

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Punjab

Press Note

Chandigarh: 15th September, 2017

The Election Commission of India has announced the election schedule for Bye election from 01-Gurdaspur Parliamentary Constituency on 12.09.2017. As per the announcement the schedule is as under:-

1. Date of issue of notification : 15.09.2017 (Friday)
 2. Last date for making nominations : 22.09.2017 (Friday)
 3. Date of scrutiny of nominations : 25.09.2017 (Monday)
 4. Last date for withdrawal of candidature : 27.09.2017 (Wednesday)
 5. Date of poll : **11.10.2017 (Wednesday)**
 6. Date of counting of votes : 15.10.2017 (Sunday)
 7. Date before which the election process shall be completed : 17.10.2017 (Tuesday)
2. **Hours of poll will be from 8.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M.**
 3. Nomination papers are to be filed with the Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur who is the Returning Officer for 01-Gurdaspur Parliamentary Constituency, between the hours of **11 O'clock** in the forenoon and **3 O'clock** in the afternoon on any day other than a public holiday **from 15th September, 2017 to 22nd September, 2017.**
 4. The nomination papers are to be filed in form 2A Blank forms are available with the District Election Officer/Returning Officer. Typed nomination papers will also be accepted provided they are in the prescribed format.

5. In order to qualify for a Parliamentary seat, a candidate should be registered as an elector for any Parliamentary Constituency. To satisfy the concerned Returning Officer on this point, candidates should produce a certified copy of the relevant entry of the electoral roll in force.
6. A certificate is also required to make and subscribe to an oath or affirmation in the prescribed form before the concerned Returning Officer or any other person so authorized by the Election Commission of India. The oath/affirmation should taken/made by a candidate after his nomination paper has been filed and before the date fixed for the scrutiny of nominations.
7. **16th September, 2017** being a Saturday is not a holiday under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881; therefore, nomination papers **can be presented** to the Returning Officer on that day.
8. **17th September, 2017** being a Sunday is a holiday under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881; therefore, nomination papers **cannot be presented** to the Returning Officer on that day.
9. **21st September, 2017** being a Agarsain Jayanti is not a holiday under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881; therefore, nomination papers **can be presented** to the Returning Officer on that day.
10. The Model Code of Conduct has come into force in the District Gurdaspur and Pathankot from the date of announcement of elections i.e. **12th September, 2017** by the Election Commission of India and shall remain in force till the completion of the election process.

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