

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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No. ECI/PN/51/2018

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PRESS NOTE

Subject : Schedule for bye-election to fill casual vacancy in the State Legislative Assembly of Meghalaya - Regarding.

This is clear vacancy in the State Legislative Assembly of Meghalaya which needs to be filled up:

Sl. No.	State	Number & Name of Assembly Constituency
1	Meghalaya	51-South Tura (ST)

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

Poll Events	Schedule
Date of Issue of Gazette Notification	30.07.2018 (MON)
Last Date of Nominations	06.08.2018 (MON)
Date for Scrutiny of Nominations	07.08.2018 (TUE)
Last Date for Withdrawal of candidatures	09.08.2018 (THU)
Date of Poll	23.08.2018 (THU)
Date of Counting	27.08.2018 (MON)
Date before which election shall be completed	29.08.2018 (WED)

ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Rolls for all the aforesaid Assembly Constituency has been finally published w.r.t 01.01.2018.

ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES (EVMs) and VVPATs


The Commission has decided to use EVMs and VVPATs in the bye-elections in all the 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.

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 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-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 Constituency going for bye-election is included, subject to partial modification as issued vide Commission's instruction No. 437/6/INST2016-CCS, dated 29th June, 2017 (available on the Commission's website). 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 for the district of the State concerned.


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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY