

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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PRESS NOTE

Subject: Schedule for the General Election to the Legislative Assembly of Karnataka

The State of Karnataka was placed under President's Rule under Article 356 of the Constitution on 20.11.2007 and the Legislative Assembly of the State was subsequently dissolved on 28.11.2007. The Hon'ble Supreme Court has held in Special Reference No.1 of 2002 [AIR 2003 SC 87, (2002) 8 SCC 237] that on the premature dissolution of the Legislative Assembly, the general election to constitute the new Assembly should be held within six month from the date of premature dissolution of the State Assembly. Accordingly, a general election has to be held in the State of Karnataka before 28.05.2008.

ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCIES

2. The Assembly Constituencies in Karnataka have been delimited anew in accordance with the Delimitation Commission's order no. 49 dated 2nd July 2007 under section 8 and 9 of the Delimitation Act, 2002 (33 of 2002) and published in official gazettes under section 10(1) of the said Act. The Presidential notification for implementation of the new delimitation order has been promulgated vide order of the President [S.O. 382(E) dated on 19th February, 2008. There are 224 newly delimited Assembly Constituencies (ACs) in Karnataka, of which 36 seats are reserved for the Scheduled Castes (SC) and 15 for Scheduled Tribes (ST).

ELECTORAL ROLLS

3. The Electoral rolls, with reference to 1st January, 2008, as the qualifying date, in terms of the old Assembly Constituencies had been published by 20.03.2008. Rule 24 of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960 provides that if it is required urgently to prepare the electoral roll of a constituency delimited anew, the electoral roll for the new constituency can be prepared – (a) by putting together the rolls of such of the existing constituencies or parts thereof as are comprised within the new constituency; and (b) by making appropriate alterations in the arrangement, serial numbering and heading of the rolls so compiled. The

said Rule further provides that the roll so prepared shall be published in the manner specified in Rule 22 and shall, on such publication, be the electoral roll for the new constituency.

4. As mentioned above, the general election to the Karnataka Legislative Assembly is to be held before the 28.05.2008. Thus, it became necessary that the electoral rolls of the newly delimited constituencies are prepared urgently and for this purpose the rolls of the earlier constituencies have been collated in terms of the new constituencies under the aforesaid Rule 24 of the Registration of Elector Rules, 1960 and published under Rule 22 of the said Rules on 29.03.2008. As per these rolls, there are 40077666 electors of which 20399338 are male and 19678328 female. The electoral rolls of all the Assembly constituencies of the State have been computerized and are available on the website of the Chief Electoral Officer, Karnataka (<http://ceokarnataka.nic.in>). The rolls, so published finally, have been shared with all recognized Political Parties. Continuous updation of the rolls under Section 23 of R.P. Act 1950 will be on till the last date for filing nominations.

ELECTORS PHOTO IDENTITY CARDS (EPIC)

5. EPIC coverage of the electors in Karnataka is around 62%. The Commission has issued instructions to continue the campaign for increasing the EPIC coverage.

ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES (EVMs)

6. The Elections in the State will be conducted at all polling stations using EVMs. The Commission has already made available adequate number of EVMs for the smooth conduct of elections.

INDELIBLE INK

7. The Commission in recent times has been adopting a new procedure for the application of indelible ink. The new procedure of applying the ink as a line running from top of the nail to the bottom of first joint of the left forefinger will be followed during the forthcoming general election also.

LAW AND ORDER AND DEPLOYMENT OF FORCES

8. Based on the assessment of ground situation, Central Police Forces (CPFs) and State Armed Police (SAPs) drawn from other States will be deployed during the ensuing general election. The CPF and SAP will be used for safeguarding the polling stations and for

providing security to the electors and polling personnel. Besides, wherever needed, the CPF will be deployed in advance for area domination. The identification of polling stations requiring coverage by CPF in various assembly constituencies will be made in consultation with the ECI Observers.

9. The Commission has been issuing instructions from time to time with regard to advance preventive measures to be taken by the District Magistrates and Police authorities to maintain the Law & Order and to create atmosphere conducive for the conduct of free and fair elections. The Commission will be monitoring the ground situation closely and will take appropriate measures to ensure peaceful, free and fair polls in the State.

