ACs announced by the Commission vide its Press Note No. ECI/PN/28/2021, dated 16th March, 2021 (copy enclosed).

I am, further, directed to request you to bring it to the notice of all concerned. You are also requested to get the instructions translated in regional language of the State and send it to all concerned DEOs, Political Parties, Candidates, Observers and other election authorities for necessary action. The Compendium is also available on the Commission's website under the link- www.eci.gov.in - Media & Publication - Compendium of Instructions - Compendium of Instructions on Election Expenditure Monitoring (August, 2020).

Yours faithfully,


(AVINASH KUMAR)
SECRETARY



(Hard copy version follows)

Speed Post/E-mail

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No.3/4/2020/SDR/Vol.II

Dated: 21st October, 2020

To,

The Chief Electoral Officers
all States and Union Territories.

Sub: Conduct of Elections (Amendment) Rules, 2020 -- Amendment of Rule 90 of Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961 -- Increase in maximum limit of election expenses -- regarding.

Sir/Madam,

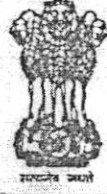
I am directed to send herewith a copy of the Ministry of Law and Justice, Legislative Department's, Notification S.O. 3667(E) dated 19th October, 2020, amending Rule 90 of Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961 thereby increasing the upper limit of election expenses applicable to candidates at elections to Lok Sabha and Legislative Assemblies. This may be brought to the notice of all District Election Officers, Returning Officers and other election authorities concerned and also to the State Units of recognized political parties and all registered unrecognized political parties based in your State/Union territory, for their information.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,



(N.T. Bhutia)
Secretary



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(विधायी विभाग)

अधिसूचना

नई दिल्ली, 19 अक्टूबर, 2020

का.आ. 3667(अ).—केन्द्रीय सरकार, लोक प्रतिनिधित्व अधिनियम, 1951 (1951 का 43) की धारा 169 के साथ पठित धारा 77 की उपधारा (3) द्वारा प्रदत्त शक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुए, निर्वाचन आयोग से परामर्श करने के पश्चात् निर्वाचनों का संचालन नियम, 1961 का और संशोधन करने के लिए निम्नलिखित नियम बनाती है, अर्थात् :—

1. (1) इन नियमों का संक्षिप्त नाम निर्वाचनों का संचालन (संशोधन) नियम, 2020 है।
(2) ये राजपत्र में उनके प्रकाशन की तारीख को प्रवृत्त होंगे और उस तारीख तक, जो केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा अधिसूचित की जाए, प्रवृत्त रहेंगे।
2. निर्वाचनों का संचालन नियम, 1961 के नियम 90 में, विद्यमान सारणी और उससे संबंधित प्रविष्टियों के स्थान पर निम्नलिखित सारणी और प्रविष्टियां रखी जाएंगी, अर्थात् :—

सारणी

क्रम सं.	राज्य या संघ राज्यक्षेत्र का नाम	किसी एक में निर्वाचन व्यय की अधिकतम सीमा	
		संसदीय निर्वाचन क्षेत्र	सभा निर्वाचन क्षेत्र
1	2	3	4
	I. राज्य		
1.	आंध्र प्रदेश	77,00,000	30,80,000
2.	अरुणाचल प्रदेश	59,40,000	22,00,000
3.	असम	77,00,000	30,80,000

