

**State Election Commission, Maharashtra**

**Number:** SEC/ZP-PS-2025/C.R.48/O.7

New Administration Building,  
Madame Cama Road,  
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Mumbai-400 032.

**Date:** 13/01/2026

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**To,**  
**The District Collector,**  
**Raigad, Ratnagiri, Sindhudurg, Pune, Satara, Sangli,**  
**Solapur, Kolhapur, Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar,**  
**Parbhani, Dharashiv, Latur.**

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**Subject:** General Elections for 12 Zilla Parishads and 125 Panchayat Samitis within the state.

Reference:

1. Orders passed by the Hon. Supreme Court on 06/05/2025, 16/09/2025, and 28/11/2025 in the filed Special Leave Petition (C) No. 19756/2021 and other connected petitions
2. **State Election Commission Order Number- SEC/ZP-PS-2025/Case No. 20/Desk-7, dated 23/09/2024, 27/10/2024, as well as letters dated 11/11/2024 and 24/11/2024.**
3. **State Election Commission Order Number- SEC/ZP-PS-2025/Case No. 30/Desk-7, letter dated 01/10/2024.**

Under Articles 243K and 243ZA of the Constitution of India, the State Election Commission is entrusted with the entire responsibility for the supervision, direction, and control of elections for local self-government bodies in the state.

2. According to the directives issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 06/05/2025, 16/09/2025, and 28/11/2025 in Special Leave Petition No. 19756/2021 and other connected petitions, it is mandatory to complete the election process for local self-government bodies within the prescribed timeframe. Furthermore, in the order issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 28/11/2025, regarding 32 Zilla Parishads and 336 Panchayat Samitis, it was stated that elections should be held in those Zilla Parishads/Panchayat Samitis where the total reservation does not exceed 50%. Accordingly, it is necessary to implement the general election program for 12 Zilla Parishads and the 125 Panchayat Samitis falling under them (as listed in Annexure-2), where reservations are within the prescribed limits.

3. Following the voter list preparation schedule mentioned in the letters referenced at Serial No. 2, the final voter list for the concerned 12 Zilla Parishads and their 125 Panchayat Samitis was published on 03/11/2025, and the polling station-wise voter list was published on 27/11/2025. Now, the actual general election schedule for these 12 Zilla Parishads and 125 Panchayat Samitis is hereby announced.
4. **•Election Program:** Exercising the powers conferred under Section 9A(4) of the Maharashtra Zilla Parishads and Panchayat Samitis Act, 1961, the general election schedule for the 12 Zilla Parishads and 125 Panchayat Samitis in the state is hereby declared as per the timetable specified in the attached Annexure-1.
5. **Elections Subject to Court Decision:** The general elections for the 12 Zilla Parishads and 125 Panchayat Samitis mentioned in Annexure-2 shall remain subject to the final decision in Special Leave Petition No. 19756/2021 and other connected petitions, as per the orders passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 06/05/2025, 16/09/2025, and 28/11/2025.
6. **Code of Conduct:** The Election Code of Conduct shall remain in force from the announcement of the election program until the declaration of the election results. This code of conduct will apply to the areas of the Zilla Parishads/Panchayat Samitis where elections are being held. Furthermore, no policy decisions, actions, or announcements that may influence the voters in these areas shall be made by the concerned local self-government bodies, Ministers, Members of Parliament (MPs), Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs), or any other officials. In this regard, the State Election Commission's Order No. SEC/ZP-PS-2025/Case No. 42/Desk-7, dated 04 November 2025, should be taken into consideration.
7. **Provision for Submission of Caste Validity Certificate:** According to the provisions of Section 12A of the Maharashtra Zilla Parishads and Panchayat Samitis Act, 1961, individuals wishing to contest elections for reserved seats in Zilla Parishads and Panchayat Samitis are required to submit their Caste Certificate and Caste Validity Certificate along with their nomination papers. However, if a Caste Validity Certificate is unavailable, a certified copy of the application submitted to the Caste Scrutiny Committee, or any other proof of such an application, may be submitted with the nomination papers. In this context, as per the Maharashtra Act No. 48 of 2025 dated 26 December 2025 issued by the State Government, a provision has been made for candidates to submit their Caste Validity Certificate within six months from the date they are declared elected. A prescribed undertaking to this effect must be obtained from the candidate along with the nomination papers.
8. **Traditional (Offline) Nomination Papers:** The process for accepting nomination papers for this election will be conducted through the traditional method. Information should be filled in the printed nomination papers as well as the affidavits. After verification and signature, these documents, along with all necessary supporting papers, must be submitted to the Election Returning Officer within the prescribed time and in the prescribed manner. The District Collector's office should ensure that nomination papers, affidavits, and relevant forms are made available for candidates at the office of the Election Returning Officer.

**9. Court Cases:** In the event that petitions have been filed in court regarding the elections of the 12 Zilla Parishads and 125 Panchayat Samitis undergoing general elections, it shall be the full responsibility of the concerned District Collector to verify this and take necessary action as per the court's orders. Furthermore, if any stay order is received from the Hon'ble Court in any writ petition, the election program should be canceled/stayed immediately and the Commission must be informed accordingly.

**10. Orders for Preparatory Actions:** Detailed orders regarding the actions to be taken for election preparation have been issued via State Election Commission No. SEC/ZP-PS-2026/Case No. 06/Desk-7, dated 11/01/2026; appropriate action should be taken accordingly.