OBSERVERS

10. The Commission will be deploying General and Expenditure Observers to ensure smooth conduct of forthcoming General Election. The Observers will be asked to keep a close watch on the electoral process to ensure free and fair elections. Besides, the Commission will be deploying sufficient number of Central Government and Central Public Sector Unit employees as **micro observers** at the polling stations selectively. They will take static position at the assigned polling station, observe the poll process and submit a report to their respective constituency observers.

CONDUCT OF OFFICIALS

11. The Commission expects all officials engaged in the conduct of elections to discharge their duties in an impartial manner without any fear or favour. Several instructions have been issued from time to time to ensure impartiality of officials who are engaged in conduct of elections. The conduct of all government officials who have been entrusted with election related responsibilities and duties would remain under constant scrutiny of the Commission and strict action shall be taken against those officials who are found wanting on any account.

12. The Commission has already given instructions that no election related official or Police officer of the rank of Sub Inspector and above shall be allowed to continue in his home district. Besides, instructions have also been issued that all the election related officials including the police officials who have completed three years in a district during last four years should be transferred out of that district. The Government of the State has also been asked to transfer all those officers against whom the Commission has recommended

disciplinary action in the past or who have been charged for any lapse in election related work, from the positions entailing any election work.

13. The Government of the State has been instructed to ensure that those who stand transferred shall move out physically of their last place of posting and not remain there on any pretext including leave.

14. The Commission has also instructed the State Government not to associate any officer with the electoral process against whom charges have been framed in a court of law in any case.

POLLING STATIONS

15. There are 39758 polling stations in the state. Besides, the District Election Officers (DEO) have been authorized to propose setting up of auxiliary polling stations wherever needed from voter's convenience point of view. In order to facilitate conduct of poll, the Commission has decided to appoint additional polling personnel for the booths, where the number of electors exceeds 1200. For the facility of disabled persons, instructions have been issued to ensure that all polling stations are located at ground floor and ramps are provided.

POLLING PARTIES AND RANDOMIZATION

16. Polling parties shall be formed randomly, using a common statewide computer programme for randomization. Three-stage randomization will be adopted. First, from a wider district database of eligible officials a shortlist of about 120% of the required numbers will be randomized. This group will be trained for polling duties. In the second stage, from this trained manpower, actual polling parties shall be formed by random selection software in the presence of ECI Observers. In the last stage, the polling stations will be allocated just before the polling party's departure by random number generation. The Central Government Employees will be utilized for the forthcoming elections to the extent possible.

COMMUNICATION PLAN

17. The District Election Officers have been asked to prepare a comprehensive communication plan using multi-mode resources such as landline telephones, mobile telephones, wireless sets etc. to facilitate effective monitoring and control on the day of poll.

They have also been asked to open Help lines /Control Rooms in each AC for the convenience of electors.

VIDEOGRAPHY

18. The Commission has issued detailed guidelines for video coverage of all critical events during the election process and polling at sensitive / hypersensitive polling booths on the poll day. The digital cameras will also be deployed inside the booths wherever possible.

PROTECTION TO SC/ST ELECTORS

19. As per Section 3 (1) (vii) of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, whoever, not being a member of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe, forces or intimidates a member of a Scheduled Caste or a Scheduled Tribe not to vote or to vote to a particular candidate or to vote in a manner other than that provided by law shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than six months but which may extend to five years and with fine. The Commission has asked the State Government to bring these provisions to the notice of all concerned for prompt action.

MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

20. **The Model Code of Conduct comes into effect immediately from now onwards.** The Code will apply to the whole of the State of Karnataka and will be applicable to all candidates, political parties, the State Government and the Union Government.

SCHEDULE

21. The election schedules are given in **Annexure I**. The constituencies going to poll in each phase are indicated in **Annexure II, III & IV**.

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ANNEXURE – I

Schedule for General Elections to Legislative Assembly of Karnataka

SCHEDULE – I

(For elections to 89 Assembly Constituencies listed in Annexure - II

Date of Issue of Gazette Notification	Last Date for making Nominations	Last Date for Scrutiny of Nominations	Last Date for withdrawal of candidatures	The date on which Poll shall, if necessary, be taken
16.04.08 (Wednesday)	23.04.08 (Wednesday)	24.04.08 (Thursday)	26.04.08 (Saturday)	10.05.08 (Saturday)

SCHEDULE – II

(For elections to 66 Assembly Constituencies listed in Annexure - III

Date of Issue of Gazette Notification	Last Date for making Nominations	Last Date for Scrutiny of Nominations	Last Date for withdrawal of candidatures	The date on which Poll shall, if necessary, be taken
22.04.08 (Tuesday)	29.04.08 (Tuesday)	30.04.08 (Wednesday)	02.05.08 (Friday)	16.05.08 (Friday)

