ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi - 110 001

No. ECI/PN/ 7 /2010

Dated 22nd February, 2010

PRESS NOTE

Subject: Biennial Elections to the Council of States to fill the seats of members retiring in April, 2010.

The term of office of 13 members of the Rajya Sabha elected from 6 States is due to expire on their retirement in April, 2010 as detailed below:-

STATE	NO. OF SEATS	DATE OF	
	TO BE FILLED	RETIREMENT	
(1)	(2)	(3)	
1). Assam	2	02.04.2010	
2). Himachal Pradesh	1	02.04.2010	
3). Kerala	3	02.04.2010	
4). Nagaland	1	02.04.2010	
5). Tripura	1	02.04.2010	
6). Punjab	5	09.04.2010	

A statement showing the names of the members retiring as mentioned above is given in the Appendix.

- 2. Out of the five seats to be filled from Punjab three are to be filled by holding one election and other two through another election as these seats belong to two different biennial cycles.
- 3. The Election Commission has decided that the aforesaid biennial elections to the Council of States from the above States shall be held in accordance with the following programme:-.

1.	Issue of Notifications	9 th March, 2010 (Tuesday)		
2.	Last date of making nominations	16 th March, 2010 (Tuesday)		
3.	Scrutiny of nominations	17 th March, 2010 (Wednesday)		
4.	Last date for withdrawal of candidatures	19 th March, 2010 (Friday)		
5.	Date of poll	26 th March, 2010 (Friday)		
6.	Hours of poll	9.00 A.M. to 4.00 P.M		
7.	Counting of Votes	26th March, 2010 (Friday) at 5.00 PM		
8.	Date before which election shall be completed	29 th March, 2010 (Monday)		

STATEMENT OF MEMBERS OF RAJYA SABHA RETIRING IN THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2010

APPENDIX - 'A'

S.No. State		Name of the Member		Date of retirement	Remarks
1.	Assam	1	Sh. Silvius Condpan	02.04.2010	
		2	Smt. Syeda Anwara Taimur	02.04.2010	
2.	Himachal Pd.	3	Sh. Anand Sharma	02.04.2010	
3.	Kerala	4.	Sh. Pulickal Vettam Veetil Abdul Wahab	02.04.2010	
		5	Sh. A.K. Antony	02.04.2010	
		6	Sh. Alampadan Vijaya Raghawan	02.04.2010	
4.	Nagaland	7	Sh. Khekiho Zhimomi	02.04.2010	
5.	Tripura	8	Sh. Matilal Sarkar	02.04.2010	
6.		9	Sh. Ashwani Kumar	09.04.2010	One
		10	Sh. Naresh Gujral	09.04.2010	separate election for
		11	Sh. Dharam Pal	09.04.2010	these 3 seats
		12	Sh. Manohar Singh Gill	09.04.2010	One
		13	Sh. Varinder Singh	09.04.2010	separate election for these 2 seats