

# ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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## PRESS NOTE

**Subject :** Schedule for bye-election to fill casual vacancies in State Legislative Assemblies of Bihar, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Punjab – Regarding.

There are clear vacancies from the following Assembly Constituencies of the States mentioned against those, which need to be filled up:

| Sl. No. | State          | No. & Name of Assembly Constituency |
|---------|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1       | Bihar          | 3-Narkatiaganj                      |
| 2       | Bihar          | 37-Rajnagar (SC)                    |
| 3       | Bihar          | 87-Jale                             |
| 4       | Bihar          | 118-Chapra                          |
| 5       | Bihar          | 123-Hajipur                         |
| 6       | Bihar          | 137-Mohiuddinnagar                  |
| 7       | Bihar          | 151-Parbatta                        |
| 8       | Bihar          | 156-Bhagalpur                       |
| 9       | Bihar          | 161-Banka                           |
| 10      | Bihar          | 204 – Mohania (SC)                  |
| 11      | Karnataka      | 02-Chikkodi-Sadalga                 |
| 12      | Karnataka      | 93-Bellary (ST)                     |
| 13      | Karnataka      | 115-Shikaripura                     |
| 14      | Madhya Pradesh | 92 – Vijayraghvarh                  |
| 15      | Madhya Pradesh | 94 – Bahoriband                     |
| 16      | Madhya Pradesh | 166-Agar (SC)                       |
| 17      | Punjab         | 94-Talwandi Sabo                    |
| 18      | Punjab         | 115-Patiala                         |

The Commission has decided to hold bye-elections to fill these vacancies as per the following schedule:-

|   |   |                        |
|---|---|------------------------|
| 1 | Issue of Notification                         | 26.07.2014 (Saturday)  |
| 2 | Last date of making Nominations               | 02.08.2014 (Saturday)  |
| 3 | Scrutiny of Nominations                       | 04.08.2014 (Monday)    |
| 4 | Last date for withdrawal of Candidatures      | 06.08.2014 (Wednesday) |
| 5 | Date of Poll                                  | 21.08.2014 (Thursday)  |
| 6 | Counting of Votes                             | 25.08.2014 (Monday)    |
| 7 | Date before which election shall be completed | 30.08.2014 (Saturday)  |

### **ELECTORAL ROLL**

The electoral rolls of these Assembly Constituencies have been revised with reference to 01.01.2014 as the qualifying date and have been finally published on 18.01.2014 in Bihar, on 31.01.2014 in Karnataka, on 31.01.2014 in Madhya Pradesh and on 06.01.2014 in Punjab.

### **ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES (EVMs)**

The Commission has decided to use EVMs in the bye-election 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**

The Commission has decided that the voter's identification shall be mandatory in the aforementioned bye- election at the time of poll. Photo Electoral Roll (PER) and Elector's Photo Identity Card (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-election.

