STATE ELECTION COMMISSION HARYANA "NIRVACHAN SADAN", PLOT NO.2, SECTOR-17 PANCHKULA

PRESS NOTE

Chandigarh, June 2- Polling for election to seven Municipal Corporations and two Municipalities in Haryana was held in a peaceful manner today and no untoward incident was reported for any of the areas.

While stating this here today, the State Election Commissioner, Mr. Dharam Vir said that according to initial report 68.62 per cent polling has been reported form the seven municipal corporations of Ambala, Hisar, Karnal, Panchkula, Panipat, Rohtak and Yamunanagar. In case of municipalities, it was 90.62 per cent in Farukhnagar and 87 per cent in Kalanaur. The percentage of polling in case of Municipal Corporation is likely to go up by 69 per cent, he added.

He said that in three villages of district Panipat namely Nizampur, Shimla and Mullana the voters did not participate in the election process as they wanted their villages be excluded from the ambit of Municipal Corporation and kept under the Panchayats. He said that the Deputy Commissioner and senior Police Officers had visited these villages to urge the voters to exercise their right to vote but they did not agree. A decision whether to keep these villages under the Municipal Corporation or under the Panchayat is to be taken by the Government.

He said that in case of Municipal Corporation, Panchkula, nine persons have been kept under detention today as they intended to create some trouble during polling. He said that no incident of bogus voting has been reporting from any Municipal Corporation and Municipality.

He said that while counting of votes for election to two municipal committees will be held today, in case of Municipal Corporation, the votes would be counted on June 4 at 8 am. Therefore, the electronic voting machines would be kept in safe custody in the same manner as in case of elections to Assembly or Lok Sabha constituencies. CCTV would be installed at the places where the Electronic Voting Machines have been stored and guarded by the Haryana Armed Police and Reserved Indian Battalion.

He said that there has been highest voter turnout of 74.27 per cent in Yamunanagar followed by 73.5 per cent in Karnal,67.74 per cent in Rohtak, 67.75 per cent in Panipat and 67.23 per cent in Hisar. Similarly, voter turnout was 67.1 per cent in Ambala and 62.86 per cent in Panchkula.