4.	बिहार	77,00,000	30,80,000
5.	गोवा	59,40,000	22,00,000
6.	गुजरात	77,00,000	30,80,000
7.	हरियाणा	77,00,000	30,80,000
8.	हिमाचल प्रदेश	77,00,000	30,80,000
9.	कर्नाटक	77,00,000	30,80,000
10.	केरल	77,00,000	30,80,000
11.	मध्य प्रदेश	77,00,000	30,80,000
12.	महाराष्ट्र	77,00,000	30,80,000
13.	मणिपुर	77,00,000	22,00,000
14.	मेघालय	77,00,000	22,00,000
15.	मिजोरम	77,00,000	22,00,000
16.	नागालैंड	77,00,000	22,00,000
17.	ओडिशा	77,00,000	30,80,000
18.	पंजाब	77,00,000	30,80,000
19.	राजस्थान	77,00,000	30,80,000
20.	सिक्किम	59,40,000	22,00,000
21.	तमिलनाडु	77,00,000	30,80,000
22.	त्रिपुरा	77,00,000	22,00,000
23.	उत्तर प्रदेश	77,00,000	30,80,000
24.	पश्चिम बंगाल	77,00,000	30,80,000
25.	छत्तीसगढ़	77,00,000	30,80,000
26.	उत्तराखंड	77,00,000	30,80,000
27.	झारखंड	77,00,000	30,80,000
28.	तेलंगाना	77,00,000	30,80,000
	II. संघ राज्यक्षेत्र		
1.	अंडमान व निकोबार द्वीप समूह	59,40,000	-
2.	चंडीगढ़	59,40,000	-
3.	दादरा और नगर हवेली और दमन और दीव	59,40,000	-
4.	दिल्ली	77,00,000	30,80,000
5.	लक्षद्वीप	59,40,000	-
6.	पुडुचेरी	59,40,000	22,00,000
7.	जम्मू और कश्मीर	70,00,000	30,80,000
8.	लद्दाख	59,40,000	-

[फा. सं. एच-11019/7/2020-वि. II]

डॉ. रीटा बशिष्ठ, अपर सचिव

टिप्पण: मूल नियम, भारत के राजपत्र में अधिसूचना सं. का.आ. 859, तारीख 15 अप्रैल, 1961 द्वारा प्रकाशित किए गए थे और उनका अंतिम संशोधन का.आ. 5196(अ) तारीख 10 अक्टूबर, 2018 द्वारा किया गया।

MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE

(Legislative Department)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 19th October, 2020

S.O. 3667(E).—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (3) of section 77 read with section 169 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 (43 of 1951), the Central Government, after consulting the Election Commission, hereby makes the following rules further to amend the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, namely:—

1. (1) These rules may be called the Conduct of Elections (Amendment) Rules, 2020.
- (2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the official Gazette and shall remain in force till such date as may be notified by the Central Government.
2. In the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, in rule 90, for the existing Table and entries relating thereto, the following Table and the entries shall be substituted, namely:—

"TABLE

Sl. No.	Name of State or Union territory	Maximum limit of election expenses in any one	
		Parliamentary constituency	Assembly constituency
1	2	3	4
I. STATES			
1.	Andhra Pradesh	77,00,000	30,80,000
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	59,40,000	22,00,000
3.	Assam	77,00,000	30,80,000
4.	Bihar	77,00,000	30,80,000
5.	Goa	59,40,000	22,00,000
6.	Gujarat	77,00,000	30,80,000
7.	Haryana	77,00,000	30,80,000
8.	Himachal Pradesh	77,00,000	30,80,000
9.	Karnataka	77,00,000	30,80,000
10.	Kerala	77,00,000	30,80,000
11.	Madhya Pradesh	77,00,000	30,80,000
12.	Maharashtra	77,00,000	30,80,000
13.	Manipur	77,00,000	22,00,000
14.	Meghalaya	77,00,000	22,00,000
15.	Mizoram	77,00,000	22,00,000
16.	Nagaland	77,00,000	22,00,000
17.	Odisha	77,00,000	30,80,000
18.	Punjab	77,00,000	30,80,000
19.	Rajasthan	77,00,000	30,80,000
20.	Sikkim	59,40,000	22,00,000
21.	Tamil Nadu	77,00,000	30,80,000
22.	Tripura	77,00,000	22,00,000

23.	Uttar Pradesh	77,00,000	30,80,000
24.	West Bengal	77,00,000	30,80,000
25.	Chattisgarh	77,00,000	30,80,000
26.	Uttarakhand	77,00,000	30,80,000
27.	Jharkhand	77,00,000	30,80,000
28.	Telangana	77,00,000	30,80,000
II. UNION TERRITORIES			
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	59,40,000	-
2.	Chandigarh	59,40,000	-
3.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	59,40,000	-
4.	Delhi	77,00,000	30,80,000
5.	Lakshadweep	59,40,000	-
6.	Puducherry	59,40,000	22,00,000
7.	Jammu and Kashmir	70,00,000	30,80,000
8.	Ladakh	59,40,000	-

[F. No. H-11019/7/2020-Leg.II]

Dr. REETA VASISHTA, Addl. Secy.

