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TN Byelections: Only Two Constituencies to Go to Polls

Election Commission of India notified byelections for only two of seven vacant constituencies in Tamil Nadu, with five others delayed by pending petitions.

Byelections are elections held to fill a vacancy that arises due to the resignation or death of a sitting member of a legislative body.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The **Election Commission of India (ECI)** notified byelections for **Dharapuram** and **Madurantakam** constituencies.
- **Five** other constituencies remain vacant due to pending **petitions**.
- The byelections are scheduled for **October 6, 2026**.
- The **Madras High Court** reserved judgment on a plea to defer bypolls in the **five** constituencies.
- In total, **seven** constituencies in Tamil Nadu are currently without **MLAs**.
- The vacancies include those arising from the resignation of **AIADMK MLAs** like **C. Vijayabaskar** (Viralimalai) and **M.R. Vijayabhaskar**.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

The **Election Commission of India (ECI)** is an autonomous **constitutional body** responsible for administering election processes in India, established under **Article 324** of the Constitution.

As per the **Representation of the People Act, 1951**, a **byelection** to fill a vacancy must generally be held within **six months** from the date of vacancy.

The **Madras High Court**, established in **1862**, is one of the three **oldest High Courts** in India, along with those in Bombay and Calcutta.

Article 190(3)(b) of the Indian Constitution deals with the vacation of seats by members of a **State Legislature** upon **resignation**.

The **All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK)** is a major regional **political party** in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry, founded by **M. G. Ramachandran** in **1972**.

The **Chief Electoral Officer (CEO)** of **Tamil Nadu** functions under the superintendence, direction, and control of the **Election Commission of India**.

REVISION FLASHCARD

ECI announced byelections for Dharapuram and Madurantakam in Tamil Nadu on October 6, 2026.

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