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**PRESS NOTE**

**Sub: Biennial Elections to the Council of States to fill the seats of members retiring between 02.04.2022 to 09.04.2022-reg.**

The term of office of 13 members of the Rajya Sabha elected from following 06 States is due to expire on their retirement in April, 2022 as detailed below:

Sl. No.	State	No. of seats	Name of Member	Date of retirement
1.	Assam	02	Ranee Narah	02.04.2022
			Ripun Bora	
2.	Himachal Pradesh	01	Anand Sharma	02.04.2022
3.	Kerala	03	A. K. Antony	02.04.2022
			M. V. Shreyams Kumar	
			Somaprasad K	
4.	Nagaland	01	K. G. Kenye	02.04.2022
5.	Tripura	01	Smti Jharna Das (Baidya)	02.04.2022
6.	Punjab	03	Sukhdev Singh	09.04.2022
			Partap Singh Bajwa	
			Shwait Malik	
		02	Naresh Gujral	09.04.2022
			Shamsher Singh Dullo	

2. Out of the five seats to be filled from Punjab three are to be filled by holding one election and other two through another election as these seats belong to two different biennial cycles. Further, the term of office of the members to be elected to the Council of States from the State of Punjab shall be subject to the decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP(C) No. 17123/2015 (Election Commission of India Vs Devesh Chandra Thakur & Others).

3. Now, the Commission has decided to conduct biennial elections to the Council of States from above mentioned States in accordance with the following programme:

Sl. No.	Events	Dates
1.	Issue of Notifications	14 <sup>th</sup> March, 2022 (Monday)
2.	Last date of making nominations	21 <sup>st</sup> March, 2022 (Monday)
3.	Scrutiny of nominations	22 <sup>nd</sup> March, 2022 (Tuesday)
4.	Last date for withdrawal of candidatures	24 <sup>th</sup> March, 2022 (Thursday)
5.	Date of Poll	<b>31<sup>st</sup> March, 2022 (Thursday)</b>
6.	Hours of Poll	09:00 am- 04:00 pm
7.	Counting of Votes	31 <sup>st</sup> March, 2022 (Thursday) at 05:00 pm
8.	Date before which election shall be completed	02 <sup>nd</sup> April, 2022 (Saturday)

4. The Commission has directed that for the purpose of marking preference(s) on the ballot paper only integrated violet colour sketch pen(s) of pre-fixed specification, provided by the Returning Officer, shall be used. No other pen shall, under any circumstances, be used in the above said elections.

5. Adequate measures for close monitoring of the election process by appointing observers shall be taken to ensure free and fair election.

6. Broad Guidelines of Covid-19 as already issued by ECI as well as the recent guidelines issued by ECI as contained in para 06 of Press Note dated 28.09.2021 available at link [Schedule for Bye-elections in Parliamentary/Assembly Constituencies of various States - reg - Press Releases 2021 - Election Commission of India \(eci.gov.in\)](#) to be followed, wherever applicable, during entire election process for all persons.

7. Commission has also directed the Chief Secretaries concerned to depute a senior officer from the State to ensure that the extant instructions regarding COVID-19 containment measures are complied with while making arrangements for conducting the elections.



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