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PRESS NOTE

Subject: Fixing of Polling Hours For General Elections - 2014 to Lok Sabha, State Legislative Assemblies of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha and Sikkim and Bye-elections to various State Legislative Assemblies.

The Election Commission of India has announced the schedules for General Elections to Lok Sabha, 2014, and to State Legislative Assemblies of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha and Sikkim and for Bye-elections to various State Legislative Assemblies.

Under the provision of Section 56 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, the Election Commission of India is empowered to fix the hours of poll which shall not be less than eight hours. The Commission, after taking into account various factors such as extreme hot weather conditions and early sunrise and sunset in some regions, and to facilitate voters has decided that poll shall be taken in all Parliamentary Constituencies in general from 07:00AM to 06:00PM. For the North-Eastern Region, the hours of poll have been fixed from 7.00 AM to 5.00 PM.

However, In Manipur and Nagaland Hours of poll have been fixed from 7.00 AM to 4.00 PM. Also, due to certain security parameters in other some Parliamentary Constituencies, the poll hours have been fixed from 07:00AM to 04:00PM.

For the convenience of all, notifications showing hours of poll in each of the 543 Parliamentary Constituencies are being uploaded on the Commission's website www.eci.nic.in. The Commission expects that this decision will help voters to turn out in large numbers to exercise their franchise in the above Elections. The Commission has also instructed the CEOs/DEOs to give wide publicity regarding Poll hours with respect to the Parliamentary and Assembly Constituencies in their States/Districts.


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