SCHEDULE – III

(For elections to 69 Assembly Constituencies listed in Annexure - IV

Date of Issue of Gazette Notification	Last Date for making Nominations	Last Date for Scrutiny of Nominations	Last Date for withdrawal of candidatures	The date on which Poll shall, if necessary, be taken
26.04.08 (Saturday)	03.05.08 (Saturday)	05.05.08 (Monday)	07.05.08 (Wednesday)	22.05.08 (Thursday)

Counting for all phases on 25.05.08 (Sunday).

The date before which election shall be completed: 28.05.08 (Wednesday).

Annexure -II

General Election to the Legislative Assembly of Karnataka, 2008

Poll Days of Assembly Constituencies in different phases

Phase - I : Poll Date 10.05.2008 (Saturday)

No. of Assembly Constituencies 89

No. of Districts 11

AC No.	AC Name	AC Type	District Name
128	Chiknayakanhalli	GEN	TUMKUR
129	Tiptur	GEN	TUMKUR
130	Turuvekere	GEN	TUMKUR
131	Kunigal	GEN	TUMKUR
132	Tumkur City	GEN	TUMKUR
133	Tumkur Rural	GEN	TUMKUR
134	Koratagere	SC	TUMKUR
135	Gubbi	GEN	TUMKUR
136	Sira	GEN	TUMKUR
137	Pavagada	SC	TUMKUR
138	Madhugiri	GEN	TUMKUR
139	Gauribidanur	GEN	CHIKKABALLAPUR
140	Bagepalli	GEN	CHIKKABALLAPUR
141	Chikkaballapur	GEN	CHIKKABALLAPUR
142	Sidlaghatta	GEN	CHIKKABALLAPUR
143	Chintamani	GEN	CHIKKABALLAPUR
144	Srinivaspur	GEN	KOLAR
145	Mulbagal	SC	KOLAR
146	Kolar Gold Field	SC	KOLAR
147	Bangarapet	SC	KOLAR
148	Kolar	GEN	KOLAR
149	Malur	GEN	KOLAR
150	Yelahanka	GEN	BANGALORE
151	K.R. Pura	GEN	BANGALORE
152	Byatarayanapura	GEN	BANGALORE
153	Yeshvanthapura	GEN	BANGALORE
154	Rajarajeshwarinagar	GEN	BANGALORE
155	Dasarahalli	GEN	BANGALORE
156	Mahalakshmi Layout	GEN	BANGALORE
157	Malleswaram	GEN	BANGALORE

158	Hebbal	GEN	BANGALORE
159	Pulakeshinagar	SC	BANGALORE
160	Sarvagnanagar	GEN	BANGALORE
161	C.V. Raman Nagar	SC	BANGALORE
162	Shivajinagar	GEN	BANGALORE
163	Shanti Nagar	GEN	BANGALORE
164	Gandhi Nagar	GEN	BANGALORE
165	Rajaji Nagar	GEN	BANGALORE
166	Govindraj Nagar	GEN	BANGALORE
167	Vijay Nagar	GEN	BANGALORE
168	Chamrajpet	GEN	BANGALORE
169	Chickpet	GEN	BANGALORE
170	Basavanagudi	GEN	BANGALORE
171	Padmanaba Nagar	GEN	BANGALORE
172	B.T.M. Layout	GEN	BANGALORE
173	Jayanagar	GEN	BANGALORE
174	Mahadevapura	SC	BANGALORE
175	Bommanahalli	GEN	BANGALORE
176	Bangalore South	GEN	BANGALORE
177	Anekal	SC	BANGALORE
178	Hosakote	GEN	BANGALORE RURAL
179	Devanahalli	SC	BANGALORE RURAL
180	Doddaballapur	GEN	BANGALORE RURAL
181	Nelamangala	SC	BANGALORE RURAL
182	Magadi	GEN	RAMNAGAR
183	Ramanagaram	GEN	RAMNAGAR
184	Kanakapura	GEN	RAMNAGAR
185	Channapatna	GEN	RAMNAGAR
186	Malavalli	SC	MANDYA
187	Maddur	GEN	MANDYA
188	Melukote	GEN	MANDYA
189	Mandya	GEN	MANDYA
190	Shrirangapattana	GEN	MANDYA
191	Nagamangala	GEN	MANDYA
192	Krishnarajpet	GEN	MANDYA
193	Shravanabelagola	GEN	HASSAN
194	Arsikere	GEN	HASSAN
195	Belur	GEN	HASSAN
196	Hassan	GEN	HASSAN
197	Holenarasipur	GEN	HASSAN

