

**Chief Election Commissioner V. S. Sampath announces commencement
of Lok Sabha polls
Wednesday, March 5, 2014**

Highlights

- The election would commence from April 7 to May 12, and take place in nine phases cover 543 constituencies. Results on May 16.
- The term of current (15th) Lok Sabha comes to an end on June 1, 2014. Polling will take place for 543 of the 545 Lok Sabha seats (two members are nominated by the President) on April 7, 9, 10, 12, 17, 24 and 30 and May 7 & 12.
- Along with the Lok Sabha election, Andhra Pradesh (including the regions comprising Telangana), Odisha and Sikkim will go to polls to elect new Assemblies.
- An estimated 81.4 Crore (814 Million) voters will be eligible to vote in the coming elections (10 Crore more voters since last LS elections).
- There will be about 930,000 polling stations across the country - a 12% rise from the 2009 election.
- A total of 1.1 Crore (11 million) poll personnel, half of security personnel, would be deployed to ensure a free and fair poll. The database of the civilian staff to be deployed for conducting the polls has been prepared and at least 5.5 million civilians would be deployed.
- On March 9, voters all over the country would be able to check for themselves, in designated stations near their homes, if their names figure in the electoral rolls or not.
- The model code of conduct came into effect with Wednesday's announcement.
- Follow Lok Sabha elections: <http://eci.nic.in/eci/eci.html>

**The elections will be held over nine poll days
spread over the two months to cover 543 constituencies as follows:**

April 7: Two states (6 constituencies)
April 9: Five states (7 constituencies)
April 10: 14 states (92 constituencies)
April 12: Four states (32 constituencies)
April 17: 13 states (122 constituencies)
April 24: 12 states (117 constituencies)
April 30: Nine states and UT (89 constituencies)
May 7: Seven states (64 constituencies)
May 12: Three states (41 constituencies)
May 16: Counting of votes
