

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Punjab Press Note

Chandigarh: 10.01.2017

The Election Commission of India has issued the following programme for holding general elections to Punjab Legislative Assembly and bye-Election from 02-Amritsar Parliamentary Constituency:-

1.	Issue of Notification	:	11.01.2017 (Wednesday)
2.	Last date for making nominations	:	18.01.2017 (Wednesday)
3.	Scrutiny of nominations	:	19.01.2017 (Thursday)
4.	Last date for withdrawal of candidature	:	21.01.2017 (Saturday)
5.	Date of Poll	:	04.02.2017 (Saturday)
6.	Counting of Votes	:	11.03.2017 (Saturday)
7.	Date before which the election process shall be completed	:	15.03.2017 (Wednesday)

(Hours of Poll will be form 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.)

Nomination papers are to be filed with the concerned Returning Officer for all Assembly Constituencies between the hours of **11 O' Clock** in the forenoon and **3 O' clock** in the after noon on any day other than a public holiday from **11.01.2017 to 18.01.2017**. **The Deputy Commissioner Amritsar is a Returning Officer for 02-Amritsar Parliamentary Constituency.**

2. The nomination papers are to be filled in form 2-B for Assembly elections and form 2A for 02-Amritsar Parliamentary Constituency bye-Election. Blank forms are available with the District Election Officer/Returning Officer. Typed nomination paper will also be accepted provided they are in the prescribed form.

3. In order to qualify for a Assembly Constituency (Vidhan Sabha) seat, a candidate should be registered as an elector in any Assembly Constituency in that State of Punjab. 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.

4. In order to qualify for a Parliamentary Constituency (Lok Sabha) 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

5. 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.

6. **14.01.2017 and 15.01.2017** being second Saturday and Sunday is a holiday under the Negotiable Instrument Act, 1881; therefore, nomination papers cannot be presented to the Returning Officers on that day.

7. **21.01.2017** being Saturday is not a holiday under the Negotiable Instrument Act, 1881; therefore, candidature can be withdrawn by the candidate on that day.

8. The Model Code of Conduct has come into force from the date of announcement of elections (**from 04.01.2017**) by the Election Commission of India and shall remain in force till the completion of the election process.

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