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**PRESS NOTE**

The Election Commission of India has announced the schedule for the conduct of bye election to the Puducherry Legislative Assembly from 8.Indira Nagar Assembly Constituency as follows

| Sl. No | Poll Event  | Dates                  |
|--------|---|------------------------|
| 1      | Issue of Notification                                 | 19.09.2011 (Monday)    |
| 2      | Last date for making nominations                      | 26.09.2011 (Monday)    |
| 3      | Scrutiny of nominations                               | 27.09.2011 (Tuesday)   |
| 4      | Last date for withdrawal of candidature               | 29.09.2011 (Thursday)  |
| 5      | Date of Poll  | 13.10.2011 (Thursday)  |
| 6      | Counting of votes                                     | 17.10.2011 (Monday)    |
| 7      | Date before which election process shall be completed | 19.10.2011 (Wednesday) |

**ELECTORAL ROLL**

The electoral rolls for the 8.Indira Nagar Assembly Constituency have been revised with reference to 1.1.2011 as qualifying date and was finally published on 5.1.2011. According to this Roll, the total electors of 8.Indira Nagar Assembly Constituency is 29,162 including Service Electors. Of this, 14,202 are male electors and 14,960 are female electors. The roll will be updated continuously till the last date for nomination.

**ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES (EVMs)**

The Commission has decided to use EVMs in the bye-elections 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 election at the time of poll. Electoral Photo Identity Cards (EPIC) shall be the main document of identity 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-election.

## **MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Model Code of Conduct shall come into force with immediate effect in Puducherry district comprising of Puducherry, Mahe and Yanam regions. 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 offices in Puducherry.

**BELATEE PERTIN, IAS  
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