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**Bye-Election, 2026**



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**Election Department**

(Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Tripura : মুখ্য নির্বাচন আধিকারিকের কার্যালয়, ত্রিপুরা)

পুনাতন দফিখালয় কমপ্লেক্স  
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Old Secretariat Complex, Akhaura  
Road, Agartala - 799001

No.F.19 (21)-CEO/CONDT/2008/2860-62

Dated, the 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2026

To  
The Secretary,  
GA (SA) Department,  
Govt. of Tripura,

Subject:-Bye-Election to 56-Dharmanagar Assembly Constituency-Grant of **Paid Holiday** to Employees on the day of Poll-regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that as per Notification issued by the Election Commission of India, the poll in the ensuing Bye-Election to 56-Dharmanagar Assembly Constituency is scheduled to be held **on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2026** to fill the casual vacancy of Tripura Legislative Assembly.

As per provision of Section 135B of the Representation of People Act, 1951, it would be required to grant paid holiday to the employees within the 56-Dharmanagar Assembly Constituency, on the day of poll scheduled to be held **on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2026**. Details clarifications in respect of implementation of the above provisions are contained in the Election Commission's letter No.78/EPS/2026 dated 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2026. A copy of the Commission's above letter is sent herewith for ready reference.

In view of the above, I would, therefore, request you to take appropriate action in light of the guidelines issued by the Commission so that every voter of Bye-Election to 56-Dharmanagar Assembly Constituency can exercise his/her right of franchise in the ensuing Bye-Election to the above Constituency under North Tripura District.

A copy of the notification to be issued in this respect, may kindly be sent to this Department for taking further follow up action.

Yours faithfully,

Encl:-As stated.

  
(U. J. Mog)

Addl. Chief Electoral Officer,  
Tripura.

**Copy to: -**

1. The PS to the CEO, Tripura for kind information of the Chief Electoral Officer, Tripura.
2. Sh. Sanjeev Kumar Prasad, Secretary, ECI for information.

By Speed Post/Email

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 अशोक रोड, नई दिल्ली-110001  
 Nirvachan Sadan  
 Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001  
 Dated: 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2026

No.78/EPS/2026

To

1. The Secretary to the Govt. of India, M/o Personnel Public Grievances & Pensions, Department of Personnel and Training, Kartavya Bhavan-3, New Delhi.
2. The Chief Secretaries of Goa, Gujarat, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Nagaland and Tripura
3. The Chief Electoral Officers of Goa, Gujarat, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Nagaland and Tripura

**Subject:** Bye-Elections to Assembly Constituencies of various States, 2026 - **PAID HOLIDAY** - regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the subject cited and to apprise that the Commission has announced the Bye-elections to Assembly Constituencies of Goa, Gujarat, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Nagaland and Tripura vide Press Note No. ECI/PN/030/2026 dated 15.03.2026 available on the Commission's website under URL <https://www.eci.gov.in/issue-details-page/press-releases>.

2. The date of Poll in the Assembly Constituencies going for bye-polls in States of Goa, Karnataka, Nagaland and Tripura has been fixed on **09.04.2026(Thursday)** and the date of poll for Assembly Constituencies of Gujarat and Maharashtra going for by-polls has been fixed on **23.04.2026(Thursday)**.

3. In this regard, your attention is invited to Section 135B of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 which provides for the grant of paid holiday to the employees on the day of poll. Section 135B of Representation of the People Act, 1951 is reproduced below:

**Section 135B - Grant of paid holiday to employees on the day of poll:**

- a) Every person employed in any business, trade, industrial undertaking or any other establishment and entitled to vote at an election to the House of the People or the Legislative Assembly of a State/UT shall on the day of Bye-election to Parliamentary Constituency/Assembly Constituency, on the day of poll be granted a holiday.



- b) No deduction or abatement of the wages of any such person shall be made on account of a holiday having been granted in accordance with sub-section (1) and if such person is employed on the basis that she/he would not ordinarily receive wages for such a day, she/he shall nonetheless be paid for such day the wages she/he would have drawn had not a holiday been granted to her/him on that day.
- c) If an employer contravenes the provisions of sub-section (1) or sub-section (2), then such employer shall be punishable with fine, which may extend to five hundred rupees.
- d) This section shall not apply to any elector whose absence may cause danger or substantial loss in respect of the employment in which he is engaged.

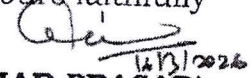
4. The above provisions require that all the electors who are employee of establishments and shops including those which work on shift basis shall be granted a paid holiday on the day of poll in the Constituency where the Bye-election is to be held. Further, there may be cases where a person is ordinarily a resident of the Constituency and registered as an elector, may be serving or employed in an industrial undertaking or an establishment located outside the Constituency having Bye-election. It is therefore, clarified that in such a situation, even those electors including casual workers working outside the constituency concerned, would be entitled to the benefit of a paid holiday extended under the Section 135B (1) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

5. The daily wage/casual workers are also entitled for a holiday and wages on poll day as provided in Section 135B of the R.P. Act, 1951.

