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Most Immediate/Date Bound Municipal Election

No.SEC/1ME/2020/ 3544 Dated: 03.12.2020

To

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

Subject: Municipal Election, 2020 --- 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 notifications for the conduct of the General Elections of the seat of Mayor and members of all the wards of Municipal Corporation, Ambala, Panchkula & Sonepat and President and Members of Municipal Council Rewari, Municipal Committee, Sampla (Rohtak), Dharuhera (Rewari) & Ukalana (Hisar) and Bye- elections of W. No. 07 of Municipal Committee, Indri (Karnal), W. No. 13 of Bhuna (Fatehabad), W. No. 12 of Rajound (Kaithal), W. No. 14 of Municipal Council, Fatehabad and W. No. 29 of Municipal Council, Sirsa vide Notification No. SEC/1ME/2020/3165 and SEC/1ME/2020/3184 dated 03.12.2020 (copies enclosed), respectively. As per schedule, the nomination papers shall be presented from 11.12.2020 to 16.12.2020 and poll shall be held on 27.12.2020. Re-poll if any required, shall be held on 29.12.2020 and counting of votes shall be held on 30.12.2020 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.

- 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. The State Election Commission, Haryana 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 areas 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:-
 - (I) 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 on 26.12.2020, 27.12.2020, 29.12.2020 (only where re-poll is to be held) and 3012.2020.

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.

Yours faithfully,

(Parmal Singh)

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Dated: 03.12.2020

Asstt. State Election Commissioner, Haryana

No.SEC/1ME/2020/3545-3567

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

- 1. Additional Chief 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, Ambala, Panchkula, Sonepat, Rewari, Rohtak, Hisar, Karnal, kaithal, Fatehabad and Sirsa.
- 5. Superintendent of Police, Ambala, Panchkula, Sonepat, Rewari, Rohtak, Hisar, Karnal, kaithal, Fatehabad and Sirsa.

(Parmal Singh)

Janmal Single

Assistant State Election Commissioner, Haryana