

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No. ECI/PN/67/2021

Dated: 28th May 2021

PRESS NOTE

Bye Election to the Council of States -Deferment of election – reg.

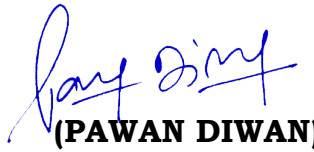
There is one casual vacancy in the Council of States as per the details below:

Name of State	Name of the member	Cause of vacancy	Date of Vacancy	Term upto
Kerala	Shri Jose K. Mani	Resignation	11.01.2021	01.07.2024

2. As per the provisions of Section 151A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, the vacancy are required to be filled, through bye election within six months from date of occurrence of vacancy, provided that remainder of the term in relation to the vacancy is one year or more.

3. **The Commission has reviewed the matter today and has decided that due to outbreak of the second wave of COVID-19 in the country, it would not be appropriate to hold the said bye election till the pandemic situation significantly improves and conditions become conducive to hold above mentioned bye-election.**

4. The Commission will take a decision in the matter at appropriate time in the future after taking inputs from the concerned states and assessing the pandemic situation from mandated authorities like NDMA/SDMA.


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