

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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No. ECI/PN/67/2018

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PRESS NOTE

Subject : Schedule for bye-elections to fill casual vacancy in the Lok Sabha from Parliamentary Constituencies of Karnataka and State Legislative Assemblies of Karnataka - Regarding.

There are three clear vacancies in the Lok Sabha from Parliamentary Constituencies of Karnataka, which need to be filled up:

Sl. No.	State	Number & Name of Parliamentary Constituency
1	Karnataka	14 - Shimoga PC
2	Karnataka	9 - Bellary (ST) PC
3	Karnataka	20 - Mandya PC

There are two clear vacancies in the State Legislative Assembly of Karnataka, which need to be filled up:

Sl. No.	State	Number & Name of Assembly Constituency
1	Karnataka	183-Ramanagaram AC
2	Karnataka	21- Jamkhandi AC

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

Poll Events	Schedule
Date of Issue of Gazette Notification	9.10.2018 (TUE)
Last Date of Nominations	16.10.2018 (TUE)
Date for Scrutiny of Nominations	17.10.2018 (WED)
Last Date for Withdrawal of candidatures	20.10.2018 (SAT)
Date of Poll	03.11.2018 (SAT)
Date of Counting	06.11.2018 (TUE)
Date before which election shall be completed	08.11.2018 (THU)

ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Rolls for all the aforesaid Lok Sabha and Assembly Constituencies have 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 Parliamentary/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 State concerned.



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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

PRESS NOTE

1. The Election Commission has vide its Press Note ECI/PN/67/2018, dated 6th October, 2018 announced the schedule for bye elections to the following Constituencies ---

Assembly Bye Elections:

1. 183- Ramanagara Assembly Constituency
2. 21- Jamkhandi Assembly

Parliamentary Constituencies

1. 9- Bellary (ST)
2. 14- Shimoga
3. 20- Mandya

THE SCHEDULE FOR THE BYE ELECTIONS ARE AS UNDER ---

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- A. Model code of conduct has come into effect immediately. A copy of the Model Code issued by the Commission is hereby circulated.

HIGHLIGHTS

- i. All Government accommodations / Guesthouses will be taken into DEO custody.
- ii. No transfers to the election related posts without the concurrence of the Commission.
- iii. Call Center/ Control room will be set up in all Districts and also in all the Assembly constituencies going for poll.
- iv. Instructions have been issued to all the Deputy Commissioners to put in place the FST/ SST / Mobile squads and all enforcement activities will be in place.
- v. No election related officer can be called for meeting by any Minister, except on issues like calamity/ flood/ drinking water etc.
- vi. Ministers / Politicians cannot combine their official visit with their election related visits.

- vii. Government cannot make any policy which will influence the voters of the Constituencies where bye elections are being held.
- viii. Defacement Act will be enforced in the areas under MCC.

Electors as on Today

AC No	AC Name	Male	Female	others	18-19	Total
111	Shimoga Rural	101433	105260	5	5623	215021
112	Bhadravathi	100453	105064	2	4633	210152
113	Shimoga	129188	132325	19	5726	267258
114	Tirthahalli	90872	92880	3	4643	188398
115	Shikaripura	95941	94568	14	4694	195217
116	Sorab	94106	92426	8	4908	191448
117	Sagar	96859	98689	2	4668	200218
118	Baindur	108782	116217	14	4253	229266
	SHIMOGA PC - TOTAL	820334	837429	67	39148	1696978
88	Hadagali	92466	89696	11	4791	186964
89	Hagaribommanahalli	190969	107533	21	7347	223970
90	Vijayanagara	107921	109403	45	6085	223454
91	Kampli	104085	102139	21	6307	212552
93	Bellary	103709	105562	31	6132	215434
94	Bellary City	109620	110442	17	5755	225838
95	Sandur	105461	102095	32	5385	212973
96	Kudligi	98976	94333	11	6545	199865
	BELLARY PC - TOTAL	831307	821203	189	48347	1701050
186	Malavalli	120771	119411	15	3857	244054
187	Maddur	101266	104493	4	3816	209579
188	Melukote	97126	97137	4	3864	198131
189	Mandya	112390	115238	27	3885	231540
190	Shrirangapattana	103286	105100	5	4389	212780
191	Nagamangala	103955	102793	7	4934	211689
192	Krishnarajpet	104042	101226	0	3621	208889
211	Krishnarajanagara	100374	100581	10	4849	205814
	MANDYA PC - TOTAL	843210	845979	72	33215	1722476
21	Jamkhandi	98387	97567	3	3380	199339
183	Ramanagaram	99558	100597	24	2418	202599

- **BYE ELECTIONS:**

In respect of the Constituencies covered by the bye elections, continuous updation of the Assembly Electoral rolls will be taken up with reference to 01.01.2018 eligibility date. The final electoral rolls published on 24th April 2018 will be the base roll and it will be updated till the last date of nominations.

