



EVMs found in BJP MLA's car in Assam

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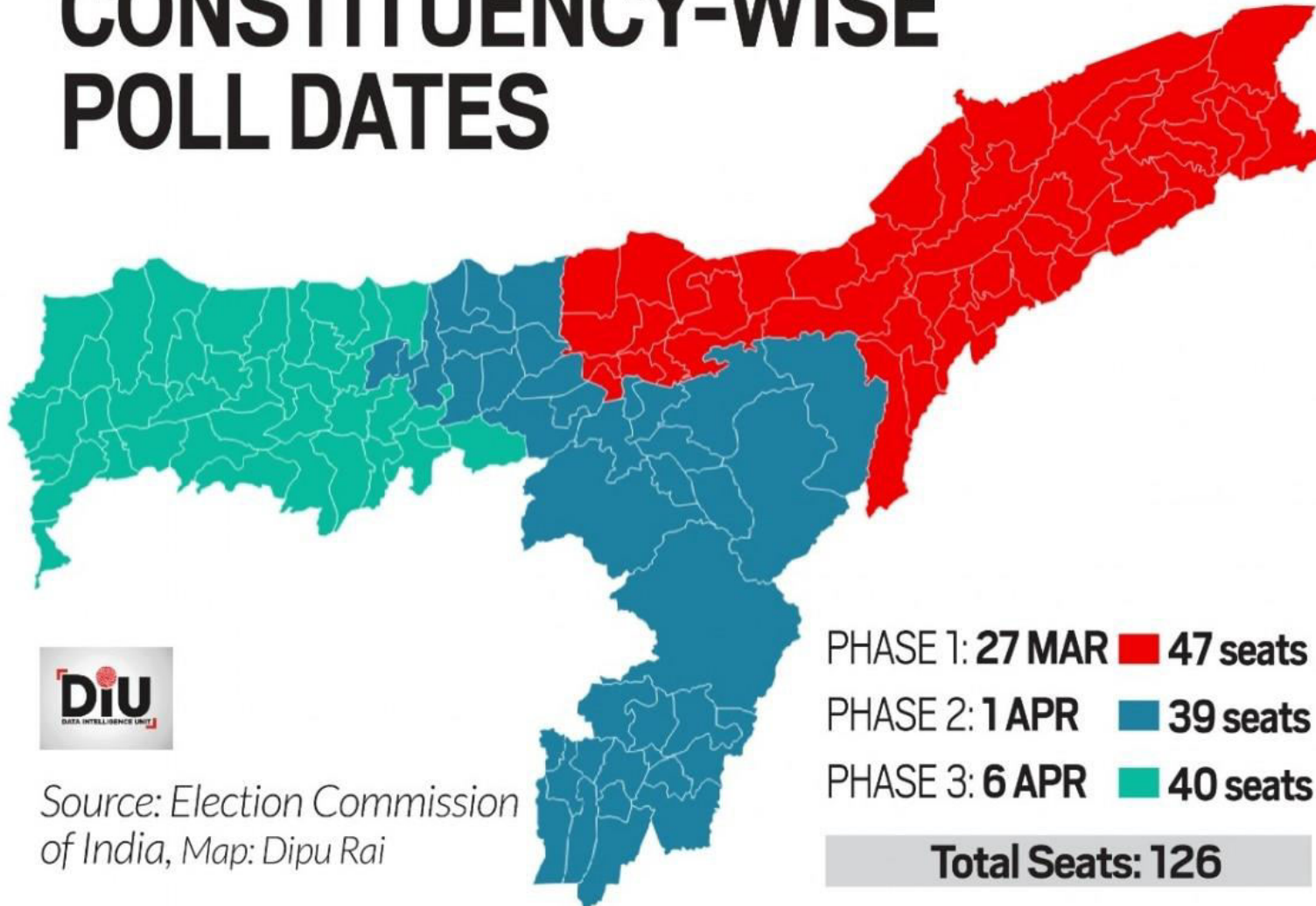
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WHAT HAS HAPPENED?

A few hours after the second phase of polling ended in Assam on Thursday,

A video purportedly showing electronic voting machines (EVMs) being transported in the private vehicle of a sitting BJP MLA surfaced on social media.

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Source: Election Commission
of India, Map: Dipu Rai

VIDEO UPLOADED BY A JOURNALIST

Soon after the video was **uploaded on Twitter by an Assam-based journalist** and was widely shared on social media, the **Opposition raised questions over the management of EVMs** in poll-bound states.

Congress's **Priyanka Gandhi** Vadra on Friday **shared the viral video** and asked the Election **Commission to act decisively**.

A **serious re-evaluation of the use of EVMs** needs to be carried out by all national parties, Priyanka Gandhi said.

The Election Commission has, meanwhile, **suspended 4 poll officers**.

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Breaking : Situation tense after EVMs found in Patharkandi BJP candidate Krishnendu Paul's car.



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ASSAM'S KARIMGANJ

After the conclusion of the second phase of the poll in Assam, some locals spotted a white Bolero car in Kanisail area of Karimganj in Assam at 10.30 pm on Thursday.

When the locals went to question the car driver, he allegedly ran away.

During the search, locals found EVMs inside the car.



WHO IS THE OWNER OF THE CAR?

Sources in the Election Commission on Friday confirmed that the vehicle in the video belongs to Krishnendu Paul.

In an affidavit to the Election Commission, Krishnendu Paul listed a Bolero car with registration number AS 10B 0022.



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EXCLUSIVE - Affidavit accessed by [@IndiaToday](#) shows, Bolero car in which EVMs were found last night in Karimganj district, does belong to BJP's Patharkandi candidate Krishnendu Paul. Patharkandi constituency went to polls in 2nd phase yesterday. How's EC going to explain this?

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EC RESPONSE

Following an uproar over the viral video, the Election Commission **has sought a detailed report** on the incident from the **District Election Officer** of Karimganj **through the Chief Electoral Officer of Assam.**

The Election Commission **ordered repolling in polling station 179 of Ratabari seat** in Assam.

The **officers responsible** for the transportation of EVMs have been **suspended.**

The EC sources, however, told news agency ANI a car of the poll body had broken down and officials took a lift in a passing car that was later identified as belonging to a BJP candidate.

The sources said a crowd intercepted the vehicle as it didn't belong to the EC when officials were taking polled EVM in Patharkandi Vidhan Sabha.

“An FIR has been lodged against unknown persons who attacked the car carrying the polled EVM.

Further investigations are on about the sequence of events.

The EVM was not tampered with during the crowd attack and is in the custody of the administration,” the news agency quoted sources as saying.

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Q. What is the maximum allowed duration between the last session of the dissolved Lok Sabha and the recalling of the Lok Sabha?

- A) 3 months
- B) 6 months
- C) 9 months
- D) 12 months



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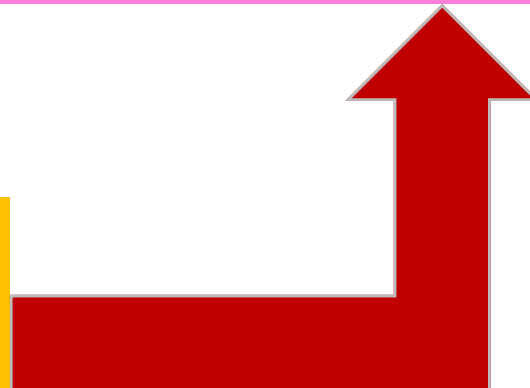
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