6. In view of above, the Commission hereby directs that necessary instructions be issued to all concerned for strict compliance, under intimation to the Commission thereby endorsing a copy of the same.

The receipt of this letter may kindly be acknowledged.

Yours faithfully



(SANJEEV KUMAR PRASAD)  
SECRETARY

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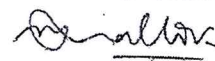
### ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

Dated: 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2026  
25 Phalguna, 1947 (Saka)

#### NOTIFICATION

- No.100/TP-LA/01/2026:- WHEREAS, the seat of Shri Biswa Bandhu Sen in the Legislative Assembly of the State of Tripura, elected from **56-Dharmanagar Assembly Constituency**, has become vacant on 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2025 by reason of his death; and
2. WHEREAS, a bye-election is to be held for the purpose of filling the vacancy so caused;
  3. NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance of Sub-section (1) of Section 150, 30 and 56 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 (43 of 1951), the Election Commission of India hereby -
    - (A) calls upon the said **56-Dharmanagar Assembly Constituency** in the State of Tripura, to elect, before the **6<sup>th</sup> May, 2026 (Wednesday)** and in accordance with the provisions of the said Act and of the rules and orders made thereunder, a person for the purpose of filling the said vacancy in the Legislative Assembly of the State;
    - (B) appoints, with respect to the said election, -
      - (a) the **23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2026 (Monday)**, as the last date for making nominations;
      - (b) the **24<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 (Tuesday)**, as the date for the scrutiny of nominations;
      - (c) the **26<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 (Thursday)**, as the last date for the withdrawal of candidatures;
      - (d) the **9<sup>th</sup> April, 2026 (Thursday)**, as the date on which a poll shall, if necessary, be taken; and
      - (e) the **6<sup>th</sup> May, 2026 (Wednesday)**, as the date before which the election shall be completed; and
    - (C) fixes the hours from **07:00 A.M. to 05:00 P.M.**, as the hours during which the poll shall, if necessary, be taken on the date specified above, for the election.

By Order,



(MALAY MALLICK)  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY  
ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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निर्वाचन सदन, अशोक रोड, नई दिल्ली-110001

दिनांक : 16 मार्च 2026

25 फाल्गुन, 1947 (शक)

### अधिसूचना

सं. 100/टीपी-एनए/01/2026 :- यतः, त्रिपुरा राज्य की विधानसभा में 56-धर्मनगर विधानसभा निर्वाचन-क्षेत्र से चुने गए श्री बिस्वा बंधु सेन की सीट, उनकी मृत्यु के कारण 26 दिसंबर, 2025 को रिक्त हो गई है; और

2. यतः, इस प्रकार उत्पन्न रिक्ति को भरने के उद्देश्य से एक उपचुनाव आयोजित किया जाना है;

3. अतः, अब, लोक प्रतिनिधित्व अधिनियम, 1951 (1951 का 43) की धारा 150 की उप-धारा (1), धारा 30 और 56 के अनुसरण में, भारत निर्वाचन आयोग एतद्वारा -

(अ) त्रिपुरा राज्य के उक्त 56-धर्मनगर विधानसभा निर्वाचन-क्षेत्र से यह अपेक्षा करता है कि वह 6 मई, 2026 (बुधवार) से पूर्व, तथा उक्त अधिनियम और उसके अधीन बनाए गए नियमों और किए गए आदेशों के उपबंधों के अनुसार, राज्य की विधानसभा में उक्त रिक्ति को भरने के प्रयोजनार्थ किसी व्यक्ति को निर्वाचित कर दे;

(आ) उक्त निर्वाचन के संबंध में -

- (क) नामनिर्देशन करने की अंतिम तारीख के रूप में 23 मार्च, 2026 (सोमवार) को;
- (ख) नामनिर्देशनों की संवीक्षा की तारीख के रूप में 24 मार्च, 2026 (मंगलवार) को;
- (ग) अभ्यर्थिताएं वापस लेने की अंतिम तारीख के रूप में 26 मार्च, 2026 (गुरुवार) को;
- (घ) 9 अप्रैल, 2026 (गुरुवार) को उस तारीख के रूप में, जिसको यदि आवश्यक हुआ तो मतदान होगा; और
- (ङ) 6 मई, 2026 (बुधवार) को उस तारीख के रूप में, जिससे पहले निर्वाचन संपन्न करा लिया जाएगा;

नियत करता है; और

- (इ) 07:00 बजे पूर्वा. से 05:00 बजे अप. तक के समय को ऐसे समय के रूप में निर्धारित करता है जिसके दौरान, यदि आवश्यक हुआ तो निर्वाचन के लिए ऊपर विनिर्दिष्ट तारीख को मतदान कराया जाएगा:

आदेश से,

म. मल्लिक  
(मलय मल्लिक)

प्रधान सचिव

भारत निर्वाचन आयोग