

Rajya Sabha polls to 10 UP seats on Nov 20: EC

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THE Election Commission on Monday announced biennial elections to 10 Rajya Sabha seats from Uttar Pradesh will be held on November 20.

The seats will fall vacant when the tenure of 10 Rajya Sabha members will come to an end on November 25.

Of these ten, six are currently occupied by the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), two by Samajwadi Party (SP), one by the BJP while the tenth member is an Independent.

Prominent among those retiring are former SP leader Amar Singh, SP general secretary Ram Gopal Yadav, BSP chief Mayawati's close aide Brijesh Pathak and BJP's Kusum Rai.

According to the schedule, the process of filing nominations will begin on November 3 after the issuance of notification. While November 10 is the last date of filing nominations, the last date for withdrawal is November 13. The polling as well as the counting will take place on November 20.

After the last Assembly elections in UP, the BSP this time will find it difficult to fill up the seats being vacated by its members.

According to the latest state Assembly party position, while the ruling SP has 221 members, BSP has 80 MLAs. This means while the SP can win six seats, BSP can win two and BJP one. The remaining seat can be won by Congress-RLD combine or any other combination.