

PRESS NOTE

Panchkula:- 16th December, 2018.- Dr. Dalip Singh, State Election Commissioner, Haryana stated that the polling in all the 110 wards of the Municipal Corporation, Hisar, Rohtak, Yamuna Nagar, Panipat & Karnal and 25 (12+13) wards of Jakhal Mandi (Fatehabad) & Pundri (Kaithal) respectively was held today. A candidate from W. No.13, Municipal Committee, Jakhal Mandi (Fatehabad) was declared as unopposed.

2. He further apprised that total 59 candidates (40 male and 19 female) contested the election of the seats of Mayor and 592 candidates (322 male and 270 female) contested the election of the seats of member, Corporation from all the wards of these Corporations and total 89 candidates (35 male and 54 female) contested the election of the seats of member municipal Committee, Jakhal Mandi (Fatehabad) & Pundri (Kaithal). The National parties viz. Bhartiya Janata Party contested from all the seats of Mayor and of 107 wards of Municipal Corporations, BSP from 01 seat of Mayor i.e. Yamuna Nagar & CPI (M) 01 seat of Mayor i.e. Rohtak and State Party viz. INLD contested the election from 03 seats of Mayor i.e. from Hisar, Panipat & Rohtak. Except BJP, no other party contested the election of the seats of member, Corporation on party basis. NOTA gave alternative to voters to reject candidates whom voters did not like.

3. Dr. Singh further told that the elections have been conducted with free, fair, transparent & peaceful manner and no violation of model code of conduct was observed. No malfunction of EVMs has been reported. General Observers, Police Observers and Expenditure Observers keep strict vigil over the overall process of the elections and contributed a lot to complete whole process peacefully. The Deputy Commissioner, Returning Officers, Assistant Returning Officers and Polling staff has also done a good job for the successful completion of elections. No complaint of impersonation, bogus votes, proxy votes, etc., has been reported as Returning Officers were attentive. With efforts

of district administration and Police, elections have been conducted peacefully and no untoward incident has been reported. Ladies and youths have participated in large numbers for the casting of votes. The poll percentage (%) in the municipalities remained as under:-

Sr. No.	Municipal Corporations/ Committees	Poll percentage (%)
1.	M. Corp., Hisar	62.7
2.	M. Corp., Karnal	61.8
3.	M. Corp., Panipat	62.0
4.	M. Corp., Rohtak	62.4
5.	M. Corp., Yamuna Nagar	65.2
6.	M. Committee, Jakhal Mandi (Fatehabad)	89.5
7.	M. Committee, Pundri (Kaithal)	82.1
Overall percentage (%)		69.39

4. Dr. Singh also thanked the police administration who has worked round the clock to maintain law and order situation and help the State Election Commission, Haryana for conducting the elections in free and fair manner.

5. In association with the NIC Haryana the Commission has developed e-dashboard to monitor the starting of poll, hour to hour booth wise voter turnout, poll ended etc. One can visit www.secharyana.com to watch the progress of voting at each polling booth, he added.

6. He further stated that counting of votes of these municipalities shall be held on **19.12.2018 at 8.00 A.M.** at the place(s) specified by the Deputy Commissioner concerned and result shall be declared immediately after the completion of counting.

7. Dr. Singh warned candidates (winning as well as losing) to submit expenditure statements to the Deputy Commissioner concerned within a period of 30 days of the declaration of election result failing which candidates' may attract disqualification.

8. State Election Commissioner thanked all the voters and sections of the society, officers/officials of all the departments engaged in the conduct of elections for their co-operation.