

Public (Elections.III) Department

PRESS RELEASE

The Election Commission of India has announced the following schedule for holding bye-election to Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly from 143. Madurai Central Assembly Constituency in Madurai District in the vacancy caused due to the death of Thiru T. Palanivelrajan:-

Filing of nominations and issue of Notification	16-09-2006 (Saturday)
Last date for filing nominations	23-09-2006 (Saturday)
Scrutiny of nominations	25-09-2006 (Monday)
Last date for withdrawal of candidatures	27-09-2006 (Wednesday)
Date of poll, if necessary	11-10-2006 (Wednesday)
Date of counting	14-10-2006 (Saturday)
Date before which election shall be completed.	16-10-2006 (Monday)

2) The Model Code of Conduct has come into effect from 13-09-2006, i.e., the date of announcement of poll schedule. It will be applicable to the whole of Madurai District in which the above Assembly Constituency is situated. It will be applicable to all candidates, political parties and the State Government as well as the Union Government as far as Madurai District is concerned. The Commission has drawn

attention particularly to the following restrictions imposed by the Model Code:

The Ministers and other authorities shall not –

- a) Announce any financial grants in any form or promises thereof; or
- b) (Except civil servants) lay foundation stones, etc. of projects or schemes of any kind; or
- c) Make any promise of construction of roads, provision of drinking water facilities, etc; or
- d) Make any ad-hoc appointments in Government Public Undertakings, etc. which may have the effect of influencing the voters in favour of the party in power.
- e) No fresh release of funds under the Member of Parliament (including Rajya Sabha Members) Local Area Development Fund shall be made in any part of the country where election is in progress. Similarly, no fresh release of funds under the MLAs' / MLCs' Local Area Development Fund shall be made, if any such schemes is in operation till the completion of election process.
- f) No work shall start in respect of which work orders have been issued before the issue of this letter but the work has actually not started in the field. These works can start only after the completion of election process. However, if a work has actually started, that can continue.
- g) There shall be no bar to the release of payments for completed work(s) subject to the full satisfaction of the concerned officials.

3) The Commission has ordered that EVMs will be used in the bye-election and also that voter's identification will be mandatory.

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