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Election Commission of India

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PRESS NOTE

Subject: Bye-Elections to the Council of States from Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu- reg.

There are 02 casual vacancies in the Council of States from Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu, as per following details:

S.No.	Name of Member	State	Cause of Vacancy	Term up to
1	Smt. Sunetra Ajit Pawar	Maharashtra	Resignation on 06.05.2026	04.07.2028
2	Shri C. Ve. Shanmugam	Tamil Nadu	Resignation on 07.05.2026	29.06.2028

2. The Commission has decided to hold bye-elections to the Council of States from Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu to fill up the above-mentioned vacancies in accordance with the following schedule:

Sl. No	Events	Dates
1.	Issue of Notifications	01 st June, 2026 (Monday)
2.	Last date of making nominations	08 th June, 2026 (Monday)
3.	Scrutiny of nominations	09 th June, 2026 (Tuesday)
4.	Last date for withdrawal of candidatures	11 th June, 2026 (Thursday)
5.	Date of Poll	18th June, 2026 (Thursday)
6.	Hours of Poll	09:00 am- 04:00 pm
7.	Counting of Votes	18 th June, 2026 (Thursday) at 05:00 pm
8.	Date before which election shall be completed	20 th June, 2026 (Saturday)

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 said elections.

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

(SUMAN KUMAR DAS)
SECRETARY