

# ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No.ECI/PN/58/2023

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## PRESS NOTE

**Subject: Schedule for Bye-election in 43-Tapi (ST) Assembly Constituency of Nagaland- reg.**

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The Commission has decided to hold the bye-election to fill vacancy in the following Assembly Constituency of Nagaland-

Sl. No.	Name of State	Assembly Constituency No. & Name	Reason
1.	Nagaland	43-Tapi (ST)	Death of Shri Noke Wangnao

Schedule for the bye election is as follows:

<b>Schedule for Bye-election for Assembly Constituency</b>	
<b>Poll Events</b>	<b>Schedule</b>
Date of Issue of Gazette Notification	13 <sup>th</sup> October, 2023 (Friday)
Last Date of making Nominations	20 <sup>th</sup> October, 2023 (Friday)
Date for Scrutiny of Nominations	21 <sup>st</sup> October, 2023 (Saturday)
Last Date for Withdrawal of candidatures	23 <sup>rd</sup> October, 2023 (Monday)
<b>Date of Poll</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 (Tuesday)</b>
Date of Counting	3 <sup>rd</sup> December, 2023 (Sunday)
Date before which election shall be completed	5 <sup>th</sup> December, 2023 (Tuesday)

## **1. ELECTORAL ROLLS**

The Electoral Rolls for the aforesaid Assembly Constituency finally

published on 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 with reference to 01.01.2023 as the qualifying date and supplements of subsequent qualifying dates, namely 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1<sup>st</sup> July & 1<sup>st</sup> October, updated till last date of making nominations will be used for this election.

## **2. ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES (EVMs) & VVPATs**

The Commission has decided to use EVMs and VVPATs in the bye-election in all the polling stations. Adequate numbers of EVMs and VVPATs have been made available and all steps have been taken to ensure that the poll is conducted smoothly with the help of these machines.

## **3. IDENTIFICATION OF VOTERS**

Electoral Photo Identity Card (EPIC) shall be the main document of identification of a voter. However, any of the below mentioned identification documents can also be shown at the polling station:

- i. Aadhar Card,
- ii. MGNREGA Job Card,
- iii. Passbooks with photograph issued by Bank/Post Office,
- iv. Health Insurance Smart Card issued under the scheme of Ministry of Labour,
- v. Driving License,
- vi. PAN Card,
- vii. Smart Card issued by RGI under NPR,
- viii. Indian Passport,
- ix. Pension document with photograph,
- x. Service Identity Cards with photograph issued to employees by Central/State Govt./PSUs/Public Limited Companies, and
- xi. Official identity cards issued to MPs/MLAs/MLCs.
- xii. Unique Disability ID (UDID) Card, M/o Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India

## **4. 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 Assembly constituency going for election is included, subject to partial

modification as issued vide Commission's instruction No. 437/6/1NST/2016-CCS, dated 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 (available on the commission's website).

## **5. INFORMATION REGARDING CRIMINAL ANTECEDENTS**

Candidates with criminal antecedents are required to publish information in this regard in newspapers and through Television channels on three occasions during the campaign period. A political party that sets up candidates with criminal antecedents is also required to publish information about criminal background of its candidates, both on its website and also in newspapers and Television channels **on three occasions.**

Commission vide its letter No. 3/4/2019/SDR/Vol. IV dated 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 has directed that the period specified will be decided with three blocks in the following manner, so that electors have sufficient time to know about the background of such candidates:

- a. Within first 4 days of withdrawal.
- b. Between next 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> days.
- c. From 9<sup>th</sup> day till the last day of campaign (the second day prior to date of poll)

*(Illustration: If the last date for withdrawal is 10<sup>th</sup> of the month and poll is on 24<sup>th</sup> of the Month, the first block for publishing of declaration shall be done between 11<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of the Month, second and third blocks shall be between 15<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of that Month, respectively.)*

This requirement is in pursuance of the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Writ Petition (C) No. 784 of 2015 (Lok Prahari Vs. Union of India & Others) and Writ Petition (Civil) No. 536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr.).

This information will also be available on an App titled, '**know your candidates**'.

**6. COVID RELATED ARRANGEMENT DURING BYE-ELECTION**

The Commission has issued COVID guidelines, October 2022 on 14.10.2022 which are available on the Commission's website

<https://eci.gov.in/files/file/14492-covid-guidelines-for-general-electionbye-elections-to-legislative-assemblies-reg/> to be followed during conduct of elections.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sanjeev', with a horizontal line underneath it. Below the line, the date '2/10/2023' is written in blue ink.

**(SANJEEV KUMAR PRASAD)  
SECRETARY**