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सं. : 5-1(638)/2019-पीडी दिनांक : 30.09.2026

कार्यालय ज्ञापन

विषय: महाराष्ट्र, उत्तर प्रदेश, बिहार और कर्नाटक की विधान परिषदों के द्विवार्षिक चुनाव के सम्बन्ध में |

अधोहस्ताक्षरी को यह कहने का निदेश हुआ है कि सक्षम प्राधिकारी ने मंत्रिमंडल सचिवालय, भारत सरकार द्वारा उपरोक्त विषय पर जारी दिनांक 24 सितम्बर, 2026 के कार्यालय ज्ञापन सं. 1/41/1/2025-Cab को भारत निर्वाचन आयोग के दिनांक 22 सितम्बर, 2026 के पत्रों सहित सभी सीएसआईआर प्रयोगशालाओं/संस्थानों/इकाइयों को सूचना, मार्गदर्शन और अनुपालन के लिए अग्रेषित करने की स्वीकृति प्रदान की है।

30/9/26

अमरेन्द्र कुमार
अवर सचिव (नीति प्रभाग)

संलग्न/ : यथोपरि
प्रतिलिपि :

1. सी.एस.आई.आर. की सभी राष्ट्रीय प्रयोगशालाओं/संस्थानों/मुख्यालय/एककों के निदेशक/प्रधान
2. सी.एस.आई.आर. वेबसाइट
3. कार्यालय प्रति

MOST IMMEDIATE

No. 1/41/1/2025-Cab
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (BHARAT SARKAR)
CABINET SECRETARIAT (MANTRIMANDAL SACHIVALAYA)

New Delhi, the 24th September, 2026

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:
1. **Biennial Election to the Maharashtra Legislative Councils from 03 Graduates' and 02 Teachers' Constituencies.**
2. **Biennial Election to the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Councils from 05 Graduates' and 06 Teachers' Constituencies.**
3. **Biennial Election to the Bihar Legislative Councils from 04 Graduates' and 04 Teachers' Constituencies.**
4. **Biennial Election to the Karnataka Legislative Councils from 02 Graduates' and 02 Teachers' Constituencies.**

The undersigned is directed to enclose a copy each of the following letters from Election Commission of India, for information and necessary action:

(i) Letter No. 322/ECI/LET/FUNC/MT-LC/BIEN/2026(G&T)/13005 dated 22.09.2026 on subject (1) above.
(ii) Letter No. 322/ECI/LET/FUNC/UP-LC/BIEN/2026(G&T)/13077 dated 22.09.2026 on subject (2) above.
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(iv) Letter No. 322/ECI/LET/FUNC/KT-LC-G&T/BIEN/2026/12088 dated 22.09.2026 on subject (4) above.

24/9/2026

(Anita Tripathi)
Joint Secretary
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To

All Secretaries to the Government of India

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निर्वाचन सदन
NIRVACHAN SADAN
अशोक रोड, नई दिल्ली-110001
ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI-110001

No. 322/ECI/LET/FUNC/MT-LC/BIEN/2026(G&T) 13005 Dated: 22nd September, 2026

To

1. The Cabinet Secretary,
Government of India,
Rashtrapati Bhawan,
New Delhi.

2. The Chief Secretary,
Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai.

3. The Chief Electoral Officer,
Maharashtra, Mumbai.

Sub: - Biennial Election to the Maharashtra Legislative Councils from 03 Graduates' & 02 Teachers' Constituencies -reg.

Sir,

I am directed to state that the Commission has announced biennial election to the Maharashtra Legislative Council from Graduates' and Teachers' Constituencies vide Press Note No. ECI/PN/118/2026, dated 22nd September, 2026.

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(SUMAN KUMAR DAS)
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No. 322/ECI/INST/FUNC/BIEN-LC /2016

Dated: 26th December, 2016

To

The Chief Electoral Officers
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2. Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow,
3. Bihar, Patna,
4. Karnataka, Bangalore,
5. Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
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SR. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

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No. 322/ECI/LET/FUNC/UP-LC/BIEN/2026(G&T) Dated: 22nd September, 2026

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To

1. The Cabinet Secretary,
Government of India,
Rashtrapati Bhawan,
New Delhi.

2. The Chief Secretary,
Government of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow.

3. The Chief Electoral Officer,
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Sub: - Biennial Election to the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Councils from 05 Graduates' & 06 Teachers' Constituencies -reg.

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No. 322/ECI/LET/FUNC/BR-LC-G&T/BIEN/2026 /13014 Dated: 22nd September, 2026

To

1. The Cabinet Secretary,
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Rashtrapati Bhawan,
New Delhi.

2. The Chief Secretary,
Government of Bihar,
Patna-800015.

3. The Chief Electoral Officer,
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2. The Chief Secretary,
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Bengaluru- 560001.

3. The Chief Electoral Officer,
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XI. In order to conduct free and fair elections to keep a check on adverse role of money power and to check the movement of black money during biennial elections/bye-elections to Legislative Council, the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) issued on 29.05.2015, excepting deployment of Static Surveillance Teams, should be made applicable.

such practice shall be construed as violation of sub Para (4) of Para I-General Conduct of MCC apart from being violation of Section 171 B of IPC.

(b) The phrase 'the rest houses/dak bunglows or other Government accommodation' in paragraph (VII- (iii)) of MCC would also include *Guest Houses* of all institutions that are getting Government assistance in any form of grant-in-aid etc.

(c) With regard to paragraph (VII-(v) & (vi)) of MCC, it is clarified that these would be made applicable only with regard to the Graduates'/Teachers'/Local Authorities' Constituencies where the election is being held.

Kindly inform all concerned including all registered and recognized parties based in your state.

Please ensure compliance.

Yours faithfully,

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SR. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY