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## Repolling in Madhya Pradesh | Madhya Pradesh | 10 May 2024

### Why in News?

Recently, [The Election Commission of India](#) ordered repolling at four booths in Madhya Pradesh's **Betul** Lok Sabha seat after a few [Electronic Voting Machines \(EVMs\)](#) were damaged.

### Key Points

- Repolling would be held from 7 am to 6 pm on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024. A dry day and holiday have been announced in the areas where repolling will be held.
- An estimated **72.65% polling** was recorded in the **Betul Lok Sabha seat**.
- **Betul was among nine seats** in Madhya Pradesh which voted in the **third phase of Lok Sabha elections**.

### Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs)

- EVM is a device used to record votes electronically. They were first used in **the Paravur Assembly Constituency of Kerala** in the year 1982.
  - Since 1998, the Election Commission has increasingly used EVMs instead of ballot boxes.
  - In 2003, all state elections and by-elections were held using EVMs.
    - Encouraged by this, in **2004**, the Commission took a historic decision to **use only EVMs for the Lok Sabha elections**.

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# Election Commission of India (ECI)

## About

- **Autonomous Constitutional Authority** - Administers Union/state election
  - LS, RS, State LA, the offices of the President and VP
- Estd - **25<sup>th</sup> Jan 1950** (National Voters' Day)



## Constitutional Provisions

Part XV - Article 324 to 329

## Structure

- 1 Chief Election Commissioner and 2 Election Commissioners **appointed by President**
- **Tenure- 6 years, or up to the age of 65 years**, whichever is earlier
- Retiring ECs – **eligible for further appointment by the govt.**
- **Removal of CEC-** Resolution on the ground of **proven misbehaviour or incapacity**, with majority of 2/3rd members present and voting, supported by more than 50% of the total strength of the house



## Major Roles and Responsibilities



- Determining Electoral Constituencies
- Preparing/Revising electoral rolls
- Notifying the schedules and dates of elections
- **Registering political parties and granting them the status of national or state parties**
- Issuing the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) for political parties
- Advising the President on **matters concerning the disqualification of MPs**

## Challenges

- Truncated Tenure of CEC
- Executive Influence in Appointments
- Dependence on Centre for Finance
- Lack of Independent Staff



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