

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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PRESS - NOTE

Subject : Schedule for bye-elections to fill casual vacancies in Assembly Constituencies - regarding.

There are following casual vacancies in Assembly Constituencies in different states, which need to be filled up.

Sl. No.	Name of State	Number and Name of Assembly Constituencies
1.	Kerala	140 – Neyyattinkara
2.	Goa	27 – Cortalim

After taking into consideration various factors like, festivals, electoral rolls, etc., the Commission has decided to hold bye-elections to fill these vacancies as per the programme mentioned as under: -

Event	Date
1. Issue of Notification	09.05.2012 (Wednesday)
2. Last date of making Nominations	16.05.2012 (Wednesday)
3. Scrutiny of Nominations	17.05.2012 (Thursday)
4. Last date for withdrawal of Candidatures	19.05.2012 (Saturday)
5. Date of Poll	02.06.2012 (Saturday)
6. Counting of Votes	15.06.2012 (Friday) 08.00 AM onwards
7. Date before which election shall be completed	18.06.2012 (Monday)
8. Hours of Poll	08.00 AM to 5.00 PM

ELECTORAL ROLL

The electoral rolls of 140 – Neyyattinkara, and 27 – Cortalim Assembly Constituencies have been revised with reference to 01.01.2012 as the qualifying date and have been published.

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.

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 identity 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.

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 Assembly Constituencies going for bye-elections is included. 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.

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