

PANCHAYAT GENERAL ELECTIONS

PRESS NOTE

Panchkula, the 9th July, 2010 : Sh.Dharam Vir , State Election Commissioner, Haryana stated here today that the second phase of general elections of Panchayati Raj Institutions in 13 Blocks of 4 districts of the state i.e. Hisar, Karnal, Rewari and Yamuna Nagar would be conducted on 10.07.2010 for which all the preparation has been made and necessary instructions issued to all the Deputy Commissioners and the police authorities to ensure that the elections take place in a free, fair and peaceful manner. He has also directed the district authorities to provide protection to weaker sections of the society, wherever required. The voting shall start at 7.00 A.M. and close at 4.30 P.M.

2. The State Election Commissioner further stated that in the second phase, elections are to take place for 7,989 seats of Panches, Sarpanches and members of Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads. There would be no elections against 2,318 seats as they have been filled up un-opposed. Thus, the elections shall take place for 5,671 seats, which include 728 seats of Sarpanches, 4,506 seats of Panches, 307 seats of Member of Panchayat Samiti and 130 seats of Member of Zila Parishad. Against them, 20,640 candidates are contesting. The break-up is as under:-

Seats	Number of seats	Number of seats declared unopposed	Number of contesting seats	No. of contesting candidates
Member, Zila Parishad	130	Nil	130	1,377
Member, Panchayat Samiti	310	3	307	1,751
Sarpanch	747	19	728	4,692
Panch	6,802	2,296	4,506	12,820
Total	7,989	2,318	5,671	20,640

3. Shri Dharam Vir also added that 1,959 polling stations have been set and 11,10,110 voters will franchise their right to vote. About ten thousand civil officials would be deployed for managing the polling stations and performing other election related duties. About 71 magistrates and 119 supervisory teams would closely monitor polling by frequently visiting the polling stations assigned to them. In each district, one senior IAS officer has been appointed as Election Observer. For maintaining law and order, about 12910 police personnel and 2719 home-guards would be deployed. Sensitive and Hyper Sensitive villages have been identified and adequate police force would be deployed at such places. In addition, there would be police patrol parties to keep a close watch on the law and order situation.

4. The Election Commissioner also said that EVMs would be used for voting for the election of Sarpanches in all four districts and for voting at Members of Zila Parishad in district Karnal. The Election Commissioner also said that the counting votes for Panches and Sarpanches shall be held immediately after the close of poll, whereas for Panchayat Samit and Zila Parishad, the counting would take place on 12.07.2010 from 8.00 A.M.

5. The State Election Commissioner also appealed to all voters of the districts to come out and vote in the interest of strengthening democracy at grass root level and also become partner in establishing local government.