

PANCHAYAT GENERAL ELECTIONS

PRESS NOTE

Panchkula, the 6th July, 2010 : Sh.Dharam Vir , State Election Commissioner, Haryana stated that as per the time schedule issued by the State Election Commission, Haryana, the polling for the offices of 13,367 Panches, 1,365 Sarpanches, 670 Member Panchayati Samitis and 130 Members Zila Parishads in the 31 blocks of 8 districts i.e. Gurgaon, Hisar, Karnal, Panchkula, Panipat, Rohtak, Rewari and Yamuna Nagar took place today i.e. 06.07.2010. For these elections, 4,690 Polling Stations were set up and about twenty five thousands civil officials were deployed. Except, a few stray incidents in four villages, the polling was peaceful in these districts. The preliminary report suggests that the overall percentage of poll was about 75%. The exact percentage of polling would be known after return of polling parties.

2. As per preliminary reports, there may be repoll at about 5 to 6 polling stations/villages in the eight districts. The exact number of polling stations where repoll is to be announced will be determined after final reports are received from the concerned Deputy Commissioners-cum-District Election Officers (Panchayat).

3. The State Election Commission had appointed one IAS officer as Election Observer in every district. To maintain law and order position, about 27,700 police personnel and 5,780 home-guards were deployed. To keep over all check on the polling process 292 Supervisory teams and 244 Magistrates were also appointed. The polling started at 7.00 A.M. and concluded at 4.30 P.M.

4. The counting of votes in respect of Sarpanches and Panches of Gram Panchayats has been started at polling stations after the close of poll, whereas in respect of Member Panchayat Samiti and Zila Parishad the counting would be held on 12.07.2010 at 8.00 A.M.

5. The State Election Commissioner also congratulated the people of eight districts for maintaining law & order and peaceful atmosphere during the polling.