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PRESS NOTE

Subject: Bye Elections to the Council of States from Bihar, Odisha and Gujarat-reg.

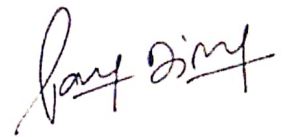
There are six casual vacancies in the Council of States from Bihar, Gujarat and Odisha occurred due to reasons as mentioned below:

S.No	States	Name of Member	Cause of vacancy	Term of office up to
1.	Bihar	Ravi Shankar Prasad	Elected to 17 th Lok Sabha on 23.05.2019	02.04.2024
2.	Gujarat	Shah Amitbhai Anilchandra	Elected to 17 th Lok Sabha on 23.05.2019	18.08.2023
3.		Smriti Zubin Irani	Elected to 17 th Lok Sabha on 24.05.2019	18.08.2023
4.	Odisha	Achyutananda Samanta	Elected to 17 th Lok Sabha on 24.05.2019	03.04.2024
5.		Pratap Keshari Deb	Elected to Odisha Legislative Assembly. Seat became vacant on 09.06.2019	01.07.2022
6.		Soumya Ranjan Patnaik	Resignation on 06.06.2019	03.04.2024

The Commission has decided to hold bye-elections to the Council of States from the above mentioned States to fill up the above said vacancies in accordance with the following schedule for each of the vacancies -

Sl.No.	Events	Dates and Days
1.	Issue of Notifications	18 th June, 2019 (Tuesday)
2.	Last Date of making nominations	25 th June, 2019 (Tuesday)
3.	Scrutiny of nominations	26 th June, 2019 (Wednesday)
4.	Last date for withdrawal of candidatures	28 th June, 2019 (Friday)
5.	Date of Poll	05 th July, 2019 (Friday)
6.	Hours of Poll	9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
7.	Counting of Votes	05 th July, 2019 (Friday) at 5.00 p.m.
8.	Date before which election shall be completed	09 th July, 2019 (Tuesday)

It is further clarified that the vacancies for Bye-elections to all Houses, including the Rajya Sabha, are considered as separate vacancies and separate notifications are issued and separate poll is taken for each of the vacancies although the programme schedule for the bye-elections may be common. This is in conformity with the provisions of Section 147 to 151 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, and has been the consistent practice of the Commission in such cases. Holding of separate elections has been upheld by the Hon'ble Delhi High Court in Civil W.P. No. 132 of 1994 (A.K. Walia Vs Union of India & Others) and W.P. No. 9357 of 2006 (Satya Pal Malik Vs Election Commission of India) by its decision dated 14.01.1994 & 20.01.2009 respectively.



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