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Madurantakam, Dharapuram By-elections Held

By-elections were held in Madurantakam and Dharapuram Assembly constituencies for the second time in six months.

By-elections are held to fill vacancies in legislative bodies that arise due to resignation, death, or disqualification of a sitting member.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- **Madurantakam (SC)** and **Dharapuram (SC)** Assembly Constituencies went to polls for the **second time** in **six months**.
- The **Tamil Nadu government** declared a **public holiday** in both constituencies on Tuesday, **October 5, 2026**, for the by-elections.
- Over **2.13 lakh voters** in **Madurantakam (SC)** and more than **2.23 lakh voters** in **Dharapuram (SC)** were eligible to cast their franchise.
- Out of the **2.13 lakh electors** in **Madurantakam (SC)**, **1.08 lakh** were **women voters**.
- Voting was conducted between **7 a.m. and 6 p.m.** at **285 polling stations** in **Madurantakam** and 320 in **Dharapuram**.
- The bypoll was necessitated by the **resignation** of an **AIADMK member**.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

The **Election Commission of India** (ECI) is an **autonomous constitutional body** responsible for administering elections in India.

Article 324 of the **Indian Constitution** vests the power of superintendence, direction, and control of elections in the **Election Commission**.

By-elections are conducted to fill a **vacancy** that arises in either House of **Parliament** or in the **Legislative Assembly** or Legislative Council of a State.

Section 135B of the **Representation of the People Act, 1951**, mandates a **paid holiday** for employees on the day of poll.

Article 332 of the Constitution provides for the **reservation of seats** for **Scheduled Castes** and **Scheduled Tribes** in the **Legislative Assemblies** of the States.

The term of a member elected in a **by-election** is for the **remainder of the original term** of the seat.

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Madurantakam and Dharapuram (SC) Assembly constituencies held by-elections on October 5, 2026.

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