

भारत निर्वाचन आयोग  
Election Commission of India

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ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI-110001

No. 318/LET/ECI/FUNC/BIEN/CS-MULTI/2/2024

Dated: 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2024

To,

I. The Chief Electoral Officers of

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| 1. Andhra Pradesh, Amaravati | 9. Haryana, Chandigarh       |
| 2. Telangana, Hyderabad      | 10. Rajasthan, Jaipur        |
| 3. Chhattisgarh, Raipur      | 11. Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow   |
| 4. Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal    | 12. Uttarakhand, Dehradun    |
| 5. Gujarat, Gandhinagar      | 13. Bihar, Patna             |
| 6. Karnataka, Bengaluru      | 14. Himachal Pradesh, Shimla |
| 7. Odisha, Bhubaneswar       | 15. West Bengal, Kolkata     |
| 8. Maharashtra, Mumbai       |                              |

II. The Returning Officers for the Biennial Elections to the Council of States namely,

- 1 Sri M. Vijaya Raju, Joint Secretary, Andhra Pradesh State Legislature, Velagapudi, Amaravati-522238-cum-Returning Officer for the biennial election to the Council of States from Andhra Pradesh.
- 2 Sh. Raj Kumar, Secretary, Bihar Legislative Assembly, Patna-800015-cum-Returning Officer for the biennial election to the Council of States from Bihar.
- 3 Sh. Dinesh Sharma, Secretary, Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly, Raipur-492001-cum-Returning Officer for the biennial election to the Council of States from Chhattisgarh.
- 4 Mrs. Reeta Mehta, Joint Secretary, Gujarat Legislature Secretariat Vithalbhai Patel Bhavan, Sector-10, Gandhinagar-382010-cum-Returning Officer for the biennial election to the Council of States from Gujarat.
- 5 Sh. Saket Kumar, IAS, Managing Director, Uttar Haryana Bijli Vitaran Nigam Ltd.-Vidyut Sadan, IP No. 3 & 4, Sector-14, Panchkula, Haryana-134113-cum-Returning Officer for the biennial election to the Council of States from Haryana.
- 6 Shri Yash Paul Sharma, IAS, Secretary, Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha, Shimla -171002-cum-Returning Officer for the biennial election to the Council of States from Himachal Pradesh.
- 7 Smt. M.K. Vishalakshi, Secretary, Karnataka Legislative Assembly, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560001-cum-Returning Officer for the biennial election to the Council of States from Karnataka.
- 8 Shri Awadhesh Pratap Singh, Principal Secretary, Madhya Pradesh Vidhan Sabha Secretariat, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh-462004-cum-Returning Officer for the biennial election to the Council of States from Madhya Pradesh.
- 9 Sh. Jitendra Bhole, Secretary (1) Incharge, Maharashtra Legislature Secretariat, Maharashtra, Mumbai-400032-cum-Returning Officer for the biennial election to the Council of States from Maharashtra.

- 10 Shri Abanikanta Pattanaik, IAS, Additional Secretary to Government, Steel & Mines Department, Lok Seva Bhawan, Lok Seva Marg, Unit-2, Bhubaneswar, Odisha-751001-cum-Returning Officer for the biennial election to the Council of States from Odisha
- 11 Shri Mahaveer Prasad Sharma, Principal Secretary, Rajasthan Legislative Assembly Jaipur, Rajasthan-302005-cum-Returning Officer for the biennial election to the Council of States from Rajasthan.
- 12 Sri Ch Upender Reddy, Joint Secretary, Telangana State Legislature Secretariat, Public Gardens, Hyderabad, Telangana-500004-cum-Returning Officer for the biennial election to the Council of States from Telangana.
- 13 Sri Brij Bhushan Dubey, Special Secretary, Legislative Assembly, Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow -226001-cum-Returning Officer for the biennial election to the Council of States from Uttar Pradesh.
- 14 Shri Chandra Mohan Goswami, Joint Secretary, Uttarakhand Legislative Assembly Dehradun, Uttarakhand-248001-cum-Returning Officer for the biennial election to the Council of States from Uttarakhand.
- 15 Shri Sukumar Ray, Principal Secretary, West Bengal Legislative Assembly 'Assembly House', Kolkata, West Bengal-700001-cum-Returning Officer for the biennial election to the Council of States from West Bengal.

