STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, HARYANA S.C.O. NO. 16-17, SECTOR 20-D, CHANDIGARH.

PRESS NOTE

Chandigarh, April 16, 2005: Sh.Chander Singh, State Election Commissioner, Haryana, announced that as per the Election Programme issued by the State Election Commission, Haryana, the votes for the offices of 949 members of Municipal Councils and Municipal Committees were polled today i.e. on 16.4.2005. For these elections, 47 Returning Officers were appointed, 2416 Polling Stations were set up and 14232 polling personnel were deputed to conduct these elections. The polling was peaceful by and large barring one incident of booth capturing and one of tampering of ballot boxes at booth No.13 and 15 respectively of Ward No.3 of Municipal Council, Rohtak. The elections to these 2 Polling Stations is being cancelled. Repoll shall be held on 18.4.005.

Sh.Chander Singh further added that 16500 police personnel were also deployed in order to maintain law and order. The polling started at 8.00 A.M. and concluded at 4.00 P.M. Overall percentage of the votes polled in the State was 75-80%.

The counting of votes has started at the Polling Stations immediately after the close of poll. After the counting of votes, the Presiding Officers will send the details of votes secured by each candidate in Form 7 to the Returning Officer, who will after compiling the votes in Form 8, declare the candidates as elected, who have secured largest number of votes.