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## Polls to fill 18 RS vacancies to be held on June 19

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**T**he Election Commission (EC) is set to hold the polling to fill up the 18 vacancies in the Rajya Sabha on June 19.

The EC on Monday announced that polling to elect

the 18 members of the Rajya Sabha from Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya and Rajasthan would be held on June 19 and the counting of votes would also take place on the same day.

The 17 of the 18 seats, which will go to polls on June 19, fell

vacant on April 9, while the remaining one fell vacant on April 12.

The polling to fill up the Rajya Sabha vacancies had originally been scheduled on March 26. The process to submit the nomination had already been over and the final list of candidates had also

been prepared, but the EC had to postpone polling in view of the lockdown imposed by the Centre and the state governments to contain the Covid-19 pandemic.

The poll-panel on April 3 further postponed the election process "beyond the prescribed term(s)" of the respec-

tive Rajya Sabha seats.

The commission also decided that the Chief Secretaries of the state governments would depute a senior officer to ensure compliance of the extant instructions regarding Covid-19 containment measures while making arrangements for conducting the polling.