

MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTIONS

PRESS NOTE

Panchkula, the 1st June, 2013 : Shri Dharam Vir, State Election Commissioner, Haryana stated that as per election schedule, the polling for the election of the councilors of seven Municipal Corporations, Ambala, Panchkula, Karnal, Panipat, Hisar, Rohtak and Yamuna Nagar and two Municipal Committees, Farukh Nagar (Gurgaon) and Kalanaur (Rohtak) would take place on June 2, 2013. The counting of votes in the case of Municipal Committees shall be made immediately after the poll and on June 4, 2013 in the case of Municipal Corporations.

2. In all, 1686 candidates are contesting elections for 144 wards of seven corporations. There are about 17.08 lac voters in these corporations. For conducting elections, 1,626 polling stations have been set up in 782 buildings. About nine thousand officials would be deployed to conduct these elections.

3. Shri Dharam Vir further told that elaborate arrangements for the conduct of the elections in a free, fair and peaceful manner and to maintain the law and order have been made. There would be heavy deployment of police force to maintain law and order at the polling stations and sensitive areas. Out of 1,626 polling stations, 251 have been declared sensitive and 335 hyper sensitive polling stations. There would be substantial police force at all the sensitive and hyper sensitive polling stations. To monitor the situation on the polling stations, there would be a large number mobile parties in each corporation area. They include 186 parties of Supervisory Officers and 147 of Magistrates. In addition, there would one or more police patrol parties in each ward. These parties would visit the polling stations from the start of poll to the close of poll and departure of polling parties. Efforts would be made so that at least one of these three parties is able to visit each polling station in about half an hour or less that. Besides, the Presiding Officers have been directed to use their mobile phones to contact the officers and police parties in case of any trouble and send SMS in routine on law and order situation and number of votes polled. Substantial police force, including HAP and IRB, would also be stationed in reserve at suitable locations in each corporation so that it can reach at any place in the shortest possible time. More than eight thousand Constables

and Head Constables would be deployed on polling stations. There would be at least one Lady Constable at each building where polling stations have been set up. In addition, more than 35 officers of the rank of Deputy Superintendent of Police, 109 Inspectors and 920 NGOs (Sub Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors).

4. On the pattern of Vidhan Sabha elections, the Commission has also issued detailed instructions regarding safe storage of EVMs after the voting is over.

5. In association with the NIC, Haryana, the Commission has developed a software (E-dashboard) to monitor the progress of the polling. Anyone can visit <http://mcelections.nic.in> or www.secharyana.gov.in (Municipal Corporation Elections 2013 Live) to watch the progress of voting and counting.

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