Sub:- Biennial Elections to the Council of States, 2024– Approval of place of poll, type of ballot box and other instructions – regarding.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to invite your attention to the Commission's letter of even number, dated 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2024, forwarding therewith an advance copy each of the Notifications to be issued by the Commission under Section 39 (1), 56, 21 and 22(1) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 for holding biennial elections to fill the seat(s) of Member(s) elected from your State who is/are retiring in April 2024. The above-mentioned Notifications are being published in an extraordinary issue of the Gazette of India, Part-II, Section-3 (iii), dated 08<sup>th</sup> February, 2024, and being republished in an extraordinary issue of the State Gazette on the same date.

2 With reference to sub-section (1) of Section 29 of the said Act, I am further to convey the approval of the Commission to fix the place as shown in 'Annexure-A' enclosed herewith as place of poll for the said biennial elections. The Election Commission further directs that under the said Section the place for the poll so fixed shall be notified by putting up a notice on the notice board of the Legislative Assembly. A draft of the form in which the place of poll shall be so notified is enclosed.

3. I am also to invite your attention to Rule 69 of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961 and to request that the place so fixed and also the date and the hours fixed for polling may be included in the notice to be sent to each of the electors under the said rule. A copy of the notice may in addition, be sent to each contesting candidate for his/her information.

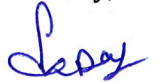


4. In pursuance of Rule 70 read with Rule 29 of the said Rules, the Commission hereby approves the type of ballot boxes mentioned in the 'Annexure-A' as ballot box for the said biennial elections.

5. I am also to draw your attention to the fact that under Section 39(2) read with Section 34(1)(b) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 as amended by **the Representation of the People (Amendment) Act, 2009** every candidate at an election to the Council of States has to make a deposit of **Rs. 10,000/-** with his/her nomination paper unless he/she belongs to a scheduled caste or scheduled tribe community, in which case he/she needs to make a deposit of **Rs. 5000/-** only.

6. Kindly acknowledge the receipt of this letter together with its enclosures.

Yours faithfully,



**(SUMAN KUMAR DAS)**  
**SECRETARY**

**BIENNIAL ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL OF STATES TO FILL  
SEATS OF THE MEMBER ON  
THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF OFFICE**

In pursuance of the provision of sub-section (1) of Section 29 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, I, .....the Returning Officer for the election by the elected members of the ..... Legislative Assembly to fill ..... seats in the Council of States on the retirement of ..... members on ..... (date), hereby fix, with the previous approval of the Election Commission the ..... as the place of poll at which a poll will be taken in pursuance of the Election Commission's Notification No. .... dated .....

Dated the

**RETURNING OFFICER**

**'Annexure-A'**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>STATE</b>	<b>PLACE OF POLL</b>	<b>TYPE OF BALLOT BOX</b>
1.	<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	Committee Hall no. 201, Block-VI, Interim Complex, Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly Building	Wooden Type
2.	<b>Bihar</b>	Old Library Room, First Floor, Main Building, Bihar Legislative Assembly	Daga Type
3.	<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	Committee Room No. 02, Vidhan Sabha Bhawan, Raipur	Godrej Type
4.	<b>Gujarat</b>	Banquet Hall, Fourth Floor, Vithalbai Patel Bhavan, Gujarat Legislative Assembly, Gandhinagar.	Wooden Type
5.	<b>Haryana</b>	Committee Room No. 2, Haryana Vidhan Sabha Secretariat, Chandigarh	Godrej Type
6.	<b>Himachal Pradesh</b>	Dr. Y.S. Parmar, Vidhan Sabha Library Hall	Godrej Type
7.	<b>Karnataka</b>	Room No. 106, First Floor, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru	Daga Type
8.	<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	Committee Room No. -2 (M-02), Madhya Pradesh Vidhan Sabha Bhawan, Bhopal	Godrej Type
9.	<b>Maharashtra</b>	Vidhan Bhavan, Backbay Reclamation, Mumbai	Allwyn Type
10.	<b>Rajasthan</b>	Room No. 751, Rajasthan Legislative Assembly Secretariat, Jaipur	Daga Type
11.	<b>Telangana</b>	Committee Hall No. 1, Assembly Buildings, Public Gardens, Hyderabad	Wooden Type
12.	<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	Tilak Hall, Naveen Bhawan, Lucknow	Wooden Type
13.	<b>Uttarakhand</b>	Room No. 321, Secretariat of Uttarakhand Legislative Assembly	Godrej Type
14.	<b>West Bengal</b>	The Chamber of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly, Kolkata	Cylindrical Type
15.	<b>Odisha</b>	The Committee Room No. 54 (First Floor) of the Odisha Legislative Assembly Buildings, Bhubaneshwar	Wooden Type