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Notifications by the Election Commission of India

NOTIFICATIONS BY THE ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

APPOINTMENT OF DATES FOR VARIOUS STAGES AND FIXATION OF HOURS OF POLL FOR
BIENNIAL ELECTIONS TO THE COUNCIL OF STATES TO FILL VACANCIES OF MEMBERS RETIRING
DURING APRIL, 2026

No. SRO G-4/2026.

The following Notification of the Election Commission of India, New Delhi, dated: 26th February, 2026 [Phalguna 07, 1947 (Saka)] is republished:-

No. 318/CS-Multi/2026(1): - Whereas, the President of India has, by notification issued under Section 12 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951(43 of 1951) and published in the Gazette of India on 26th February, 2026, been pleased to call upon the elected members of each of the Legislative Assemblies of the States, specified in column (1) of the TABLE below, to elect to the Council of States, the number of member(s) specified against that State in column (2) of the said TABLE:

TABLE

S.No.	Name of State	No. of members
	(1)	(2)
1.	Maharashtra	7
2.	Odisha	4
3.	Tamil Nadu	6
4.	West Bengal	5
5.	Assam	3
6.	Bihar	5

S.No.	Name of State	No. of members
	(1)	(2)
7.	Chhattisgarh	2
8.	Haryana	2
9.	Himachal Pradesh	1
10.	Telangana	2

Now, therefore, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of Section 39 and Section 56 of the said Act, the Election Commission hereby-

(A) appoints, with respect to the said election;

- (a) the 05th March, 2026 (Thursday), as the last date for making nominations;
- (b) the 06th March, 2026 (Friday), as the date for the scrutiny of the nominations;
- (c) the 09th March, 2026 (Monday), as the last date for the withdrawal of candidatures;
- (d) the 16th March, 2026 (Monday), as the date on which a poll shall, if necessary, be taken; and
- (e) the 20th March, 2026 (Friday), as the date before which the election shall be completed; and

(B) fixes the hours from 09:00 am to 04:00 pm, as the hours during which the poll shall, if necessary, be taken in all the above-mentioned States on the date specified above for the election.

(By Order)

SUMAN KUMAR DAS,
Secretary to the
Election Commission of India.

Secretariat,
Chennai-600 009,
26th February, 2026.

ARCHANA PATNAIK,
Chief Electoral Officer and
Principal Secretary to Government,
Public (Elections) Department.

APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER AND ASSISTANT RETURNING OFFICER
FOR BIENNIAL ELECTIONS TO THE COUNCIL OF STATES TO FILL VACANCIES OF
MEMBERS RETIRING DURING APRIL, 2026

No. SRO G-5/2026.

The following Notification of the Election Commission of India, New Delhi, dated: 26th February, 2026 [Phalguna 07, 1947 (Saka)] is republished:-

No. 318/CS-Multi/2026(2): - In pursuance of Section 21, and in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 22, of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 (43 of 1951), the Election Commission, in consultation with the Government of each of the States, specified in the column (1) of the TABLE below, hereby-

(i) designates the officer, specified in the corresponding entry in column (2) of the said TABLE to be the Returning Officer; and

(ii) appoints the officer(s), specified in the corresponding entry in column (3) of the said TABLE, to be the Assistant Returning Officer(s) to assist the Returning Officer in the performance of his/her functions;

in respect of the biennial election to the Council of States, to be held in that State in pursuance of the notification of the President of India, published in the Gazette of India on 26th February, 2026: -

TABLE

<i>States</i>	<i>Returning Officer</i>	<i>Assistant Returning Officer</i>
(1)	(2)	(3)
Maharashtra	Dr. Vilas G. Athawale, Secretary, Maharashtra Legislature Secretariat	1. Shri. Subhash S. Nalawade, Joint Secretary -cum-OSD, Maharashtra Legislature Secretariat 2. Smt. Seema Sachin Tambe, Under Secretary, Maharashtra Legislature Secretariat
Odisha	Shri Satyabrata Rout, Secretary, Odisha Legislative Assembly	Sri Bidyadhar Majhi, Joint Secretary, Odisha Legislative Assembly
Tamil Nadu	Tmt. R. Santhi, Additional Secretary, Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Secretariat	Tmt. P. Thenmozhi, Joint Secretary, Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Secretariat
West Bengal	Shri Soumendra Nath Das, Principal Secretary, West Bengal Legislative Assembly	Shri Dipankar Mondal, Deputy Secretary, West Bengal Legislative Assembly
Assam	Shri Rajib Bhattacharyya, Additional Secretary, Assam Legislative Assembly Secretariat	Shri Prodip Handique, OSD (Joint Secretary), Assam Legislative Assembly Secretariat
Bihar	Smt. Khyati Singh, Joint Secretary-cum-Secretary-in-Charge, Bihar Legislative Assembly	Sh. Sudhir Kumar Singh, Deputy Secretary, Bihar Legislative Assembly
Chhattisgarh	Shri Manish Sharma, Director, Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly	Shri Dinesh Trivedi, Deputy Secretary, Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly
Haryana	Sh. Pankaj Agarwal, IAS, Principal Secretary to the Government, Haryana, Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Department	Sh. Gaurav Goyal, Deputy Secretary, Haryana Vidhan Sabha
Himachal Pradesh	Shri Yash Paul Sharma, Secretary, Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha	Sh. Jitender Singh Kanwar, Deputy Secretary (Legislation), Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha
Telangana	Sri Ch. Upender Reddy, Additional Secretary, Telangana State Legislature	Sri A Sudhakar, Deputy Secretary, Telangana State Legislature

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