

# ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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## PRESS NOTE

Subject : Schedule for bye-election to fill casual vacancy in the Lok Sabha from 2 - Amritsar Parliamentary Constituency of Punjab - Regarding.

There is a clear vacancies in Lok Sabha from 2 - Amritsar Parliamentary Constituency of Punjab, which need to be filled up:

After taking into consideration various factors like, festivals, electoral rolls, etc., the Commission has decided to hold bye-elections to fill the vacancy as per the Schedule given below: -

<b>Poll Events</b>	<b>Schedule</b>
Date of Issue of Gazette Notification	11.01.2017 (WED)
Last Date of Nomination	18.01.2017 (WED)
Date for Scrutiny of Nomination	19.01.2017 (THU)
Last Date of Withdrawal of candidatures	21.01.2017 (SAT)
Date of Poll	04.02.2017 (SAT)
Date of Counting	11.03.2017 (SAT)
Date before which election shall be completed	15.03.2017 (WED)

## ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Roll with reference to 01.01.2017 have been finally published on 05.01.2017 in the State of Punjab.

## ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES (EVMs)

The Commission has decided to use EVMs in the bye-election in all the polling stations. Adequate numbers of EVMs 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 Constituency going for bye-elections is included, subject to partial modification as issued vide Commission's instruction No. 437/INST/2012/CC&BE, dated 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2012 (available on the Commission's website). The Model Code of Conduct shall be applicable to all candidates, political parties and the State Government. The Model Code of Conduct shall also be applicable to the Union Government for the State Government.

  
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