

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

ORDER

The Commission is in the process of issuing a number of additional instructions for further fortifying the existing orders for ensuring free and fair poll during the Municipal Bye-elections proposed to be held in August, 1996 and future elections.

2. With a view to preserve the purity of election process and rendering the election truly reflective of the choice of people, the State Election Commission has now decided that in order to enable the Commission to have a faithful and accurate record of possible violations of the standing instructions of the Commission and to assess the impact of its corrective measures the Deputy Commissioners in respect of their Districts as and when directed by the State Election Commission for a particular Municipal Corporation, Municipal Council and Municipal Committee shall make arrangements to record through videography critical events during the progress of electioneering, including but not restricted to the period of electioneering, the day of poll, the transport and receipt of polling material, counting of votes and the declaration of result in an independent, intelligent and purposeful manner.

3. The Deputy Commissioner shall hire total, private and professional videographers who do not have any political leanings of affiliations and who have not been hired at the same time by any political party or candidate for this purpose.

4. The Deputy Commissioner shall, while programming the itinerary of the video teams take into account, the number electors, the size of the Municipal Committee/Municipal Council/Municipal Corporation, the number of sensitive

polling stations, previous history of booth capturing and other malpractices, the general law and order situation, the likelihood of Commission of corrupt practices and electoral offenses and other related factors. The agencies employed shall be given proper guidance as to the likely trouble spots and type of malpractices and irregularities so as to make it a meaningful exercise.

5. Camera teams engaged for videography by the Deputy Commissioner should not work without the personal supervision and guidance of a senior election related officer. The Observers and Election Expenditure Observers of the Commission should be closely associated in the matter so that any significant event which is observed by them may also be video taped as far as practicable.

6. The Deputy Commissioner should decide the number of cameras needed.

7. The video films thus prepared shall be viewed immediately by the Deputy Commissioner for identifying violations or infractions of the directions of the Commission committed, if any. In cases where the Deputy Commissioner is himself competent, immediate corrective action including disciplinary action against all those found guilty shall be taken and the Commission informed of the same.

8. In cases of serious infringements which the Deputy Commissioner in his judgement, decides to report to the Commission the concerned video tape will be forwarded to the Commission by the quickest means possible. The tapes will be carefully index and accompanied by a brief explanatory note of the infringement towards which the attention of the Commission is proposed to be invited. The explanatory note shall compulsorily mention the broad details of the violations, the persons responsible for the same and the action recommended.

9. In cases in which the clearance for counting and clearance for the declaration of the results is specifically directed to be obtained from the

Commission the request of the Deputy Commissioner or obtaining the same must include a categorical statement to the effect that all infringements observed in the videographed events have been appropriately and completely disposed of.

10. A copy of this order in English/Hindi language(s) shall be made available to the local units of all recognised National and Haryana State Political Parties, immediately, and to each candidate, or the agent authorised by him, at the time of his nomination (repeat nomination and not scrutiny if nominations) under acknowledgment.

11. Receipt of this order shall be acknowledged forthwith.

Dated: Chandigarh
The 10th June, 1996

J.K.Duggal
State Election Commissioner,
Haryana.

Copy to:-

1. The Commissioner & Secretary to Government Haryana, Local Government Department.
2. All the Commissioner of the Divisions in the State of Haryana.
3. Director, Local Bodies Haryana, Chandigarh.
4. All the Local Bodies Haryana, Chandigarh.
5. All the Deputy Commissioner in the State of Haryana.