

# **MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTIONS**

## **PRESS NOTE**

**Panchkula, the 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2016** : Dr. Dalip Singh , State Election Commissioner, Haryana stated that the programme for the General Election of Municipal Council Bhiwani and bye elections of ward No.3, Municipal Council, Mandi Dabwali, Distt Sirsa has been issued today. The Election programme to the above said Municipalities is as under:-

### **Notifications of election programme has been issued on 13.12.2016**

(1)	Date on which notice shall be published by the Returning Officer for inviting nominations under Rule 20.	15.12.2016 (Thursday)
(2)	Dates on which Nomination papers shall be presented under Rule 19(2)(i)	21.12.2016 (Wednesday) To 27.12.2016 (Tuesday) 11.00 A.M. to 03.00 P.M.
(3)	Dates on which the list of Nomination papers received shall be posted under Rule 19(2)(ii)	21.12.2016 (Wednesday) To 27.12.2016 (Tuesday)
(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.	28.12.2016 (Wednesday) Before 11.00 A.M.
(5)	Date on which the nomination papers shall be scrutinized under Rule 19(2)(iii)	28.12.2016 (Wednesday) 11.30 A.M. onwards.
(6)	Last date for withdrawal of candidature under Rule 19(2)(vi)	29.12.2016 (Thursday) Between 11.00 A.M and 3.00 P.M.
(7)	Date on which symbols shall be allotted to the contesting candidates.	29.12.2016 (Thursday) after 3.00 PM
(8)	Date on which the list of contesting candidates shall be posted under Rule 19(2)(vii)	29.12.2016 (Thursday)
(9)	Date on which list of polling stations shall be posted under Rule 19(2)(viii)	29.12.2016 (Thursday)
(10)	Date on which the poll, if any, shall be held under Rule 19(2)(ix)	08.01.2017 (Sunday)
(11)	Timing of the poll	Between 8.00 A.M. and 5.00 P.M.
(12)	Date, time and place on which the votes polled shall be counted.	Immediately after the polling is closed at all polling stations on the same day.
(13)	Date on which the election result would be declared.	Immediately after the completion of counting .

2. Dr. Dalip Singh further stated that above said election shall be conducted with EVMs. Out of 31 wards of the Municipal Council Bhiwani, 17 wards viz. 4 (SC), 2(SC woman), 2 (BC) and 9(woman) have been reserved. There are 1,21,136 voters including 64,242 male and 56,894 female voters who would exercise their franchise. 100 polling stations have been set up and around 450 polling officials shall be deployed during the elections , he added.

3. Elaborate arrangements for the conduct of election in the 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, he added.

4. The Commission has prescribed the limit of the expenditure, that may be incurred by the contesting candidates or his authorised election agents in connection with the election, Rs.1,00,000 for a member of Municipal Council, Dr.Singh added.

5. Dr.Singh also said that for the first time 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, are able to exercise their right not to vote with maintaining their right of secrecy.

6. Dr.Singh further told that the contesting candidates are also required to maintain account of election expenditure and submit the same within 30 days from the date of declaration of the result of the election to the Deputy Commissioner or with any other officers specified by the Commission, failing which the defaulting candidate shall be liable to be disqualified under the Haryana Municipal Election Expenditure (Maintenance & Submission of the Accounts) Order, 2006 for three years from the date of issue of such order.

7. The Model code of conduct in respect of the Municipal Council Bhiwani and ward No.3 of Municipal Council Mandi Dabwali, Distt. Sirsa shall come into force from today i.e.13.12.2016. No Officer/Official connected with the election work shall be transferred till the completion of election process

8. Any person whose name is not included in the electoral rolls of the Municipal Council, Bhiwani and Mandi Dabwali, Distt. Sirsa may apply to the Deputy Commissioner Bhiwani and Sirsa respectively, not later than four days from the date of publication of election programme, he added.