Note : The principal rules were published in the Gazette of India vide notification number S.O. 859, dated the 15th April, 1961 and were last amended *vide* S.O.5196(E), dated the 10th October, 2018.

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No. ECI/PN/ 28 /2021

Dated: 16th March, 2021

PRESS NOTE

Subject: Schedule for Bye-elections in Parliamentary/ Assembly Constituencies of various States – reg.

The Commission has decided to hold bye-elections to fill vacancies in Two (2) Parliamentary Constituencies of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka and Fourteen (14) vacancies in Assembly Constituencies of various States as per details given below:

Sl. No.	State	Constituency No. & Name
1.	Andhra Pradesh	23-Tirupati (SC)
2.	Karnataka	2-Belgaum

Sl. No.	State	Constituency No. & Name
1.	Gujarat	125- Morva Hadaf (ST)
2.	Jharkhand	13-Madhupur
3.	Karnataka	47-Basavakalyan
4.	Karnataka	59-Maski (ST)
5.	Madhya Pradesh	55-Damoh
6.	Maharashtra	252-Pandharpur
7.	Mizoram	26-Serchhip (ST)
8.	Nagaland	51-Noksen (ST)
9.	Odisha	110-Pipili
10.	Rajasthan	179- Sahara
11.	Rajasthan	24-Sujangarh (SC)
12.	Rajasthan	175-Rajsamand
13.	Telangana	87-Nagarjuna Sagar
14.	Uttarakhand	49-Salt

After taking into consideration various factors like local festivals, electoral

rolls, weather conditions, movement of forces, pandemic etc., the Commission has decided to hold bye-elections to fill these vacancies as per the programme mentioned as under:

Poll Events	Date and Day
Date of Issue of Gazette Notification	23.03.2021 (Tuesday)
Last Date of Nominations	30.03.2021 (Tuesday)
Date for Scrutiny of Nominations	31.03.2021 (Wednesday)
Last Date for Withdrawal of candidatures	03.04.2021 (Saturday)
Date of Poll	17.04.2021 (Saturday)
Date of Counting	02.05.2021 (Sunday)
Date before which election shall be completed	04.05.2021 (Tuesday)

1. ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Rolls for the aforesaid Parliamentary and Assembly Constituencies w.r.t 01.01.2021 as the qualifying date has been finally published.

2. ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES (EVMs) and VVPATs

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

3. IDENTIFICATION OF VOTERS

In continuance to the existing practice, the voter's identification shall be mandatory in the aforementioned election 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, following alternate identity documents are also prescribed:

- i. Aadhar Card,
- ii. MNREGA Job Card,
- iii. Passbooks with photograph issued by Bank/Post Office,
- iv. Health Insurance Smart Card issued under the scheme of Ministry of Labour,
- v. Driving License,
- vi. PAN Card,
- vii. Smart Card issued by RGI under NPR,
- viii. Indian Passport,
- ix. Pension document with photograph,
- x. Service Identity Cards with photograph issued to employees by Central/State Govt./PSUs/Public Limited Companies, and
- xi. Official identity cards issued to MPs/MLAs/MLCs.

4. MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

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 constituency going for election is included, subject to partial modification as issued vide Commission's instruction No. 437/6/1NST/2016-CCS, dated 29th June, 2017 (available on the commission's website <https://eci.gov.in/>) (copy enclosed). The Model code of conduct shall be applicable to all candidates, political parties and the State government concerned. The Model Code of Conduct shall also be applicable to the Union Government also.

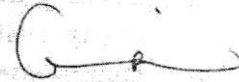
5. VOTER INFORMATION SLIPS (VIS)

To facilitate the voter to know the serial number of electoral roll of his/her polling station, date of poll, time etc., the Commission vide letter dated 26.02.2021, has decided to issue 'Voter Information Slip' to the voters in place of Photo Voter Slip. Voter Information Slip will include information like Polling Station, Date, Time etc. but not the photograph of the voter. Voter Information Slip will be distributed at least 5 days before the date of poll to all enrolled electors, by the District Election Officer. However, Voter Information Slip will not be allowed as proof of identity of voters. It may be recalled that the Commission had discontinued Photo Voter Slips as an identity proof with effect from 28th February, 2019.