198	Arkalgud	GEN	HASSAN
199	Sakleshpur	SC	HASSAN
208	Madikeri	GEN	KODAGU
209	Virajpet	GEN	KODAGU
210	Piriyapatna	GEN	MYSORE
211	Krishnarajanagara	GEN	MYSORE
212	Hunsur	GEN	MYSORE
213	Heggadadevankote	ST	MYSORE
214	Nanjangud	SC	MYSORE
215	Chamundeshwari	GEN	MYSORE
216	Krishnaraja	GEN	MYSORE
217	Chamaraja	GEN	MYSORE
218	Narasimharaja	GEN	MYSORE
219	Varuna	GEN	MYSORE
220	T.Narasipur	SC	MYSORE
221	Hanur	GEN	CHAMARAJANAGAR
222	Kollegal	SC	CHAMARAJANAGAR
223	Chamarajanagar	GEN	CHAMARAJANAGAR
224	Gundlupet	GEN	CHAMARAJANAGAR

Annexure-III

General Election to the Legislative Assembly of Karnataka, 2008

Poll Days of Assembly Constituencies in different phases

Phase - II : Poll Date 16.05.2008 (Friday)

No. of Assembly Constituencies 66

No. of Districts 10

AC No.	AC Name	AC Type	District Name
53	Raichur Rural	ST	RAICHUR
54	Raichur	GEN	RAICHUR
55	Manvi	ST	RAICHUR
56	Devadurga	ST	RAICHUR
57	Lingsugur	SC	RAICHUR
58	Sindhanur	GEN	RAICHUR
59	Maski	ST	RAICHUR
60	Kushtagi	GEN	KOPPAL
61	Kanakagiri	SC	KOPPAL
62	Gangawati	GEN	KOPPAL
63	Yelburga	GEN	KOPPAL
64	Koppal	GEN	KOPPAL
76	Haliyal	GEN	UTTARA KANNADA
77	Karwar	GEN	UTTARA KANNADA
78	Kumta	GEN	UTTARA KANNADA
79	Bhatkal	GEN	UTTARA KANNADA
80	Sirsi	GEN	UTTARA KANNADA
81	Yellapur	GEN	UTTARA KANNADA
88	Hadagalli	SC	BELLARY
89	Hagaribommanahalli	SC	BELLARY
90	Vijayanagara	GEN	BELLARY
91	Kampli	ST	BELLARY
92	Siruguppa	ST	BELLARY
93	Bellary	ST	BELLARY
94	Bellary City	GEN	BELLARY
95	Sandur	ST	BELLARY
96	Kudligi	ST	BELLARY
97	Molakalmuru	ST	CHITRADURGA
98	Challakere	ST	CHITRADURGA
99	Chitradurga	GEN	CHITRADURGA
100	Hiriyur	GEN	CHITRADURGA
101	Hosadurga	GEN	CHITRADURGA

102	Holalkere	SC	CHITRADURGA
103	Jagalur	ST	DAVANAGERE
104	Harapanahalli	GEN	DAVANAGERE
105	Harihar	GEN	DAVANAGERE
106	Davanagere North	GEN	DAVANAGERE
107	Davanagere South	GEN	DAVANAGERE
108	Mayakonda	SC	DAVANAGERE
109	Channagiri	GEN	DAVANAGERE
110	Honnali	GEN	DAVANAGERE
111	Shimoga Rural	SC	SHIMOGA
112	Bhadravati	GEN	SHIMOGA
113	Shimoga	GEN	SHIMOGA
114	Tirthahalli	GEN	SHIMOGA
115	Shikaripura	GEN	SHIMOGA
116	Sorab	GEN	SHIMOGA
117	Sagar	GEN	SHIMOGA
118	Byndoor	GEN	UDUPI
119	Kundapura	GEN	UDUPI
120	Udupi	GEN	UDUPI
121	Kapu	GEN	UDUPI
122	Karkal	GEN	UDUPI
123	Sringeri	GEN	CHICKMAGALUR
124	Mudigere	SC	CHICKMAGALUR
125	Chikmagalur	GEN	CHICKMAGALUR
126	Tarikere	GEN	CHICKMAGALUR
127	Kadur	GEN	CHICKMAGALUR
200	Belthangady	GEN	DAKSHINA KANNADA
201	Moodabidri	GEN	DAKSHINA KANNADA
202	Mangalore City North	GEN	DAKSHINA KANNADA
203	Mangalore City South	GEN	DAKSHINA KANNADA
204	Mangalore	GEN	DAKSHINA KANNADA
205	Bantval	GEN	DAKSHINA KANNADA
206	Puttur	GEN	DAKSHINA KANNADA
207	Sullia	SC	DAKSHINA KANNADA

