#### MOST URGENT ELECTION MATTER

F. No. C-50/156/2024-Ad.II
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue
(Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs)

North Block, New Delhi Dated, the 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2025

To,

The concerned Pr. Chief Commissioner/Pr. Director Generals, Chief Commissioner/Director General of CBIC.

Subject: Bye-Elections to 273-Milkipur AC, Uttar Pradesh and 98-Erode (East) AC, Tamil Nadu, 2025- Deployment of Expenditure Observers- reg.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith Election Commission of India's letter No. 464/ECI/DL-LA & BEs/EEPS/2025 dated 13.01.2025 (copy enclosed) on the subject cited above and to inform that the Election Commission of India has deployed **Shri Chan Basha M, IRS (C&CE):09 (R-19205)** as Expenditure Observer in Bye-Election to 273-Milkipur AC, Uttar Pradesh and **Shri Dinesh Kumar Jangid, IRS (C&CE): 11 (R-21928)** as Expenditure Observers in Bye-Election to 98-Erode (East) AC, Tamil Nadu, 2025, announced by the Commission vide its Press Note dated 07.01.2025. Both the deployed officers are required to make their first visit to the Constituencies/District Hq. assigned to them **one day before (by afternoon) of the last date for making nomination i.e., 16.01.2025 up to date of poll i.e. 05.02.2025**.

2. It is requested that the directions of the Election Commission of India, contained in the aforesaid letter, may be communicated to the concerned officers to enable them to visit their assigned constituencies as per schedule **without fail**.

Yours faithfully,

Encls: As above.

(S. A. Ansari)

Deputy Secretary to Government of India Tel. No.: 011-23095529/E-mail: sa.ansari.nic.in

Copy to:

1. The website Manager, CBIC, with a request to upload this letter along with the enclosures on the official website of CBIC with a ticker.

(S. A. Ansari)

Deputy Secretary to Government of India

## **ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA**

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No. 464/ECI/DL-LA & BEs/EEPS/2025

Dated: 13th January, 2025

To

Shri. S. A. Ansari, Dy. Secretary (Ad. II) & Nodal Officer M/o Finance, Deptt. of Revenue, Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs Room No. 47B, North Block

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Sub:- Bye Elections to 273-Milkipur AC, Uttar Pradesh and 98-Erode(East) AC, Tamil Nadu, 2025-Deployment of Expenditure Observers – Reg.

Sir,

I am directed to state that in exercise of the power conferred on it by Article 324 of Constitution and Section 20B of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, the Commission has deployed Sh. Chan Basha M, IRS(C&CE):09 (R-19205) (Mob. No. 9866843940) as Expenditure Observer in Bye Election to 273-Milkipur AC, Uttar Pradesh and Sh. Dinesh Kumar Jangid, IRS(C&CE):11(R-21928) as Expenditure Observer in Bye Election to 98-Erode(East) AC, Tamil Nadu, 2025 announced by the Commission vide its Press Note no. ECI/PN/170/2025, dated 07.01.2025 (copy enclosed).

- 2. Under Section 13CC of the Representation of the People Act, 1950 and Section 28A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, they will be deemed to be on deputation to the Election Commission during the period, they are working as Observers. Working as Observers of the Election Commission they will be subject to the control, superintendence and discipline of the Election Commission with respect to their duties performed as Observers.
- 3. The Observers are entitled for TA/DA as admissible on tour. They will draw TA/DA from their Ministry/Department/Office. The expenditure will be debitable to the Budget grant of their Ministry or Department/Office. They are also entitled to travel by air by any scheduled commercial flight of any airlines. However, whenever they travel by train, it shall be as per their entitled class.
- 4. The Expenditure Observers are also required to go through "Compendium of Instructions on Election Expenditure Monitoring (December, 2024)" available on the ECI website www.eci.gov.in-Compendium of Instructions-Compendium of Instructions on Election Expenditure Monitoring (December, 2024).
- 5. The Expenditure Observers may be informed that-
- (i) He/She is required to upload his/her photograph in the Personal Information Sheet on the Observer portal. This is required for printing of Identity Cards.
- (ii) User id and password for accessing the Observer portal is 'Observer Code' mentioned against his/her name. He/She should change his/her passwords on first login, if he/she so wish.

