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- General Elections for all the 243 seats of Bihar Legislative Assembly has been declared by Election Commission of India with the Press Note today.
- Model Code of Conduct has come into effect from now on.
- All efforts will be done to ensure free, fair and peaceful elections. Complete neutrality of administrative machinery would be ensured to achieve the above mentioned objective.
- Elections are to be held in five phases.

<u>Phase</u>	<u>Date of Poll</u>
First Phase	12 <sup>th</sup> October, 2015
Second Phase	16 <sup>th</sup> October, 2015
Third Phase	28 <sup>th</sup> October, 2015
Fourth Phase	1 <sup>st</sup> November, 2015
Fifth Phase	5 <sup>th</sup> November, 2015
• Date of counting	- 8 <sup>th</sup> November, 2015
• Date before which election shall be completed	- 12 <sup>th</sup> November, 2015

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- Total No. of Polling Stations – 62,779
  - Total No. of Polling Station Locations - 46,191
  - Total No. of Electors – Male – 3,56,46,870  
Female – 3,11,77,619  
Third Gender – 2,169
  - Total No. of Electors – 6,68,26,658
  - Total number of Electors of Age Group - 18-19 – 2,41,3024
  - Total number of Electors of Age Group – 20-29 – 1,80,52,289
  - Total number of Electors added during Special Summary Revision, 2015 (January) – 4.84%
  - Total number of Electors added during Special Summary Revision, 2015 (July) – 2.58%
  - EPIC Coverage – 100%
  - Photo Coverage – 99.98%
  - Continuous updation process is going on. Individual having requisite qualification can get themselves enrolled by giving application either through DEO/ERO/BLO or through online on the website of CEO Bihar.
  - Web based/SMS based/Android App based search facility for searching one's name in the Electoral Roll and finding out the polling station is available.
  - Central Police Forces (CPF) would be deployed at all polling stations – 100% coverage will be done.
  - Preventive action related to maintenance of Law & Order is being carried out in full swing.
  - The process of vulnerability mapping and determining critical booths is in the last stage and would be finalized soon.

- Sufficient numbers of EVMs are available. Their first level checking (FLC) has been completed. Electronic Voting Machines of BEL is being used in 30 districts and of ECIL is being used in remaining 8.
- Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) is being used in 36 Assembly Constituencies in total 34 districts (except Sheohar, Arwal, Lakhisarai, Sheikhpura districts).
- Detailed training regarding VVPAT has been imparted and completed in all the concerned districts.
- For Expenditure Monitoring CPF would be used in Flying Squad in 67 most sensitive ACs (A category).
- To check the misuse of money power detailed measures have been planned.
- All the Flying Squads and Statics Surveillance Teams would remain functional till the date of Poll .
- The vehicles of Sector Officer's, Flying Squad and Patrolling –cum-collecting Parties (PCCP) in LWE areas would be fitted with GPS devices. This would facilitate close monitoring and management of their activities.
- A comprehensive vehicle management system has been devised to ensure timely requisition and timely payment of the vehicles for election work.
- Android Mobile App has been developed to monitor Model Code of Conduct and Cases of Expenditure Violation. Through this App even the public would be able to report such cases. Efforts are being made to provide this App to BAG Members at every polling station.
- An Android App based integrated complaint monitoring system (SAMADHAN) has been developed to effectively communicate and monitor all the cases of public complaints. This Android App would work online as well as offline.
- Single Window System has been established at every Returning Officer Level (Sub-Division Level) for candidates / political parties to get varied types of election related administrative permissions (meetings/rallies/vehicle/ helicopter/loudspeaker/election campaign offices). An ARO and Inspector/Sub-Inspector Rank police official would be deputed for this purpose and permission would be granted within 36 hours. A comprehensive software has been developed to monitor and manage this permissions granting process. Application can be made offline and online as well. This facility is available online through the website of CEO BIHAR. Whoever submits an application would get an acknowledgement through SMS. Once the permission is granted, applicant would be intimated through an SMS. Permission can be collected offline/online.
- Full fledged SVEEP activities would be undertaken with an emphasis on ethical voting, to ensure highest voter turnout.
- Basic Minimum Facilities like drinking water, toilets, ramp, furniture, shade/waiting area, lighting have already been provided at around 90% polling stations. Rest of the polling stations would be covered in a weeks time.
- Two Model polling stations are being planned in every Assembly Constituency.
- Photo voter slips would be distributed through the BLO in every polling station area before poll and which would be completed five days before the date of poll.
- Press Note of ECI has been put on the website of CEO, Bihar [www.ceobihar.nic.in](http://www.ceobihar.nic.in).