

**MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS**

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

No.SEC/1ME/2017/3081

Dated: 20.04.2018

To

The Director,  
Public Relations and Cultural Affairs, Haryana  
Chandigarh.

**Subject:- Municipal Elections, 2018—Press Note regarding .**

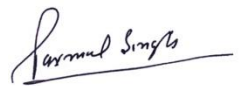
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Sir,

I am directed to refer to the subject cited above and to enclose herewith 5 copies of the Press Note pertaining to the election programme issued 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). This Press Note may kindly be released in all the news papers having wide circulation in the State of Haryana and also be telecasted through radio/Akashvani and T.V. channels.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,



(Parmal Singh)

Asstt. State Election Commissioner, Haryana

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### PRESS NOTE

**Panchkula, the 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2018:** Dr. Dalip Singh, State Election Commissioner, Haryana stated that the programme for the conduct of the General Elections of 18 Municipal Committees given at para 2 and Bye-Elections of W. No. 20 of Municipal Council, Thanesar (Kurukshetra) and W. No. 4 of Municipal Committee, Assandh (Karnal) has been issued today i.e. 20.04.2018. The election programme for the conduct of the elections of municipalities is as under:-

(1)	Date on which notice shall be published by the Returning Officer for inviting nominations under Rule 20.	21.04.2018 (Saturday)
(2)	Dates on which Nomination papers shall be presented under Rule 19(2)(i).	27.04.2018 (Friday) to 02.05.2018 (Wednesday) 11.00 A.M. to 03.00 P.M. (Except 29.04.2018)
(3)	Dates on which the list of Nomination papers received shall be posted under Rule 19(2) (ii).	27.04.2018 (Friday) to 02.05.2018 (Wednesday)
(4)	Date by which information shall be furnished by the candidate in the format prescribed, to the concerned Returning Officer that he is not suffering from any disqualification.	03.05.2018 (Thursday) Before 11.00 A.M.
(5)	Date on which the nomination papers shall be scrutinized under Rule 19(2)(iii)	03.05.2018 (Thursday) 11.30 A.M. onwards
(6)	Last date for withdrawal of candidature under Rule 19(2)(vi).	04.05.2018 (Friday) Between 11.00 A.M and 3.00 P.M.
(7)	Date on which symbols shall be allotted to the contesting candidates.	04.05.2018 (Friday) After 3.00 PM
(8)	Date on which the list of contesting candidates shall be posted under Rule 19(2)(vii).	04.05.2018 (Friday)
(9)	Date on which list of polling stations shall be posted under Rule 19(2)(viii).	04.05.2018 (Friday)
(10)	Date on which the poll, if any, shall be held under Rule 19(2)(ix).	<b>13.05.2018 (Sunday)</b>
(11)	Timing of the poll.	Between <b>7.00 A.M.</b> and <b>5.00 P.M.</b>
(12)	Date, time and place on which the votes polled shall be counted.	Immediately after the close of poll in all the polling stations
(13)	Date on which the election result would be declared.	Immediately after the completion of counting in all the polling stations.

2. Dr. Singh further stated that election of these municipalities shall be conducted with the use of EVMs. The detail of wards, reserved seats and voters etc. of the municipalities where general elections are to be conducted, is as under:-

District	Municipal Committee	No. of wards	Expected Polling Booths	W. No. reserved for S.C.	W. No. reserved for S.C.(W)	W. No. reserved for B.C.	W. No. reserved for Women	Voters		
								Male	Female	Total
Bhiwani	Siwani	13	13	5 & 11	3 & 4	9 & 10	2, 7 & 12	6455	5732	12187
	Bawani Khera	15	15	2, 3, & 12	4 & 15	1 & 13	7, 11 & 14	7214	6292	13506
	Loharu	13	13	1 & 4	5 & 13	2 & 7	3, 8 & 10	4625	4084	8709
Gurugram	Haily Mandi	15	16	13 & 14	2 & 10	1 & 4	3, 8 & 9	6927	6078	13005
	Pataudi	15	15	6 & 14	3	1 & 15	5,8,10&13	5532	4853	10385
	Farrukh Nagar	13	13	7 & 8	2 & 11	4 & 5	1, 3 & 12	4810	4291	9101
Hisar	Narnaund	13	13	8	13	2 & 3	4,5,6 & 7	6406	5604	12010
Jind	Julana	13	13	4 & 13	10 & 12	6 & 11	3, 5 & 7	6006	5119	11125
Jhajjar	Beri	13	13	1	6	9 & 11	3,8,12&13	6281	5517	11798
Karnal	Indri	13	13	10 & 12	13	8 & 9	1,2,3 & 5	5816	5279	11095
	Nilokheri	13	13	5 & 6	7 & 10	9 & 12	1, 8 & 11	6481	6035	12516
Kaithal	Kalayath	13	13	1 & 3	10	8 & 9	5,6,7& 12	6444	5454	11898
Mahendergarh	Ateli Mandi	11	11	--	5	1 & 2	9, 10 & 11	2591	2308	4899
	Kanina	13	13	6	10	1 & 5	2,3,4 & 11	4741	4394	9135
Mewat	Taoru	15	15	9 & 14	2 & 8	1 & 6	3, 4 & 13	6220	5358	11578
Palwal	Hathin	13	13	4	9	5 & 8	6,7,11&12	4250	3804	8055
Rohtak	Kalanaur	15	15	2,5,10&11	1 & 12	9 & 14	3,6 & 8	7577	6518	14095
Sonepat	Kharkhoda	15	15	9 & 15	8 & 10	5 & 14	3, 6 & 13	7948	6676	14624

