

Chandigarh, May 15 – As many as 14256 posts of Panches, 1322 posts of Sarpanches, 617 posts of Members of Panchayat Samities and 84 posts of Member Zila Parishads has been reserved exclusively for women in the 4th Panchayat General Elections scheduled to be held in two phases on June 6 and June 12, 2010 in 13 districts of Haryana.

While stating this here today, a spokesman of the Haryana State Election Commission said that the maximum number of posts of Sarpanches reserved for women were from Bhiwani districts. As many as 157 women Sarpanches would represent the Panchayati Raj Institutions from the district. Similarly, 139 women sarpanches would be elected from Ambala, 36 from Faridabad, 80 from Fatehabad, 82 from Jhajjar, 101 from Jind, 87 from Kaithal, 126 from Kurukshetra, 121 from Mahendragarh, 94 from Mewat, 82 from Palwal, 110 from Sirsa and 109 from Sonipat.

He said that a total number of 285 seats of Sarpanches had been reserved for women belonging to scheduled caste families. As many as 29 women belonging to scheduled caste families would represent from Ambala, 35 from Bhiwani, nine from Faridabad, 17 from Fatehabad, 16 from Jhajjar, 21 from Jind, 18 from Kaithal, 29 from Kurukshetra, 28 from Mahendragarh, 22 from Mewat, 15 from Palwal, 23 from Sirsa and 23 from Sonipat.

He said that the maximum number of posts of Panches reserved for women were from Bhiwani districts. As many as 1681 women Sarpanches would represent the Panchayati Raj Institutions from the district. Similarly, 1170 women sarpanches would be elected from Ambala, 418 from Faridabad, 917 from Fatehabad, 955 from Jhajjar, 1215 from Jind, 1017 from Kaithal, 1196 from Kurukshetra, 1160 from Mahendragarh, 1109 from Mewat, 902 from Palwal, 1238 from Sirsa and 1280 from Sonipat.

He said that a total number of 4115 seats of Panches had been reserved for women belonging to scheduled caste families. As many as 455 women belonging to scheduled caste families would represent from Ambala, 472 from Bhiwani, 108 from Faridabad, 321 from Fatehabad, 258 from Jhajjar, 332 from Jind, 311 from Kaithal, 379 from Kurukshetra, 330 from Mahendragarh, 143 from Mewat, 225 from Palwal, 436 from Sirsa and 345 from Sonipat.

He said that the number of posts of members of Panchayat Samiti reserved for women from Bhiwani districts was 73. Similarly, 42 women sarpanches would be elected from Ambala, 19 from Faridabad, 46 from Fatehabad, 41 from Jhajjar, 59 from Jind, 48 from Kaithal, 40 from Kurukshetra, 48 from Mahendragarh, 44 from Mewat, 38 from Palwal, 59 from Sirsa and 60 from Sonipat.

He said that a total number of 151 seats of members of Panchayat Samiti had been reserved for women belonging to scheduled caste families. As

many as 15 women belonging to scheduled caste families would represent from Ambala, 16 from Bhiwani, four from Faridabad, 15 from Fatehabad, nine from Jhajjar, 13 from Jind, 13 from Kaithal, 12 from Kurukshetra, ten from Mahendragarh, five from Mewat, eight from Palwal, 18 from Sirsa and 13 from Sonipat.

He said that the number of posts of members of Zila Parishads reserved for women from Bhiwani districts was ten. Similarly, five women sarpanches would be elected from Ambala, four from Faridabad, six from Fatehabad, six from Jhajjar, eight from Jind, seven from Kaithal, five from Kurukshetra, six from Mahendragarh, six from Mewat, six from Palwal, seven from Sirsa and eight from Sonipat.

He said that a total number of 21 seats of members of Zila Parishads had been reserved for women belonging to scheduled caste families. As many as two women belonging to scheduled caste families would represent from Ambala, two from Bhiwani, one from Faridabad, two from Fatehabad, one from Jhajjar, two from Jind, two from Kaithal, two from Kurukshetra, one each from Mahendragarh, Mewat and Palwal, two each from Sirsa and Sonipat.

