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PRESS NOTE

Sub: Biennial Elections to Bihar Legislative Council from 24 Local Authorities' Constituencies -reg.

The term of office of 24 members of Bihar Legislative Council from 24 Local Authorities' Constituencies had expired as per details below: -

S.No.	Name of Local Authorities Constituencies	Name of member	Date of Retirement
1.	Patna	Rit Lal Ray (Vacant w.e.f 11.11.2020 as sitting member is elected in Bihar Legislative Assembly)	16.07.2021
2.	Nalanda	Reena Devi Alias Reena Yadav	
3.	Gaya-cum-Jahanabad-cum-Arwal	Manorma Devi	
4.	Aurangabad	Rajan Kumar Singh	
5.	Nawada	Salman Raghob	
6.	Bhojpur-cum-Buxar	Radhacharan Sah	
7.	Rohtas-cum-Kaimur	Santosh Kumar Singh	
8.	Saran	Sachchidanand Rai	
9.	Siwan	Tun Ji Pandey	
10.	Gopalganj	Aditya Narayan Pandey	
11.	West Champaran	Rajesh Ram	
12.	East Champaran	Rajesh Kumar @ Bablu Gupta	
13.	Muzaffarpur	Dinesh Prasad Singh	
14.	Vaishali	Subodh Kumar	
15.	Sitamarhi-cum-Sheohar	Dilip Ray (Vacant w.e.f 11.11.2020 as sitting member is elected in Bihar Legislative Assembly)	
16.	Darbhangha	Sunil Kumar Singh (Vacant w.e.f 22.07.2020 due to death of sitting member)	
17.	Samastipur	Hari Narayan Chaudhary (Vacant w.e.f 01.05.2021 due to death of sitting member)	
18.	Munger-cum-Jamui-cum-Lakhisarai-cum-Sheikhpura	Sanjay Prasad	
19.	Begusarai-cum-Khagaria	Rajnish Kumar	
20.	Saharsa-cum-Madhepura-cum-Supaul	Nutan Singh	
21.	Bhagalpur-cum-Banka	Manoj Yadav (Vacant w.e.f 11.11.2020 as sitting member is elected in Bihar Legislative Assembly)	
22.	Madhubani	Suman Kumar	
23.	Purnea-cum-Araria-cum-Kishanganj	Dr. Dilip Kumar Jaiswal	
24.	Katihar	Ashok Kumar Agrawal	

2. Biennial elections to fill up 24 seats could not be conducted by 16.07.2021 as the Constituent Local Bodies/Electors therein were not in existence at that time. The Commission vide letter dated 21.05.2021 had sought information regarding existence of constituent Local Bodies functioning and their percentage in the said Constituencies. The CEO, Bihar vide letter dated 27.05.2021 had informed that the term of all Rural Local Bodies which constitute 97.56% of total electoral college for said election was to expire on 15.06.2021 and accordingly, said election could not be held at that time.

3. Now, CEO, Bihar vide letter dated 27.12.2021 has submitted the updated status regarding percentage of Local Bodies functioning as well as percentage of electors therein in all 24 Local Authorities' Constituencies. The Chief Electoral Officer, Bihar has informed that the percentage of Local Bodies functioning as well as the percentage of electors therein is more than 75%.

4. The term of office of the members to be elected to the Bihar Legislative Council from the said Local Authorities' Constituencies shall be subject to the decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in SLP(C) No. 17123/2015 (*Election Commission of India Vs Devesh Chandra Thakur & Others*).

5. The Commission having re-assessed Covid-19 pandemic situation in the State of Bihar and after taking into consideration all relevant facts, has now decided to conduct biennial election to the Bihar Legislative Council from above-mentioned 24 Local Authorities' Constituencies in accordance with the following programme:-

Events		Days & dates
1.	Issue of Notification	09 th March, 2022 (Wednesday)
2.	Last date of making nominations	16 th March, 2022 (Wednesday)
3.	Scrutiny of nominations	17 th March, 2022 (Thursday)
4.	Last date for withdrawal of candidatures	21 st March, 2022 (Monday)
5.	Date of poll	04th April, 2022 (Monday)
6.	Hours of poll	08:00 am to 04:00 pm
7.	Counting of Votes	07 th April, 2022 (Thursday)
8.	Date before which election shall be completed	11 th April, 2022(Monday)

6. Broad Guidelines of Covid-19 as issued by ECI as available at link <https://eci.gov.in/files/file/13932-revised-broad-guidelines-for-conduct-of-general-electionsbye-elections-during-covid-19/> as well as subsequent guidelines relating to physical public meeting etc contained in ECI Press Note No. ECI/PN/20/2022 dated 12.02.2022 and Press Note No. ECI/PN/23/2022 dated 22.02.2022 available at link <https://eci.gov.in/files/file/14036-political->

partiescandidates-may-campaign-from-6am-to-10pm-following-all-extant-instructions/ and https://eci.gov.in/files/file/14057-meetings-rallies-and-road-shows-of-political-parties-and-candidates-allowed-subject-to-sdma-regulations-and-prior-permission-of-district-authorities-limit-of-50-percent-is-relaxed-now/ respectively as well as further direction in the matter to be issued by the Commission, to be followed, wherever applicable, during entire election process for all persons.

7. The Model Code of Conduct concerning the said election will come into force with immediate effect in the concerned Constituency. Please see the details in Commission's website under https://eci.gov.in/files/file/4070-biennial-bye-elections-to-the-legislative-councils-from-council-constituencies-by-graduates%E2%80%99-and teachers%E2%80%99-and-local-authorities%E2%80%99-constituencies-%E2%80%93-mcc-instructions-%E2%80%93-regarding/

8. The Chief Secretary, Bihar is being directed to depute a senior officer from the State to ensure that the extant instructions regarding COVID-19 containment measures are complied with while making arrangements for conducting the election.



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UNDER SECRETARY**