

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

ORDER

Subject: - Printing of photograph of the contesting candidates along with other particulars on the ballot papers of during election to the municipalities-reg.

Whereas the ballot papers are printed for the elections of Municipal Corporation/Municipal Councils/Committees in accordance with the provisions of Rule 70F and 69F of the Haryana Municipal Corporation Election Rules, 1994 and the Haryana Municipal Election Rules, 1978 and in accordance with the instructions contained in the Hand Book for Returning Officers and affixed on the Electronic Voting Machines for use and for issue as tendered ballot paper in connection with the aforesaid elections.

2. And whereas the State Election Commission Haryana has already issued directions to provide a panel after the name of the last contesting candidate on a ballot paper, for 'None of the above' to enable a voter to press button on EVM against this panel to show that he/she does not wish to vote to any of the above contesting candidates.

3. And Whereas it has been noticed that there are cases where more than one contesting candidates having similar names are in the contest and due to alphabetical arrangements of names on the ballot paper, names and symbols of such candidates are printed one after the other which creates confusion in the mind of the voters coming to cast their votes at a polling station.

4. In view of above the State Election Commission, Haryana in exercise of powers conferred under section 3A of the Haryana Municipal Act, 1973 and Section 9 of the Haryana Municipal Corporation Act, 1994 and under clause (1) of Article 243ZA of the Constitution of India, hereby order to print photograph of the contesting candidates on the ballot papers along with other particulars to be displayed on the balloting unit of EVMs and the tender ballot papers in addition to the existing particulars, the photograph of the

candidate to be printed in the panel for the name of the candidate and to appear on the right side of the name in between the name and symbol of the candidate. The size of the photograph to be printed on the ballot paper shall be 2 cm x 2.5 cm (2 cm in breadth and 2.5 cm in height) and further directs that :

- (a) every ballot paper for use in the elections to the Municipal Corporations/Municipal Councils/Municipal Committees in the State of Haryana, to be held hereafter, shall contain photographs of the contesting candidates as specified in para 4 above. A specimen of the ballot paper to be printed under these directions is enclosed as Annexure 'A'.
- (b) candidates are required to submit their recent two photographs along with the nomination form.
- (c) photograph should be stamp size 2 cm x 2.5 cm (2cm in breadth and 2.5cm in height) in white/off white background, with full face view directly facing the camera, neutral facial expression with eyes open. The photo may be in color or black and white as may be convenient for the candidates.
- (d) photograph should be in normal clothing. Photograph in uniform is not permitted. Caps/hats should be avoided. Dark glasses also to be avoided.
- (e) if the photograph of the candidate is not submitted along with nomination paper, the returning Officer of the ward shall give a notice/asking the candidate to submit the photograph latest by the date and time fixed for scrutiny of nominations. A specimen of the form of notice to be given to the candidate is enclosed as Annexure 'B'. The photograph should bear the signature of the candidate on the reverse side of the photograph.

- (f) if a candidate does not submit his/her photograph or still fails or refuses to give his/her photograph, his/her photograph will not be printed on the ballot paper. Non submission of the photograph by the candidate shall, however, not be a ground for rejection of the nomination of the candidate.
- (g) Returning Officer shall display a list of validly nominated candidates with the photographs of the candidates against their names on the day following the date fixed for the scrutiny of nominations. The Returning Officer shall inform the candidates at the time of scrutiny that the photographs to be printed on ballot paper will be displayed on his notice board on the next day (time may also be specified). If there is any error in the photograph or other particulars, the candidates will get an opportunity to point out the same to the Returning Officer for rectifying the error.
- (h) Returning Officer shall also prepare the draft of the ballot paper in soft copy and shall provide to the officer deputed for the printing of ballot papers.

Dated: 23rd December, 2016
Place: Panchkula

DR. DALIP SINGH
State Election Commissioner, Haryana

Endst. No. SEC/1ME/2016/3730-3781

Dated: 23.12.2016

A copy of the above is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:-

1. Chief Secretary to Government, Haryana, Chandigarh.
2. Principal Secretary to Government, Haryana, Urban Local Bodies Department, Chandigarh.
3. Director, Urban Local Bodies, Haryana, Panchkula.
4. All the Divisional Commissioners in the State of Haryana.
5. All the Deputy Commissioners in the State of Haryana.
6. All the Commissioners of Municipal Corporations, in the State of Haryana
7. The Controller, Printing and Stationery Department Haryana, Chandigarh.

8. Election Observer, Municipal Corporation Faridabad and Municipal Council, Bhiwani.
9. Returning Officers, Municipal Corporation Faridabad and Municipal Council, Bhiwani and Municipal Committee, Mandi Dabawali District Sirsa.
10. Secretary/President of all the recognized Political Parties.


(Parmal Singh)
Assistant State Election Commissioner, Haryana 

ANNEXURE-A

SL No. _____

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| 1. | अजय बराड |  |  |
| 2. | अनिल कुमार |  |  |
| 3. | अग्रज बठला |  |  |
| 4. | मनोज कुमार |  |  |
| 5. | उपर में से कोई नहीं | NOTA | |

नगरनिगम /नगरपरिषद्/नगरपालिका _____/वार्ड नम्बर_____/2016/सा10/

हस्ता/-
रिटर्निंग अधिकारी,
नगरनिगम/नगरपरिषद्/नगरपालिका

ANNEXURE-B

Original /Duplicate
(Original to be kept with nomination paper and
Duplicate To be handed over to candidate)

Notice by Returning Officer for non-submission of Photograph of the Candidate.

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| Ward No. of Municipal Corporation/ Council/Committee | : | _____ |
| Name of the Candidate | : | _____ |
| Date and time of filing nomination paper | : | _____ |
| Sr. No. of nomination paper. | : | _____ |

As per the direction of the Commission, photograph of the candidate is required to be printed on the ballot paper.

It is hereby brought to your notice that you have not submitted your photograph for this purpose.

You are requested to submit your photograph by 3.30 PM on _____ (date fixed for scrutiny of nomination).

The specifications for the photograph are as follows:-

- (i) Candidates are required to submit their recent photograph (taken during the preceding period of 3 months before the date of notification.
- (ii) Photographs should be of stamp size 2cm X 2.5cm (two cm. in breadth and 2.5 cm in height) in white/off white background, with full face view directly facing the camera, neutral facial expression with eyes open. The photo may be in colour or black and white as may be convenient for the candidate.
- (iii) Photograph should be in normal clothing. Photograph in uniform is not permitted. Caps/hats should be avoided. Dark glasses has also to be avoided.

The photograph has to be submitted alongwith the declaration in the enclosed format.

It may be noted that if photograph is not submitted by the time mentioned above, your will not be printed on the ballot paper.

Received.

(Signature of Candidate)

(Signature of RO/ARO)

Date & Time :
Place:

ANNEXURE-C

Declaration by Candidate while submitting the photograph.

Subject: Election to the Municipal Corporation/ Municipal Council / Municipal Committee from Ward No. _____ to be held on _____.

I, _____ (name and address of the Candidate), son/daughter/wife of Shri _____ nominated as a candidate for the above mentioned election, am submitting herewith my photograph (duly signed by me on the back of the photograph) for the purpose of printing the same on the ballot paper. I declare that the photograph has been taken during the last 3 months before the date of notification of the above mentioned election.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone/Mobile No. _____

Date: _____