

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi - 110 001

No. ECI/PN/ 22 /2008

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PRESS NOTE

Subject: Biennial Elections and Bye-Election to the Council of States.

The Election Commission has decided to hold Biennial Elections and a Bye-election to the Council of States.

1. Biennial elections to the Council of States :-

a) Biennial elections to the Council of States are to be held to fill up one seat from the State of Uttarakhand and ten seats from the State of Uttar Pradesh, to fill up the vacancies going to be arisen by the retirement of sitting members on 25th November, 2008.

A statement showing the names of the Members retiring as mentioned above, is given at **Statement - I** in the **Appendix** enclosed herewith.

b) Also there are 04 (Four) seats in the Council of States from Jammu & Kashmir, which are going to become vacant, due to retirement of sitting members. The details of the seats are given at **Statement – II** in the **Appendix**. Since the Legislative Assembly of Jammu & Kashmir is not in existence at present, the biennial election to fill the above mentioned 04 (four) seats arising out of the retirement of the members can not be held .The election will be held as soon as new Assembly is constituted in the State.

2. Bye-election to the Council of States :-

There is also a casual vacancy in the Council of States from the State of West Bengal, occurred due to the resignation of the sitting member Shri Debabrata Biswas on 23rd September, 2008, whose term of office is expiring on 2nd April, 2014.

Accordingly, the aforesaid biennial election / bye-election shall be held in accordance with the following programme :-

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| 1. Issue of Notifications | : 3 rd November, 2008 (Monday) |
| 2. Last date of making nominations | : 10 th November, 2008 (Monday) |
| 3. Scrutiny of nominations | : 11 th November, 2008 (Tuesday) |

4. Last date for withdrawal of candidature : 14th November, 2008 (Friday)
5. Date of poll : 21st November, 2008 (Friday)
6. Hours of poll : 9.00 A.M. to 4.00 P.M
7. Counting of Votes : 21st November, 2008 (Friday) at 5.00 PM
8. Date before which election shall be completed : 24th November, 2008 (Monday)

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APPENDIX

STATEMENE - I

S.NO.	NAME OF STATES	NO. OF SEATS	NAME OF MEMBER	DATE OF RETIREMENT
i)	Uttarakhand	1	Shri Harish Chandra Singh	25.11.2008
ii)	Uttar Pradesh	10	Vacant - Dr. Akhilesh Das resigned on 8 th May,2008	25.11.2008
			Shri Abu Asim Azmi	25.11.2008
			Shri Amar Singh	25.11.2008
			Vacant – Shri Isam Singh- disqualified on 4 th July, 2008	25.11.2008
			Shri Udai Pratap Singh	25.11.2008
			Shri Gandhi Azad	25.11.2008
			Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi	25.11.2008
			Shri Rajnath Singh	25.11.2008
			Shri Veer Singh	25.11.2008
			Shri Shahid Siddiqui	25.11.2008

STATEMENE – II

S. NO.	NAME OF STATES	NO. OF SEATS	NAME OF MEMBER	DATE OF RETIREMENT
i)	Jammu & Kashmir	1	S. Tarlok Singh	25.11.2008
		3	Prof. Saif-ud-Din Soz	29.11.2008
			Dr. Farooq Abdullah	29.11.2008
			Chowdhary Mohammad Aslam	29.11.2008