

PANCHAYAT GENERAL ELECTIONS

PRESS NOTE

Panchkula, the 12th June, 2010 : Sh.Dharam Vir , State Election Commissioner, Haryana announced that as per the time schedule issued by the State Election Commission, Haryana, the votes for the offices of 11197 Panches, 1839 Sarpanches, 844 Member Panchayati Samitis and 116 Members Zila Parishads in the 36 blocks of 12 districts i.e. Ambala, Bhiwani, Fatehabad, Jind, Jhajjar, Kaithal, Kurukshetra, Mahendergarh at Narnaul, Sirsa, Sonapat, Mewat at Nuh and Palwal were polled today i.e. 12.06.2010. For these elections 5976 Polling Stations were set up and total 32165 Polling Personals were put on duty for these elections. The polling was peaceful by and large except a few stray incidents in Mewat and Bhiwani Districts.

2. The State Election Commission had appointed senior IAS officers as Election Observer in every district. To maintain law and order, about 18745 police personals were also deployed. To keep over all check on the polling process, 386 Supervisory teams and 301 Magistrates were also appointed. The polling started at 7.30 A.M. and concluded at 4.00 P.M. At some places, the polling continued after 04.00 PM where voters reported before this time. The polling passed peacefully except a very few stray incidents due to group clashes, resulting in damaging of EVMs, ballot boxes in seven villages having 28 booths. At these places, repoll may be ordered. However, the exact number of polling stations where the repoll is to be announced would be determined after the reports are received from the concerned Deputy Commissioners-cum-District Election Officers (Panchayat).

3. The preliminary reports suggest that the overall percentage of poll was about 80%. The counting of votes for the offices of Sarpanches and Panches of Gram Panchayats has started at polling stations after the close of poll, whereas counting of votes of Member Panchayat Samiti and Zila Parishad would be held on 14.06.2010 at 8.00 A.M.