PANCHAYAT GENERAL ELECTIONS

PRESS NOTE

Panchkula, the 10th 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 6,802 Panches, 747 Sarpanches, 310 Member Panchayati Samitis and 130 Members Zila Parishads in the 13 blocks of 4 districts i.e. Hisar, Karnal, Rewari and Yamuna Nagar took placed today i.e. 10.07.2010. For these elections, 1,959 Polling Stations were set up and about ten 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 more than 80 %. The exact percentage of polling would, however, be known after return of polling parties and counting of votes.

 2.	As per preliminary reports, there would be repoll in one booth of village Keherwa, Block Indri of District Karnal for Sarpanch and Member of a ward of Zila Parishad due to damaging of EVMs by miscreants, one booth of Gram Panchayat Jholri of Nahar Block and two booths of Village Nahar, Block Nahar, District Rewari due to snatching of ballot boxes and damaging of EVMs respectively. The exact number of polling stations where repoll is to be announced would 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 senior IAS officer as Election Observer in every district. To maintain law and order position, about 12,910 police personnel and 2,719 home-guards were deployed. To keep over all check on the polling process 119 Supervisory teams and 71 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 four districts for maintaining law & order and peaceful atmosphere during the polling.