6. Schedule of visit of Expenditure Observer is as under:-

1st Visit: One day before (by afternoon) of the last date for making nomination i.e., 16.01.2025 upto date of poll i.e 05.02.2025.

2<sup>nd</sup> Visit: From 25<sup>th</sup> day of declaration of results.

7. You are requested to intimate the Expenditure Observer concerned immediately.

Yours faithfully,

(Anup Kumar Khakhlary) Under Secretary

(khakhlaryanup@eci.gov.in)

Copy to: Chief Electoral Officers of Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh for kind information and requested to intimate the DEO concerned. (By Special Messenger/e-mail)

## **ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA**

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No.ECI/PN/170/2025

#### PRESS NOTE

Dated: 7th January, 2025

Subject: Schedule for bye-election to 2 Assembly Constituencies of Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu- reg.

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The Commission has decided to hold bye-elections to fill vacancies in the following Assembly Constituencies along with General Election to the Legislative Assembly of NCT of Delhi, 2025:

S1. No.	Name of State/UT	AC No. & Name	Reason of vacancy
1.	Uttar Pradesh	273-Milkipur	Resignation of Sh. Awadhesh
		(SC)	Prasad
2.	Tamil Nadu	98-Erode	Death of Sh. E.V.K.S.
		(East)	Elangovan

The Schedule for the bye elections is enclosed at **Annexure-I**.

### 1. ELECTORAL ROLLS

Commission firmly believes that pure and updated electoral rolls are the foundation of free, fair and credible elections. Hence, intensive and sustained focus is placed upon improving its quality, health and fidelity. After the amendment in Section 14 of the Representation of the People Act-1950 by the Election Laws (Amendment) Act-2021, there is a provision of four qualifying dates to enroll as a voter in a year. Accordingly, the Commission conducted the Special Summary Revision of Electoral Roll with reference to 1st January, 2025, as the qualifying date, wherein applications were invited from eligible citizens seeking registration in electoral roll with respect to 1st January, 2025 as the qualifying date. After time-bound completion of Special Summary Revision of electoral rolls, the final publication of electoral roll has been done.

However, the process of continuous updation of electoral rolls will continue till the last date of filing nominations, **with respect to proximate qualifying date**, in respect to applications received till 10 days before last date of filling nomination.

### 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 provision of the instruction vide Commission's letter No. 437/6/1NST/ECI/FUNCT/MCC/2024/(BYE ELECTIONS) dated 02<sup>nd</sup> January, 2024 (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  $10^{th}$  of the month and poll is on  $24^{th}$  of the Month, the first block for publishing of declaration shall be done between  $11^{th}$  and  $14^{th}$  of the Month, second and third blocks shall be between  $15^{th}$  and  $18^{th}$  and  $19^{th}$  and  $22^{nd}$  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. NO DUES CERTIFICATE

The Commission has issued directions to facilitate, approached by any intending candidate, who has been in occupation of accommodation provided by the Government any time during the last 10 years before the date of notification of the election, to obtain "No dues certificate" agencies/authorities/departments dealing with (a) electricity charges, (c) water charges and (d) telephone charges. The instructions are contained in Commission's letter 3/ER/2023/SDR/Vol.IV dated 03.05.2024 and is available in the Commission's website. Under Para 5, the following may be added before the last sub-para: -

The political parties shall also publish in newspapers and its official social media platforms and upload in its website, the details and the reasons for selecting candidates having criminal background within 48 hours of selection of such candidate. The details are contained in letter no. 3/4/2021/SDR/Vol.III dated 11.01.2022 available on the Commission's website.

07/01/2025

(SANJEEV KUMAR PRASAD) SECRETARY

## Annexure-I

# **SCHEDULE FOR BYE-ELECTIONS**

Poll Events	Date and Day
Date of Issue of Gazette	10.01.2025
Notification	(Friday)
Last date for filing of	17.01.2025
nominations	(Friday)
Date for scrutiny of nominations	18.01.2025
	(Saturday)
Last date for the withdrawal of	20.01.2025
candidatures	(Monday)
Date of Poll	05.02.2025
	(Wednesday)
Date of Counting of Votes	08.02.2025
	(Saturday)
Date before which election shall	10.02.2025
be completed	(Monday)