6. BROAD GUIDELINES TO BE FOLLOWED DURING THE CONDUCT OF BYE-ELECTIONS DURING COVID-19

In view of spread of COVID-19, the Commission on 21st August, 2020, issued broad guidelines, which is to be followed strictly during the conduct of elections, which is available on Commission's website.

All instructions issued during General Election to Legislative Assemblies of Bihar, 2020 and General Elections to Legislative Assemblies of 5 States/UT shall also be *mutatis mutandis* applicable to the aforementioned bye-elections.



**(SANJEEV KUMAR PRASAD)
UNDER SECRETARY**



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Dated: 29th June, 2017

To,

1. The Chief Electoral Officers of all States and Union Territories.
2. The Chief Secretaries of all States and Union Territories.
3. Recognized political parties of all States/UTs

Subject:- Model Code of Conduct- instructions- bye-election of Parliamentary/Assembly Constituency -regarding.

Sir,

On the above cited subject, I am directed to state that the Commission has reviewed the issue and has issued the following modifications of its earlier instructions-

1. **Enforcement of MCC**

The Commission's instructions, contained in letters No. 437/6/INST/2012/CC&BE dated 26.04.2012 and No. 437/6/INST/2012/CC&BE dated 21.10.2013, list various provisions of applicability of MCC to the concerned district or the AC/PC concerned. These instructions are modified to the extent that in case the constituency is comprised in State Capital/Metropolitan Cities/Municipal Corporations, then aforesaid instructions would be applicable in the area of concerned Constituency only. In all other cases the MCC would be enforced in the entire district(s) covering the Constituency going for bye-election(s).

2. **Publishing of Advertisements**

The Commission on 25th June, 2013, directed that the release /publishing of advertisements during the period of operation of Model Code of Conduct in connection with bye-elections would be regulated as follows:-

- (i) Advertisement of general nature in connection with specific occasions of importance may be published. However, such publishing shall be restricted to the dates coinciding with the special occasion only, and it shall not be published on other days. The advertisement shall not bear photographs of any Minister and other political functionaries.
- (ii) No advertisement having any specific/pointed reference or connotation to the areas covered by the bye-election constituencies shall be released/published on any date during the period.

Further, it is clarified that no new schemes should be advertised in the districts where the bye-election is being conducted. [Subpara (ii) above] stands modified.

3. **Tours of Ministers**

During bye elections from any constituencies, either Parliamentary or Assemblies, the following restrictions are applicable as per instruction issued by the Commission on 23rd November, 2007 with regard to the tours of Ministers which inter alia provides that:-

- (i) All Ministers, whether Central or State, shall not combine in any manner their official tours with election work after the announcement of the bye elections. All and any visits to the district(s) where bye-election is being held and where Model Code of Conduct is, therefore, in force, have to be completely private in nature.
- (ii) In case where a Minister travelling on official work transits through the district(s) where the bye-election is being held en route to any other district on official visit, he shall not attend to any political work.

Further, it is clarified that the Ministers or persons holding equivalent rank/status cannot combine their official visit with campaign by en routing their journey for official purposes to a place where MCC is not in force and then proceeding from that place to the area where MCC is in force for election campaign. In case it is done, the entire journey expense shall be treated as election expense. [subpara (ii) above stands modified].

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4. Regarding Transfer/Posting of Officers

For all officers, who are connected with the conduct of bye-election in the State, the existing ECI's instructions on implementation of transfer policy be applied within the area falling under the concerned AC/PC. While implementing this policy the DEO/RO should take care that in case of deployment of any officer from outside the constituency for any election related duty, shall also conform to the transfer policy of the Commission.

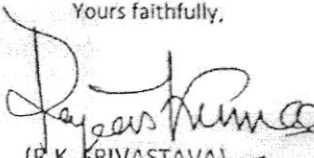
5. Regarding Announcement of D.A.

There is no ECI's instruction in the context of bye-election prohibiting State Governments to take decisions which have State wide effect and consequently in the Constituency concerned.

The Commission, after taking into consideration all relevant factors in this regards, has decided that announcement of D.A. by the state government may be done as a routine affair but it should not be publicized as the Government's achievement.

Kindly inform all concerned and give due publicity and ensure compliance in letter and spirit.

Yours faithfully,


(R.K. SRIVASTAVA)
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Sir,


Please find Commission's letter dated 17.03.2021 on the subject cited in
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Yours faithfully,


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