

## PRESS NOTE

**Panchkula, the 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2017:** Dr. Dalip Singh, State Election Commissioner, Haryana stated that the State Government vide notification No. Leg.13 &14/2017 dated 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 has inserted some new sections in the Haryana Municipal Act, 1973 and Haryana Municipal Corporation Act, 1994, respectively. The insertion made under Section 13 F, 13 G & 14 of Haryana Municipal Act and Section 8 E, 8 F & 8 G of Haryana Municipal Corporation Act provides as under:-

**Disqualification for failure to lodge account of election expenses-** If the State Election Commission is satisfied that a person has failed to lodge an account of election expenses within the time and in the manner prescribed by the Commission and has no good reason or justification thereof, the State Election Commission shall, by order published in the Official Gazette, declare him to be disqualified for contesting an election for a period of five years from the date of the order under.

**Removal or reduction of period of disqualification -** The State Election Commission may, for reasons to be recorded in writing remove or reduce the period of disqualification.

**Lodging of account with the Deputy Commissioner or the authorized officer-** Every contesting candidate or his election agent shall, lodge account of election expenditure within thirty days from the date of declaration of election result, with the Deputy Commissioner or any other officer authorized by the Commission.

2. Dr. Dalip Singh further stated that in view of increase in price index and expenditure limit increased by the other State Election Commissions, the State Election Commission, Haryana has also revised the expenditure limit of the contesting candidates contesting the elections of Municipal Committee, Municipal Council and Municipal Corporation and notifications in this respect have been issued on 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2017. The revised expenditure limit for contesting the election of Municipal Institutions is as under:-

Election	Earlier Expenditure limit	Revised Expenditure Limit
Member Municipal Committee	75,000-00	2,00,000-00
Member Municipal Council	1,00,000-00	3,00,000-00
Member Municipal Corporation	2,10,000-00	5,00,000-00

3. Dr. Dalip Singh also stated that necessary instructions and directions in this respect have been issued to all the concerned for compliance in future. According to these directions the accounts of expenditure to be incurred by the contesting candidates is to be maintained and submitted to the Deputy Commissioners within 30 days of the declaration of the result in the Performa prescribed for this purpose and the Deputy Commissioners in turn shall send report to the Commission immediately. Dr. Singh further apprised that if candidate fails to submit accounts of expenditure incurred by him within the prescribed time limit, the Commission by order published in Official Gazette shall declare him to be disqualified and may such person be disqualified for a period of **five years** from the date of the order. Every contesting candidate shall either himself or by his authorised election agent will have to keep a separate and correct account of all expenditure in connection with the election between the dates he has been nominated and date of declaration of result both dates inclusive. The total expenditure shall not exceed the limit as prescribed above. Any violation by the contesting candidate or his authorised agent/individual to incur any expenditure in excess of the limit, will be violation of the above instructions which will entail disqualification of the defaulter under the act.