

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

Whereas Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its order dated 27th September, 2013 in Writ Petition© No.161 of 2004-People's Union for Civil Liberties & Anrs Vs. Union of India and Anrs, has directed the Election Commission of India to provide necessary provision in the ballot papers/EVMs for displaying a separate button called "None of the above"(NOTA), so that the voters, who come to the polling booth and decide not to vote for any of the candidates in the fray, are able to exercise their right not to vote while maintaining their right of secrecy.

2. Therefore, the State Election Commission in compliance of the directions passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and in exercise of the powers conferred under clause (1) of article 243K of the Constitution of India read with Section 161(3) of the Haryana Panchayati Raj Act, 1994, hereby direct to implement the option of "None of the Above(NOTA)" on EVMs/Ballot papers" in the elections of the office of the Member of Zila Parishad, Panchayat Samiti and the Sarpanch of the Gram Panchayat to be held in future. This order shall not be applicable to the election of the office of member of Panch of the Gram Panchayat.

3. The Returning Officer (Panchayat) shall take note of these directions and ensure that after the panel containing the name and symbol of the last candidate, there shall be a panel below the said last panel with the words "None of the Above" written thereon, for those voters who may wish to exercise option of not voting for any of the candidates in the fray. These words shall be written in the same language or languages as used in the case of names of other candidates. The size of the panel for "None of the Above" shall be the same as size of the panel for the candidates.

4. It is further directed that in Part-I of Form 15, 16, 17 (counting of votes for Sarpanch of the Gram Pachayat, result of counting of votes of Member of Panchayat Samiti and Zila Parishad), after the column 'Number of valid votes cast in favour of the candidate' one additional column "Votes for NOTA option" shall be inserted. It is also directed that in Part-II and III of these Forms under the name of candidate after the last

candidate, "None of the above (NOTA)" shall be mentioned. A sample of ballot paper to be affixed on the balloting unit, Forms 15, 16 and 17 are enclosed for guidance.

5. It is further clarified that even if, in any extreme case, the number of votes against NOTA is more than the number of valid votes secured by the candidates, the candidate who secures the largest number of valid votes among the contesting candidates shall be declared to be elected.

6. These instructions may be brought in the notice of the Returning Officers, the officers concerned and also to the State units of National and State recognized political parties.

Dated: Panchkula
The 10th March, 2017

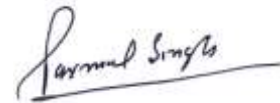
DR.DALIP SINGH
State Election Commissioner, Haryana

Endst.No. SEC/3E-II/2017/734-811

Dated: 15.03.2017

A copy of the above is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:-

1. Chief Secretary to Government, Haryana, Chandigarh.
2. Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Haryana, Development and Panchayats, Chandigarh.
3. Director General, Development and Panchayats Department, Haryana, Panchkula.
4. All the Divisional Commissioners in the State of Haryana.
5. All the Deputy Commissioners-cum District Election Officers (Panchayats).
6. All the Additional Deputy Commissioners.
7. All the District Development and Panchayat Officers.
8. Secretary/President of all the recognized Political Parties.



(Parmal Singh)
Assistant State Election Commissioner, Haryana.

FORM-15
[See sub-rule (2) of rule 66]
COUNTING OF VOTES FOR SARPANCH OF VILLAGE.....
PART -1

Polling Station No.....
 Serial number of wards included.....

Serial Number	Name of candidate	Number of valid votes cast In favour of the candidate	Votes for NOTA option
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)

Total number of valid votes.....
 Total number of rejected votes
 Total votes polled.....

Place.....
 Date

Returning Officer (Panchayat)/Officer
 authorized by Returning Officer (Panchayat)

PART – II

Serial Number	Name of Candidate	Vote cast in favour of the candidate			Total
		Polling Station No.1	Polling Station No.2	Polling Station No.3	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1.	A				
2.	B				
3.	C				
4.	----				
5.	None of the above				

Total number of valid votes in village
 Total number of rejected votes in village
 Total number of votes polled in village

Place

Returning Officer (Panchayat)/Officer
 authorised by Returning Officer(Panchayat)

FORM-16
[See sub-rule (2) of rule 66]

**RESULT OF COUNTING OF VOTES IN THE ELECTION OF MEMBER OF
PANCHAYAT SAMITI WARD NO.....**

PART -1

Polling Station.....

Serial number of wards included in polling station.....

Serial Number	Name of Candidate	Number of valid votes cast in favour of candidate	Votes for NOTA option
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)

Total number of valid votes
Total number of rejected votes
Total number of votes polled

Place.....

Dated

Returning Officer (Panchayat)/Officer
Authorized by Returning Officer (Panchayat)

PART – II

Serial Number	Name of Candidate	Number of valid votes cast in favour of candidate					Total number of votes
		1	2	3	4	5	
(1)	(2)	(3)					(4)
1.	A						
2.	B						
3.	C						
4.	----						
5.							

Number of total valid votes
Number of total rejected votes
Total number of votes polled

Place.....

Date.....

Returning Officer(Panchayat)/Officer
Authorized by Returning Officer(Panchayat)

FORM-17
[See sub-rule (2) of rule 66]

RESULT OF COUNTING OF VOTES OF MEMBER OF ZILA PARISHAD WARD NO.....

PART -1

Polling Station No.....

Serial number of wards included

Serial Number	Name of Candidate	Number of valid votes cast in favour of candidate	Votes for NOTA option
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)

Total number of valid votes
 Total number of rejected votes
 Total Number of votes polled in the polling Station

Place.....

Dated:.....

Returning Officer(Panchayat)/Officer
 Authorized by Returning Officer(Panchayat)

PART – II

Serial Number	Name of Candidate	Valid votes secured by candidates in various polling stations within the Panchayat Samiti	Total number of valid votes
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)

Total number of valid votes
 Total number of rejected votes
 Total number of votes polled in Panchayat Samiti area

Place.....

Dated:.....

Returning Officer(Panchayat)/Officer
 Authorized by Returning Officer(Panchayat)

PART –III

Serial Number	Name of Candidate	No. of votes secured by candidate in Polling Stations situated in various Panchayat Samitis			Total number of valid votes
		Panchayat Samiti	Panchayat Samiti	Panchayat Samiti	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1.	A				
2.	B				
3.	C				
4.	---				
5.					

Total number of valid votes
Total number of rejected votes
Total number of votes polled in
concerned ward of Zila Parishad

Place.....

Date.....

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Returning Officer(Panchayat)/Officer authorized
by Returning Officer(Panchayat)