REQUEST TO PRESS

1. The final electoral rolls pertaining to these Constituencies along with the list of claims and objections so far received (supplementary-3) is being made available on the CEO Web site.
2. Electors from these constituencies are called upon to check their names and to ensure that their names are at only one place.
3. If their names are missing or if certain corrections are to be incorporated, they may submit their applications—Form 6- Inclusion. Form 7 – Deletion, Form 8- Corrections. And Form 8A- transposition to the concerned ERO/ AEROs.
4. As processing time included 07 days prior to the last day of nomination which ever application are received in generally gets processed and approved if eligible, the voters are requested to give their applications early.

The electoral rolls for the conduct of bye elections will be the rolls used for the Assembly Elections 2018, continuously updated till the last date of nominations as per section 23(3) of the RP Act 1950.

5. **Polling Stations:** The polling stations available in the constituencies where bye elections are to be held is as follows –

Assembly Constituencies

No. & Name of Assembly Constituency	No of Polling Stations	Remarks
183-Ramanagara	277	Assured Minimum Facilities are available
21-Jamakhandi	226	

Lok Sabha constituencies—

No. & Name of Parliamentary Constituency	No of Polling Stations (Including auxiliary)	Remarks
9-Bellary (ST)	1901	Assured Minimum Facilities are available
14-Shimoga	2002	
20-Mandya	2047	

6. REQUIREMENT OF MACHINES FOR THE Bye Election

District	Total PS	Required Units		
		BU (150%)	CU (125%)	VVPAT (130%)
Ballari	1901	2852	2376	2472
Mandya	2047	3071	2559	2662
Shivamogga	2002	3003	2503	2603
Ramanagara	276	415.5	346.3	360
Jamakhandi	232	339	282.5	294
TOTAL	6453	9680	8066	8391

Machines are available in the District and First Level checking is under way since 03.10.2018.

7. POLL PERSONNEL REQUIRED for Bye Elections:

No. & Name of Assembly Constituency	No of Polling Stations	No. of Polling personnel required (1-PRO+1 APRO+3-Pos)	10 % Reserve	Total requirement
183-Ramanagara	277	1385	139	1524
21-Jamakhandi	226	1130	113	1243

Lok Sabha constituencies—

No. & Name of Parliamentary Constituency	No of Polling Stations (Including auxiliary)	No. of Polling personnel required (1-PRO+1 APRO+3-Pos)	10 % Reserve	Total requirement
9-Bellary (ST)	1901	9505	951	10456
14-Shimoga	2002	10010	1001	10011
20-Mandya	2047	10235	1024	11259
TOTAL	6453	32265	3228	34493

8. **Standard Rate card of News papers/ TV/ Radio/ Channels etc:**

During the recently held Assembly Elections, rate cards have been prepared and put to use. The General elections were held during May- June 2018 and the same rates will be adopted for the bye elections also for the purpose of MCC and Expenditure Monitoring.

9. **Complaint management:** The call centres and control room facility will be strengthened and their numbers will be publicized shortly at State level

10. **Training:** The General Elections were held very recently and all the officers involved at various levels have already been trained in election management. However, one more level of training will be organized for them. Cascaded training will also be organized for officers at all levels in due course.

11. **Help Desk:** As of now help desk is available in the ERO offices to handle the roll related issues. Instructions have been issued to set up help desk even in RO Offices.

B. Special Summary revision and publication of Draft rolls:

- Draft rolls for all the 198 Assembly Constituencies are being published on 10th October 2018. Claims and objections from eligible electors will be received from 10th October till 20th November 2018 and the final rolls will be published on 4th January 2019.
- **REQUEST TO POLITICAL PARTIES AND PRESS:**
 - Give wide publicity to the schedule to the people.
 - They have to check whether their names are there in the draft electoral rolls and they can submit the applications for inclusion, deletion, modification, transposition at ERO/AERO offices, and also in the designated locations and polling stations on the special drive days.
 - Political parties are requested to appoint BLAs and to actively participate in the roll revision process.

Approved Schedule

Sl	Activity	
1	<u>Pre Revision Activities</u> Preparation of Publicity Materials for Training/Cascaded Training of Officers	By 15 th July, 2018
2	House to House visit by BLO	By 16thg July, 2018 to 10 th Aug, 2018
3	Rationalization of Polling station and Physical verification of PS building	27 th August to 15 th September, 2018
4	Preparation of supplements, integration and preparation of Draft electoral rolls	17 th September, 2018 to 10 th October, 2018
5	<u>Revision Activities</u> Publication of integrated draft photo rolls	10 th October, 2018
6	Period of claims and objections	10 th October, 2018 to 20 th November, 2018
7	Disposal of claims and objections	Before 20 th December, 2018
8	Updating data and printing of supplements	Before 3 rd January, 2019
9	Final Publication of photo electoral roll	4 th January, 2019