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Election Matter

STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, HARYANA,
NIRVACHAN SADAN, PLOT NO. 2, SECTOR 17
PANCHKULA

No.SEC/1ME/2018/3037

Dated:20.04.2018

To

**The Principal Secretary to
to Government of Haryana,
Prohibition, Excise and Taxation Deptt.,
Chandigarh.**

Subject : Municipal Elections --- Prohibition of sale of liquor—regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the subject cited above and to say that the State Election Commission, Haryana has issued the notification for the conduct of the General Elections of 18 Municipal Committees and Bye-Elections of W. No. 20 of Municipal Council, Thanesar (Kurukshetra) and W. No. 04 of Municipal Committee, Assandh (Karnal) vide Notification No.SEC/1ME/2018/2846 dated 20.04.2018 (copy enclosed). As per schedule, the nomination papers shall be presented from 27.04.2018 to 02.05.2018 and poll shall be held on 13.05.2018. The counting of votes shall be done immediately after the close of poll at the polling stations and results shall be declared immediately after the completion of counting in all the wards.

2. In the discharge of its sacred constitutional responsibility of conducting and ensuring free and fair elections of the abovesaid municipalities, the State Election Commission proposes to take strict measures to create and preserve the atmosphere conducive for holding free, fair and peaceful elections reflective of the true choice of the electorate.

3. For meeting this objective, the State Election Commissioner, Haryana in exercise of powers conferred on it under Section 3 A of the Haryana Municipal Act, 1973 and all other powers enabling him in this behalf, hereby directs that the State Government shall declare and notify 'dry days' under relevant laws for such period during Municipal elections, as are appropriate at or around the area where the Municipal elections are to be held. Such period of 'dry days' so declared and notified must include the period of one day before the poll day, the polling and the day on which counting of votes is to be taken up.

4. The State Election Commission further directs that:-

- (1) No liquor shops, hotels, restaurants, clubs and other establishments' selling/serving liquor shall be permitted to

sell/serve liquor to any person who so ever may be on the aforesaid dates.

- (II) No proprietary clubs, star hotels, restaurants etc. and hotels run by anyone even if they are issued different categories of licenses for possession and supply of liquor, should be permitted to serve liquors on these days.
- (III) The storage of liquors by individuals shall be curtailed during the above period and the restrictions provided in the Excise laws on the storage in unlicensed premises shall be vigorously enforced.
- (IV) Steps shall also be taken to prohibit the sale of liquor in adjoining areas of above mentioned municipalities or wards where the elections are to be conducted, so that there are no chances of clandestine movement of liquor from those areas, wherein the restriction has not been in operation.

5. In pursuance of the above directions the State Election Commission hereby directs that the above ban be imposed within the jurisdiction of the areas, where the municipal elections are to be held and the areas adjoining to the jurisdiction thereof during the period from 12.05.2018 and 13.05.2018.

6. It is requested that a copy of order issued in furtherance of the above mentioned directions should be sent to the Commission without delay.

Encl:- As above

Yours faithfully,



(Parmal Singh)

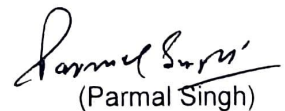
Asstt. State Election Commissioner, Haryana

No.SEC/1ME/2018/3038-3066

Dated: 20.04.2018

A copy is forwarded to the following for information and immediate compliance of above orders:-

- 1. Principal Secretary to Government Haryana, Urban Local Bodies Department, Haryana, Chandigarh.
- 2. Director General, Police, Haryana, Panchkula.
- 3. Director, Urban Local Bodies Department, Haryana, Panchkula
- 4. Deputy Commissioner, Bhiwani, Gurugram, Hisar, Jind, Jhajjar, Karnal, Kaithal, Mahendergarh, Mewat, Palwal, Rohtak, Sonapat and Kurukshetra.
- 5. Superintendent of Police, Bhiwani, Gurugram, Hisar, Jind, Jhajjar, Karnal, Kaithal, Mahendergarh, Mewat, Palwal, Rohtak, Sonapat and Kurukshetra.



(Parmal Singh)

Assistant State Election Commissioner, Haryana

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