Chandigarh, May 15 - Haryana State Election Commissioner, Mr Dharam Vir today announced the Election Programme for the 4th Panchayat General Elections in 13 districts of Haryana which will be held in two phases. The date of first phase is June 6, 2010 and of second phase is June 12, 2010.

Mr Dharam Vir made this announcement at a Press Conference at Chandigarh today. The notifications of election programme had been issued today. These elections would be held in the districts of Ambala, Bhiwani, Fatehabad, Faridabad, Jind, Jhajjar, Kaithal, Kurukshetra, Mahendergarh at Narnaul, Sirsa, Sonapat, Mewat at Nuh and Palwal. He said that the General Election of Gram Panchayat Tosham of district Bhiwani, Jakhal Mandi of district Fatehabad, Samalkha of district Kurukshetra would not be conducted as the tenure of these Gram Panchayats would expire in the year 2011 and 2012, but the voters of these Gram Panchayats would exercise their votes to elect the members of Panchayat Samiti and Zila Parishad. The General Elections of Gram Panchayat Siwanamal and Naya Gaon Siwanamal of district Jind would also not be conducted as the fresh formation of wardbandi or reservation of these Gram Panchayats were under process, but the voters of these Gram Panchayats would exercise their votes to election the Members of Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads.

He said that as many as 63,98,342 voters of 13 districts would exercise their right of franchise to elect 244 Members of Zila Parishads, 1792 Members of Panchayat Samitis, 38596 Panches and 3971 Sarpanches. The interested candidate could file their nominations on May 22 and May 24 and the date of scrutiny would be held on May 25, 2010. He said that the counting for elections to Panches and Sarpanches would be held immediately after the close of poll and for Panchayat Samit and Zila Parishad on June 14, 2010 at 8.00 am. The election of the seats of Sarpanches would be conducted by the use of EVMs for which about 14000 EVMs would be used. About 12566 polling booths would be set up for the elections and the time of the polling would be 7.30 am to 4pm, he added.

Giving details of the Election Programme, he said that date on which notices would be published by District Election Officers (Panchayat) in Form 2 or 3, as the case might be, for inviting nominations under rule 24 of the Haryana Panchayati Raj Election Rules, 1994 had been fixed as May 21, 2010. The period of making nomination under rule 24(a) would start from May 22 and would last upto May 24, 2010 from 9.30 am to 4 pm excluding Sunday i.e. May 23, 2010. Date by which information would be furnished by the candidate that he or she was not suffering from any disqualification in the format prescribed, to the Returning Officer (Panchayat) had been fixed as May 25., 2010 before 10 am. Date of scrutiny under rule 24 (b) of nomination papers would be May 25 From 10am to 4 pm. Date of withdrawal under rule 24(c) would be May 27 upto 04.00 PM. Preparation of list of contesting candidates under rule 32 and allotment of symbols for elections under rule 33 would be held on May 27, 2010 immediately after the expiry of the period of withdrawal of candidature.

He said that in the first phase elections would be held at Saha, Barara, Shahzadpur blocks of Ambala, Bhiwani, Bawani Khera, Badhra, Dadri-1, Behal of Bhiwani, Ratia, Tohana, Jakkhal of Fatehabad, Jind, Safidon, Narwana of Jind, Matenhail, Sahlawas, Beri of Jhajjar, Guhla, Siwan, Kaithal of Kaithal, Thanesar, Pehowa of Kurukshetra, Mahendergarh, Kanina of Mahendergarh at Narnaul, Dabwali, Baragudha, Odhan, Sirsa of Sirsa, Ganaur, Gohana, Mundlana, Kathura of Sonapat, Nagina, Punhana, Ferozpur Jhirka of Mewat at Nuh, Hodel, Hathin of Palwal and Faridabad, Ballabgarh of Faridabad.

