

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

**PRESS NOTE**

Chandigarh, April 15, 2005: The State Election Commission, Haryana, has issued an Election Programme for conduct of elections to 997 Wards of 20 Municipal Councils and 27 Municipal Committees in the State of Haryana, the poll for which shall be held on 16.4.2005 between 8.00 A.M. to 4.00 P.M. 2416 Polling Stations have been set up. Out of 997 members, 39 members have been elected unopposed and one seat of Ward No.4, Municipal Committee, Ladwa has remained vacant due to withdrawal of candidature by all the candidates. Election to Ward No.5 of Municipal Council, Gurgaon has been cancelled by the Commission due to death of one of the candidates, Sh.K.C.Verma. Elections to 7 Wards i.e. Wards No.1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12 & 28 of Municipal Council, Karnal have been cancelled on the request of the State Government. Now 22,51,149 voters will exercise their franchise to elect the 949 members out of 4737 contesting candidates of 47 Municipal Committees/ Councils. 117 candidates of political parties are in the fray.

The State Election Commission, Haryana has also appointed Election Observers and Expenditure Observer to see that the elections in all the Wards of Municipal Councils/ Committees are conducted in a free and fair manner, without any favour and fear. The Observers (Expenditure) have also reached their respective destination to observe that no candidate should cross the expenditure limit prescribed by the State Election Commission in this regard. The State Election Commission, Haryana has received information from the District Authorities that the law and order in all the polling stations is totally in good condition and the polling parties have also reached their destination and the elections to these Municipalities will be conducted in a totally peaceful manner.

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