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Election Matter

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

No.SEC/1ME/2013/3413

Dated:11/07/2013

To

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

**Subject : Municipal General Election August, 2013 --- Prohibition of sale
of liquor—regarding.**

Sir,

I am directed to address you on the subject noted above and to say that in the discharge of its sacred constitutional responsibility of conducting and ensuring free and fair General elections for Municipal Committee, Pundri, Distt. Kaithal 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.

2. For meeting this objective, the State Election Commission, in exercise of powers conferred on it under Section 3A of the Haryana Municipal Act, 1973 and all other powers enabling him in this behalf, hereby directs that the State Government shall declare and notify 'dry days' under relevant laws for such period during Municipal election as are appropriate at or around the area where the Municipal election are to be held. Such period of 'dry days' so declared and notified must include the period of one day before the polling day, the polling and counting days and the day immediately thereafter.

3. The General elections to the above said Municipality shall be held on 04/08/2013. Copy of election programme issued vide Notification No.SEC/1ME/2013/3373, dated 11/07/2013 is enclosed (copy enclosed). 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 Municipal Committees, so that there are no chances of clandestine movement of liquor from those areas, whereas the restriction has not been in operation.

4. In pursuance of the above directions the State Election Commission hereby directs that the above ban be imposed within the jurisdiction of the area where the Municipal General Elections are to be held as per the details given in the election programme, and areas adjoining the jurisdiction thereof during the period from 03/08/2013 to 05/08/2013.

5. 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)
Asstt. State Election Commissioner, Haryana