He said that in the second phase, the elections would be held at Ambala-I, Ambala-II, Naraingarh of Ambala, Loharu, Kairu, Tosham, Dadri-II, Siwani of Bhiwani, Fatehabad, Bhattu Kalan, Bhuna of Fatehabad, Pilukhera, Alewa, Julana, Uchana of Jind, Jhajjar, Bahadurgarh of Jhajjar, Pundri, Rajound, Kalayat of Kaithal, Babain, Shahbad, Ladwa of Kurukshetra, Nangal Chaudhary, Ateli, Narnaul of Mahendergarh at Narnaul, Ellanabad, Rania, Nathusari Chopta of Sirsa, Sonapat, Rai, Kharkhoda of Sonapat, Taoru, Nuh of Mewat at Nuh and Hassanpur and Palwal blocks of Palwal.

The State Election Commissioner said that keeping in view the facts that the country was facing the serious problem of criminalization of politics in which criminals, i.e. person convicted by Court of Law for certain offences were entering into the election fray and contesting as candidates, the State Election Commission had issued directions in compliance of the orders of the Supreme Court to the effect that a contesting candidate was required to state in writing about his criminal background details of moveable or immovable assets, education qualification etc. The contesting candidate for the office of Panches and Sarpanches would be required to make abovesaid declaration on plain paper before the Returning Officer (concerned) at the time of filing of nomination paper. Similarly, for the office of Member Panchayat Samiti and Member Zila Parishad a candidate would be required to file an affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper/document paper (Pakka Paper) and sworn before the 1st Class Magistrate or Notary Public or a Commissioner (oath) appointed by the Hon'ble High Court or before SDO (c)/Tehsildar/Naib Tehsildar (conferred with the powers of Executive Magistrate) having jurisdiction to the area. Beside this, contesting candidate is also required to make declaration in the nomination paper that he is not suffering any disqualification as provided under Section 175 of the Haryana Panchayati Raj Act, 1994

Mr Dharam Vir has also informed that the limit on the expenditure that to be incurred by the contesting candidates or his authorised election agents in connection with the elections for Panch (Member of Gram Panchayat) would be Rs 5,000, for Sarpanch of a Gram Panchayat having upto 15 Wards would be Rs. 15,000, for Sarpanch of Gram Panchayat having more than 15 Wards would be Rs. 25,000, for Members of Panchayat Samiti, would be Rs. 50,000 and for the Members of Zila Parishad the limit on the expenditure would be Rs. one lakh.

Mr Dhram Vir said that a candidate filing the nomination paper in the office of Panch, Sarpanch, Member Panchayat Samit or Zila parishad would have to deposit an amount in Government Treasury or sub Treasury or with the Returning Officer(Panchayat) in cash. The cash to be deposited for the post of Panch, General category would be Rs 100, for Scheduled caste category, it would be Rs 40, for Sarpanch of General category and Scheduled caste category, Rs 200 and Rs 100 respectively, for General category Member Panchayat Samiti, Rs 300 and for Scheduled caste Member Panchayat Samiti, Rs 150. General Category Member Zila Parishad had to deposit Rs 400 and Scheduled castes Member Zila Parishad Rs 200.

He said that the contesting candidates were required to maintain account of election expenditure and submit the same within 30 days from the date of declaration of the result of the election to the Deputy Commissioner –cum-District Election Officer (Panchayat) or any other officer as specified by the State Election Commission, failing which the defaulting candidate shall be liable to be disqualified under the Haryana Panchayati Raj Election Expenditure (Maintenance and Submission of Accounts) Order, 1996, for a period of 3 years from the date of issue of such order. The Model code of conduct in respect of the Panchayat Elections shall come into force from today No Officer or Official connected with the election work would be transferred till the completion of election process, he added.

He further added that the Financial Commissioner & Principal Secretary to Government of Haryana, Development & Panchayats Department has informed vide his Memo No. ECA2-2010/14160 dated 07.05.2010 that the Hon`ble Punjab and Haryana High Court while hearing a bunch of petitions on 28.04.2010 ordered that the result of the Panchayat elections shall be subject to the final result of the Civil Writ Petition No. 3403 of 2010. Accordingly, the State Election Commission directs that the result of Panchayat elections shall be subject to the final result of the Civil Writ Petition No. 3403 of 2010.

He said that a control room had been set up at the office of the State Election Commission. The telephone number of the Control Room is 2585904 and Fax number is 2584810.