



भारत निर्वाचन आयोग  
Election Commission of India

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No. ECI/PN/107/2024

Dated: 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2024

**PRESS NOTE**

**Subject: Bye Election to the Council of States from Maharashtra- reg.**

There is a casual vacancy in the Council of States from Maharashtra as per following details: -

Name of Member	Reason	Date of vacancy	Term Up to
Shri Praful Patel	Resignation	27.02.2024	04.07.2028

2. The Commission has decided to hold a bye-election to the Council of States from Maharashtra to fill up the above-mentioned vacancy in accordance with the following schedule:

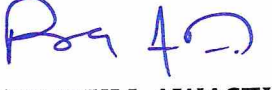
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1.	Issue of Notifications	06 <sup>th</sup> June, 2024 (Thursday)
2.	Last date of making nominations	13 <sup>th</sup> June, 2024 (Thursday)
3.	Scrutiny of nominations	14 <sup>th</sup> June, 2024 (Friday)
4.	Last date for withdrawal of candidatures	18 <sup>th</sup> June, 2024 (Tuesday)
5.	Date of Poll	<b>25<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 (Tuesday)</b>
6.	Hours of Poll	09:00 am- 04:00 pm
7.	Counting of Votes	25 <sup>th</sup> June, 2024 (Tuesday) at 05:00 pm
8.	Date before which election shall be completed	28 <sup>th</sup> June, 2024 (Friday)

3. The Commission has directed that for the purpose of marking preference(s) on the ballot paper only integrated violet colour sketch pen(s) of pre-fixed specification, provided by the Returning Officer, shall be used. No other pen shall, under any circumstances, be used in the above said election.

4. Adequate measures for close monitoring of the election process by appointing observers shall be taken to ensure free and fair election.

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5. Broad Guidelines of Covid-19 issued by ECI, available at link <https://www.eci.gov.in/eci-backend/public/api/download?url=LMAhAK6sOPBp%2FNFF0iRfXbEB1EVSLT41NNLRjYNjJP1KivrUxbfqkDatmHy12e%2FzVx8Lfn2ReU7TfrqYobgIg5mD1wF5S%2FZXPhQgD4VIKIMSPL0N5FWF1VoH8oPTnXgDsP9B2iaJCrQLo%2FnA%2Fc2NHjnhNMwmCRY5P%2FYdSwGcQIfcDqNyNaupRk6WhpbTHK1> to be followed, wherever applicable, during entire election process by all persons.

  
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