



भारत निर्वाचन आयोग
Election Commission of India

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PRESS NOTE

Subject: Bye Election to the Council of States from Madhya Pradesh- reg.

There is a casual vacancy in the Council of States from Madhya Pradesh as per following details: -

Name of Member	Reason	Date of vacancy	Term Up to
Dr. L. Murugan	Resignation	14.10.2026	02.04.2030

2. The Commission has decided to hold a bye-election to the Council of States from Madhya Pradesh to fill up the above-mentioned vacancy in accordance with the following schedule:

Sl. No	Events	Dates
1.	Issue of Notifications	26 th October, 2026 (Monday)
2.	Last date of making nominations	02 nd November, 2026 (Monday)
3.	Scrutiny of nominations	03 rd November, 2026 (Tuesday)
4.	Last date for withdrawal of candidatures	05 th November, 2026 (Thursday)
5.	Date of Poll	12 th November, 2026 (Thursday)
6.	Hours of Poll	09:00 am- 04:00 pm
7.	Counting of Votes	12 th November, 2026 (Thursday) at 05:00 pm
8.	Date before which election shall be completed	16 th November, 2026 (Monday)

3. 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 election.

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

(SUMAN KUMAR DAS)
SECRETARY