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To

All the Deputy Commissioner-cum
District Election Officers (P) in the State

Subject: - Inclusion of names in the Finally published voters list of Panchayati Raj Institutions-regarding.

Sir/Madam,

I have been directed to refer to the above subject and to say that various persons/voters after getting their names included in the relevant part of the Legislative Assembly electoral roll are approaching the State Election Commission requesting for inclusion of their names in the voters list of the Panchayati Raj Institutions. In this regard your attention is drawn towards rule 12B of the Haryana Panchayati Raj Rules, 1994, which provides as under:-

"12-B. Inclusion, deletion and correction of names in the ward wise list of voters finally published.- Any person whose name is not included in the ward wise list of voters finally published may apply to the Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Election Officer (P) for addition/deletion/correction of his/her name in the ward wise list of voters:

Provided that the addition/deletion or correction of any name in the ward wise list of voters of Gram Panchayat, Panchayat Samiti and Zila Parishad can only be made, if the name of claimant/applicant exists in the relevant part of assembly electoral roll till the first day of filing nomination papers for the elections of Gram Panchayat, Panchayati Samiti and Zila Parishad".

2. The above referred rule clearly provides that if name of any person is entered in the electoral roll of the relevant part of the Legislative Assembly till the first day of nomination and he/she wishes to get his/her name included in the voters list of the Panchayati Raj Institutions, he/she is entitled to get his/her name included in the voters list of the Panchayati Raj Institutions. It has been observed that members of general public/voters are not being guided properly by the field officials and as a result they all land up in the State Election Commission, Panchkula after spending a lot on travel and stay etc. It also leads to wastage of precious time of the senior officers of the State Election Commission. The State Election Commission has taken it very seriously and you are advised that members or general public/voters/prospective contestants/elected representatives etc. must be properly guided and their grievances must be redressed at district level. **After this clarification, there should not be any doubt in the minds of the District Authorities dealing with the subject that once a voter has got his/her name included in the relevant part of the Legislative Assembly**

electoral roll and if he/she approaches your office or applies for inclusion of his/her name in the voter list for Panchayati Raj Institutions for the purpose of coming elections, his/her name has to be included in the voter list for Panchayati Raj Institutions elections as per provisions contained in Rule 12 -B of the Haryana Panchayati Raj Rules, 1994. Denial of this right to the voters will be against the basic principles of democracy. Hence you are advised to follow these instructions in letter and spirit meticulously.

3. It is again made clear that final publication of voters list of Panchayati Raj Institutions is going to be made on 22.07.2022, the said voters list is being prepared on the basis of electoral roll of the Legislative Assembly prepared by the Election Commission of India with reference to 1st January, 2022 as qualifying date and published on 05.01.2022 and names of electors entered in the Legislative Assembly till 16.05.2022 have also been included in the voters list of Panchayati Raj Institutions. If name of any person is entered in the Legislative Assembly electoral roll after 16.05.2022 and till the first day of filing of nomination approaches to your office or in the office of District Development and Panchayat Officer/Sub Divisional Officer(Civil)/Block Development and Panchayat Officer for getting his/her name included in the voters list of voters list of Panchayati Raj Institutions. He/she may be properly guided and asked to submit his/her application in the prescribed form 1A under rule 12B as referred to above. As soon as the application is received in your office; orders may be passed after proper enquiry for inclusion of his/her name in the voters list of Panchayati Raj Institutions.

4. It is further advised that if you are unable to take decision on the applications received under rule 12B, you may authorise the District Electoral Officer concerned under rule 15 A of the Haryana Panchayati Raj Election Rules, 1994 to take decision on such applications.

5. You are again requested to instruct all the field officers/officials properly in the matter and ensure that no person/voter of your district comes to the State Election Commission for this purpose, in future. A copy of instructions issued by your office to the field staff in this regard must also be sent to the State Election Commission by 20.07.2022, positively.

Yours faithfully,


Assistant State Election Commissioner,
for State Election Commission, Haryana

