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Panchayat Election
Date Bound

No. SEC/4E-II/2020/120

Dated: 14.01.2020

To

The Principal Secretary to Government of Haryana,
Prohibition, Excise and Taxation Deptt., Chandigarh.

Subject : Panchayat elections — Prohibition of sale of liquor-regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the subject cited above and to say that the State Election Commission, Haryana has issued notification No. SEC/4E-II/2020/110, dated 14.01.2020 (copy enclosed) for the conduct of the bye elections on the vacant seats of Panches, Sarpanches of Gram Panchayats, Member Panchayat Samitis and Member Zila Parishads on which the polling shall be held on 09.02.2020.

2. In order to conduct free, fair and peaceful elections of these Panchayati Raj Institutions, the Commission proposes to take certain measures to create and preserve the conducive atmosphere for holding elections, reflecting the true choice of the electors. To meet with this objective, the State Election Commission, Haryana, in exercise of powers conferred on it under Article 243K (1) of the Constitution of India, Section 173A of the Haryana Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, hereby directs that the State Government shall declare and notify 'dry days' under relevant laws for such period during Panchayat Elections as are appropriate at or around the area where the Panchayat Elections are to be held. Such period of 'dry days' so declared and notified must include the period of 48 hours ending with hour fixed for conclusion of poll and the day on which counting of votes is to be taken up.

3. The State Election Commission, Haryana further directs that:-

- (I) No liquor shops, hotels, restaurants, clubs and other establishments' selling/serving liquor shall be permitted to sell/serve liquor to any person who so ever may be on the aforesaid dates.
- (II) No proprietary clubs, star hotels, restaurants etc. and hotels run by anyone even if they are issued different categories of licenses for possession and supply of liquor, should be permitted to serve liquors on these days.
- (III) The storage of liquors by individuals shall be curtailed during the above period and the restrictions provided in the Excise laws on the storage in unlicensed premises shall be vigorously enforced.

- (IV) Steps shall also be taken to prohibit the sale of liquor in adjoining areas of above mentioned districts, so that there are no chances of clandestine movement of liquor from those areas, whereas the restriction has not been in operation.

4. It is requested that a copy of order issued in furtherance of the above mentioned directions should be sent to the Commission without delay.

Yours faithfully,


(Parmal Singh)
Asstt. State Election Commissioner, Haryana
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Endst. No. SEC/4E-II/2020/121-164

Dated: 14.01.2020

A copy is forwarded to the following for information and immediate compliance of above orders:-

1. All the Deputy Commissioners-cum-District Election Officers (Panchayat), in the State of Haryana.
2. All the District Development and Panchayat Officers in the State of Haryana


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