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Election Matter

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

No. SEC /1ME-4/2010/1188

Dated 26.04.2010

To

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

**Subject : Municipal General Election May, 2010 --- 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 Municipal General Elections to Municipal Corporation, Faridabad, 10 Municipal Councils, Palwal, Fatehabad, Tohana, Hansi, Jind, Narwana, Thanesar, Narnaul, Sirsa, Sonipat, and 28 Municipal Committees Naraingarh, Charkhi Dadri, Ratia, Sohna, Barwala, Jhajjar, Safidon, Cheeka, Gharaunda, Taraori, Assandh, Nissing. Shahbad, Ladwa, Pehowa, Mahendergarh, Nuh, Ferozpur Zhirka, Hodal, Punhana, Samalkha, Bawal, Meham, Kalanwali, Ellenabad, Rania, Gohana and Ganaur.

2. 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. For meeting this objective, the State Election Commission, in exercise of powers conferred on it under

Article 243ZA of the Constitution of India, section 9A of the Haryana Municipal Corporation Act, 1994 and 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 General election as are appropriate at or around the area where the Municipal general election are to be held. Such period of 'dry days' so declared and notified must include the period of two days before the polling days, the polling and counting days and the day immediately thereafter.

2. General elections to the above said Municipal Corporation, Councils and Committees shall be held on 20.05.2010. Copy of election programme has been issued vide Notification No.SEC/1ME-2/2010/970 and 1077, dated 26-04-2010 (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 Corporation/ Councils/ Committees, so that there are no chances of clandestine movement of liquor from those areas, whereas the restriction has not been in operation.

3. 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 19.05.2010 to 21.05.2010.

4. 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,

(Puran Mal)
Secretary
State Election Commission, Haryana