Annexure-IV

General Election to the Legislative Assembly of Karnataka, 2008

Poll Days of Assembly Constituencies in different phases

Phase - III : Poll Date 22.05.2008 (Thursday)

No. of Assembly Constituencies 69

No. of Districts 8

AC No.	AC Name	AC Type	District Name
1	Nippani	GEN	BELGAUM
2	Chikkodi-Sadalga	GEN	BELGAUM
3	Athani	GEN	BELGAUM
4	Kagwad	GEN	BELGAUM
5	Kudachi	SC	BELGAUM
6	Raybag	SC	BELGAUM
7	Hukkeri	GEN	BELGAUM
8	Arabhavi	GEN	BELGAUM
9	Gokak	GEN	BELGAUM
10	Yemkanmardi	ST	BELGAUM
11	Belgaum Uttar	GEN	BELGAUM
12	Belgaum Dakshin	GEN	BELGAUM
13	Belgaum Rural	GEN	BELGAUM
14	Khanapur	GEN	BELGAUM
15	Kittur	GEN	BELGAUM
16	Bailhongal	GEN	BELGAUM
17	Saundatti Yellamma	GEN	BELGAUM
18	Ramdurg	GEN	BELGAUM
19	Mudhol	SC	BAGALKOT
20	Terdal	GEN	BAGALKOT
21	Jamkhandi	GEN	BAGALKOT
22	Bilgi	GEN	BAGALKOT
23	Badami	GEN	BAGALKOT
24	Bagalkot	GEN	BAGALKOT
25	Hungund	GEN	BAGALKOT
26	Muddebihal	GEN	BIJAPUR
27	Devar Hippargi	GEN	BIJAPUR
28	Basavana Bagevadi	GEN	BIJAPUR
29	Babaleshwar	GEN	BIJAPUR
30	Bijapur City	GEN	BIJAPUR
31	Nagthan	SC	BIJAPUR

32	Indi	GEN	BIJAPUR
33	Sindgi	GEN	BIJAPUR
34	Afzalpur	GEN	GULBARGA
35	Jevargi	GEN	GULBARGA
36	Shorapur	ST	GULBARGA
37	Shahapur	GEN	GULBARGA
38	Yadgir	GEN	GULBARGA
39	Gurmitkal	GEN	GULBARGA
40	Chittapur	SC	GULBARGA
41	Sedam	GEN	GULBARGA
42	Chincholi	SC	GULBARGA
43	Gulbarga Rural	SC	GULBARGA
44	Gulbarga Dakshin	GEN	GULBARGA
45	Gulbarga Uttar	GEN	GULBARGA
46	Aland	GEN	GULBARGA
47	Basavakalyan	GEN	BIDAR
48	Homnabad	GEN	BIDAR
49	Bidar South	GEN	BIDAR
50	Bidar	GEN	BIDAR
51	Bhalki	GEN	BIDAR
52	Aurad	SC	BIDAR
65	Shirahatti	SC	GADAG
66	Gadag	GEN	GADAG
67	Ron	GEN	GADAG
68	Nargund	GEN	GADAG
69	Navalgund	GEN	DHARWAD
70	Kundgol	GEN	DHARWAD
71	Dharwad	GEN	DHARWAD
72	Hubli-Dharwad-East	SC	DHARWAD
73	Hubli-Dharwad-Central	GEN	DHARWAD
74	Hubli-Dharwad-West	GEN	DHARWAD
75	Kalghatgi	GEN	DHARWAD
82	Hangal	GEN	HAVERI
83	Shiggaon	GEN	HAVERI
84	Haveri	SC	HAVERI
85	Byadgi	GEN	HAVERI
86	Hirekerur	GEN	HAVERI
87	Ranibennur	GEN	HAVERI