3. Dr. Singh also added that the last general elections of these Municipalities were held in the year 2012 and 2013 during that time number of wards, voters, polling percentage etc. remained as under:-

District	Municipal Committee	No. of wards	Voters			Poll percentage
			Male	Female	Total	
Bhiwani	Siwani	13	6304	5527	11831	93.1
	Bawani Khera	15	7216	6381	13597	87.3
	Loharu	13	4203	3712	7915	87.4
Gurugram	Haily Mandi	15	6676	5775	12451	87.1
	Pataudi	15	5878	5282	11160	88.9
	Farrukh Nagar	13	5217	4651	9868	91.5
Hisar	Narnaund	13	6752	5878	12630	84.4
Jind	Julana	13	5320	4355	9675	88.5
Jhajjar	Beri	13	5831	4740	10571	85.5
Karnal	Indri	13	5247	4531	9778	91.3
	Nilokheri	13	5981	5413	11394	84.3
Kaithal	Kalayath	13	6327	5479	11806	88.8
Mahendergarh	Ateli Mandi	11	2422	2261	4683	86.5
	Kanina	13	4462	4257	8719	91.5
Mewat	Taoru	15	7057	6260	13317	88.4
Palwal	Hathin	13	4942	4314	9256	81.9
Rohtak	Kalanaur	15	7719	6751	14470	87.6
Sonepat	Kharkhoda	15	7263	6087	13350	83.7

4. Dr. Singh further added that elaborate arrangements for the conduct of elections in free, fair, transparent and peaceful manner and to maintain law and order would be made. Heavy police force would be deployed to maintain the law and order at the polling stations and the sensitive and hyper sensitive areas for conducting the elections.

5. Dr. Singh also stated that the expenditure limit for contesting the election of Municipal Councils and Committees has been fixed Rs.3,00,000/- and 2,00,000/-, respectively. All the contesting candidates are required to maintain account of election expenditure and submit the same within 30 days from the date of declaration of election result to the Deputy Commissioner or an officer authorized by the State Election Commission, failing which the defaulting candidate shall be liable to be disqualified for a period of five years from the date of issue of such order.

6. Dr. Singh further stated that the photographs of the contesting candidates shall be got printed on the ballot papers alongwith other particulars to be displayed on the balloting unit of EVMs and in the tender ballot papers in addition to the existing particulars. The photograph of the candidate shall be printed in the panel and shall appear on the right side of the name in between the name and symbol of the candidate.

7. Dr. Singh further added that NOTA (None of the above) option will be used in these elections, so that voters, who come to the polling stations and decide not to vote for any candidate in fray, may be able to exercise their right of not to vote while maintaining their right of secrecy.

8. The Model code of conduct in respect of these municipal elections shall come into force from today i.e. 20.04.2018 and shall remain enforced till the election is completed. No Officer/Official connected with the election work shall be transferred till the completion of election process.

9. Dr. Singh further apprised that with the amendment of Rule 14 of the Haryana Municipal Election Rules 1978, through gazette notification dated 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2017, only those persons are entitled to get their names included in the electoral rolls of the municipality whose names exist in the relevant part of assembly electoral rolls till the first day of filing of nomination papers for the elections of municipality. Hence any person intending to get his name registered as voter in the relevant municipal ward will first have to get his name registered in the assembly rolls.

10. Dr. Singh finally appealed to the voters to participate in the elections to elect the members of municipalities for strengthening the democracy at grass root level.