**11.** This election program is available on the website of the State Election Commission. The website address and email ID of the State Election Commission are as follows:

**Website:** <https://mahasec.maharashtra.gov.in>

**Email:** [sec.zpps@mah.gov.in](mailto:sec.zpps@mah.gov.in)

By order of the Hon'ble State Election Commissioner,

**Suresh Kakani** Secretary,  
State Election Commission, Maharashtra

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**Accompaniment:** Annexures 1 and 2

**Copy to:**

1. **Chief Secretary**, Government of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032.
2. **Additional Chief Secretary**, Home Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032.
3. **Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary / Secretary**, All Ministerial Departments.
4. **Chief Electoral Officer**, General Administration Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032.
5. **Principal Secretary**, Rural Development Department, Bandhkam Bhavan, Marzban Path, Fort, Mumbai-400 001.
6. **Director General of Police**, Maharashtra State, Mumbai.
7. **Divisional Commissioner**, Konkan, Pune, Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar.
8. **All concerned District Superintendents of Police.**
9. **Director**, Directorate of Government Printing and Stationery, Charni Road, Mumbai-400 004.
10. **All Empaneled Advocates** of the State Election Commission in the Hon'ble Supreme Court and Hon'ble Bombay High Court.
11. **Information and Public Relations Officer**, State Election Commission, Mumbai.
12. **All Sections** within the State Election Commission.
13. **Select File (Section-7)**, State Election Commission.

**Annexure-1****General Election Program-2026 for 12 Zilla Parishads and 125 Panchayat Samitis within them in the State**

Sr. No.	Event Details	Event Date
--	Date of providing Voter Lists	Tuesday, July 1, 2025
1	Date for the District Collector to publish the public notice of the election program	Friday, January 16, 2026
2	Period for issuing nomination papers	Friday, Jan 16, 2026 to Tuesday, Jan 20, 2026 (11:00 AM to 3:00 PM) and Wednesday, Jan 21, 2026 (11:00 AM to 2:00 PM). (Nomination papers will not be issued on Sunday, Jan 18, 2026, due to a public holiday).
3	Period for accepting nomination papers	Friday, Jan 16, 2026 to Wednesday, Jan 21, 2026 (11:00 AM to 3:00 PM). (Nomination papers will not be accepted on Sunday, Jan 18, 2026, due to a public holiday).
4	Scrutiny of nomination papers and delivery of decisions	Thursday, January 22, 2026 (From 11:00 AM onwards)
5	Date of publishing the list of validly nominated candidates	Thursday, January 22, 2026 (Immediately after the completion of scrutiny)
6	Date for withdrawal of candidature	Friday, Jan 23, 2026; Saturday, Jan 24, 2026; and Tuesday, Jan 27, 2026 (11:00 AM to 3:00 PM). (Withdrawal notices will not be accepted on Sunday, Jan 25, 2026, and Monday, Jan 26, 2026, due to public holidays).
7	Publication of the final list of contesting candidates and allotment of election symbols	Tuesday, January 27, 2026 (After 3:00 PM)
8	Date of Polling	Thursday, February 5, 2026 (7:30 AM to 5:30 PM)
9	Date of Counting of Votes	Saturday, February 7, 2026 (From 10:00 AM onwards)
10	Publication of the names of elected members in the Government Gazette	By Tuesday, February 10, 2026

**By order of the Hon'ble State Election Commissioner,**

*(Signed 13.01.2026)*

**(Suresh Kakani)**

Secretary, State Election Commission, Maharashtra

**Annexure-2: List of Zilla Parishads and Panchayat Samitis**

This annexure lists the specific districts and local administrative bodies involved in this election cycle.

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Zilla Parishad (District)</b>	<b>Panchayat Samitis</b>
1	<b>Raigad</b>	Panvel, Karjat, Khalapur, Sudhagad, Pen, Uran, Alibag, Murud, Roha, Tala, Mangaon, Mhasala, Shrivardhan, Mahad, Poladpur
2	<b>Ratnagiri</b>	Mandangad, Dapoli, Khed, Chiplun, Guhagar, Ratnagiri, Sangameshwar, Lanja, Rajapur
3	<b>Sindhudurg</b>	Vaibhavwadi, Kankavli, Devgad, Malvan, Kudal, Vengurla, Sawantwadi, Dodamarg
4	<b>Pune</b>	Junnar, Ambegaon, Shirur, Khed, Maval, Mulshi, Haveli, Daund, Purandar, Velhe, Bhor, Baramati, Indapur
5	<b>Satara</b>	Khandala, Phaltan, Maan, Khatav, Koregaon, Wai, Mahabaleshwar, Jaoli, Satara, Patan, Karad
6	<b>Sangli</b>	Atpadi, Jath, Khanapur (Vita), Kadegaon, Tasgaon, Kavathe Mahankal, Palus, Walwa-Islampur, Shirala, Miraj
7	<b>Solapur</b>	Karmala, Madha, Barshi, North Solapur, Mohol, Pandharpur, Malshiras, Mangalwedha, Sangola, South Solapur, Akkalkot
8	<b>Kolhapur</b>	Shahuwadi, Panhala, Hatkanangale, Shirol, Kagal, Karveer, Gaganbawada, Radhanagari, Bhudargad, Ajara, Gadhinglaj, Chandgad
9	<b>Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar</b>	Soygaon, Sillod, Kannad, Phulambri, Khultabad, Vaijapur, Gangapur, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, Paithan
10	<b>Parbhani</b>	Jintur, Parbhani, Manwath, Selu, Pathri, Sonpeth, Purna, Palam, Gangakhed
11	<b>Dharashiv</b>	Paranda, Bhoom, Washi, Kalamb, Dharashiv, Tuljapur, Lohara, Umarga
12	<b>Latur</b>	Ahmedpur, Jalkot, Udgir, Chakur, Renapur, Latur, Shirur (Anantpal), Deoni, Ausa, Nilanga