

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

**PRESS NOTE**

**Panchkula, the 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2016:** Sh. Rajeev Sharma, State Election Commissioner, Haryana stated that the election programme for the 5<sup>th</sup> Municipal General Elections in 385 wards of 15 Municipal Councils i.e. Charkhi Dadri , Hansi , Kaithal, Narnaul, Tohana, Fatehabad ,Sohna, Bahadurgarh, Narwana, Jind , Thanesar, Hodal, Palwal, Mandi Dabwali, Gohana, and 436 wards of 28 Municipal Committees i.e. Naraingarh, Cheeka, Rajound, Barwala , Mahendergarh, Nangal Chaudhary, Samalkha, Bhuna, Ratia, Jhajjar, Safidon ,Uchana, Tarori, Nissing, Gharaunda, Assandh, Ladwa, Pehowa, Shahabad , Ferozepur Zhirka, Nuh, Punhana , Bawal, Meham , Kalanwali, Ellenabad, Rania and Ganaur and for bye elections in ward No.9, Municipal Corporation, Panipat, ward No.1, Municipal Council Rewari and ward No.7, Municipal Committee, Kalanaur has been issued today. The Election programme of the above said Municipalities is given as under:-

**TIME SCHEDULE**

(1)	Date on which notice shall be published by the Returning Officer for inviting nominations under Rule 20.	29/04/2016 <b>(Friday)</b>
(2)	Dates on which Nomination papers shall be presented under Rule 19(2)(i)	05/05/2016 <b>(Thursday)</b> <b>to</b> 11/05/2016 <b>(Wednesday)</b> 11.00 A.M. to 03.00 P.M.
(3)	Dates on which the list of Nomination papers received shall be posted under Rule 19(2)(ii)	05/05/2016 <b>(Thursday)</b> <b>to</b> 11/05/2016 <b>(Wednesday)</b>
(4)	Date by which information shall be furnished by the candidate in the format prescribed, to the concerned Returning Officer that he is not suffering from any disqualification.	12/05/2016 <b>(Thursday)</b> Before 11.00 A.M.
(5)	Date on which the nomination papers shall be scrutinized under Rule 19(2)(iii)	12/05/2016 <b>(Thursday)</b> 11.30 A.M. onwards.
(6)	Last date for withdrawal of candidature by a candidate under Rule 19(2)(vi)	13/05/2016 <b>(Friday)</b> Between 11.00 A.M and 3.00 P.M.
(7)	Date on which symbols shall be allotted to the contesting candidates.	13/05/2016 <b>(Friday)</b> after 3.00 PM
(8)	Date on which the list of contesting candidates. shall be posted under Rule 19(2)(vii)	13/05/2016 <b>(Friday)</b>
(9)	Date on which list of polling stations shall be posted under Rule 19(2)(viii)	13/05/2016 <b>(Friday)</b>

(10)	Date on which the poll, if any, shall be held under Rule 19(2)(ix)	22/05/2016 <b>(Sunday)</b>
(11)	Timing of the poll	Between 7.00 A.M. and 5.00 P.M.
(12)	Date, time and place on which the votes polled shall be counted.	<b>Counting of votes shall take place after the close of poll at all polling stations, on the same day.</b>
(13)	Date on which the election result would be declared.	Immediately after the completion of counting .

2. He further stated that a candidate filing nomination paper for contesting the election of the seat of Municipal Corporation/Council/Committee shall have to deposit an amount mentioned as under in Government Treasury or Sub Treasury or with the Returning Officer in cash, as the case may be:-

<b>Class of Municipality</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>SC/BC/Woman</b>
Municipal Corporation	Rs.3000/-	Rs.1500/-
Municipal Council	Rs.2000/-	Rs.1000/-
Municipal Committee	Rs.1000/-	Rs.500/-

3. He further stated that the expenditure limit of the expenditure to be incurred by a contesting candidate or his authorise election agent has been prescribed as under:

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Expenditure limit</b>
1.	Municipal Corporation	Rs.2,10,000/-
2.	Municipal Council	Rs.1,00,000/-
3.	Municipal Committee	Rs.75,000/-

4. He further told that a contesting candidate shall have to maintain account of expenditure and submit the same within 30 days from the declaration of the result to the Deputy Commissioner or any other officer specified by the Commission in the manner prescribed by the State Election Commission failing which the defaulting candidate shall be liable to be disqualified under Haryana Municipal Election Expenditure (Maintenance and Submission of the Accounts) Order, 2006 for three years from the date of issue of such orders.

5. He further stated that the election of these municipalities would be conducted by the use of EVMs, for which approximately 2076 EVMs of single post would be used.

6. He further stated that 15,20,456 voters (Male 8,03,445 + 7,17,071 Female) will exercise their right to vote during General Elections of these Institutions. 209 seats in Municipal Councils and 261 seats in Municipal Committees have been reserved for the candidates of different categories viz. SC/BC/ and the women. Out of 1448 polling stations, 247 are sensitive and 139 hyper-sensitive. Municipal-wise break-up chart is enclosed as Annexure 'A'. Approximately 6300 polling personals and 141 Duty Magistrates/ supervisors will be deployed on elections duty.

7. He further told that during Bye-elections of Municipal Corporation, Panipat and Municipal Council, Rewari and Municipal Committee, Kalanaur, 25,145 voters (Male 13,410 + 11,735 female) will exercise their right to vote. 21 polling stations have been set up. Break up chart is enclosed as Annexure 'B'. However 93 polling personals and 05 Duty Magistrates/supervisor will be deployed on election duty.

8. He further told that the Model Code of Conduct in respect of the Municipal Elections has come into force from today i.e. 28.04.2016 in the area of Municipal Corporation/ Councils and Municipal Committees where the poll is to be conducted. According to the guidelines of model code of conduct no party or candidate shall indulge in any activity which may aggravate existing differences or create mutual hatred or cause tension between different castes and communities, religious or linguistic. There shall be no appeal to caste or communal feelings for securing votes. The right of every individual for peaceful and undisturbed home life shall be respected. All parties and candidates shall avoid scrupulously all activities which are "corrupt practices" and offences under the election law, such as bribing of voters, intimidation of voters, impersonation of voters, canvassing within 100 meters of polling stations, holding public meetings during the 48 hours ending with the hour fixed for the close of the poll and transport and conveyance of voters to and from polling station etc. All the political parties, contesting candidates and Government employees must follow the model code of conduct meticulously to conduct free, fair and peaceful municipal elections in the State. No Officer/Official connected with the election work shall be transferred till the completion of election process besides adhering to other requirements of Model Code of Conduct with the announcement of this schedule for elections, he added.

9. He further informed that as per new amendment made by the Government, a person shall also be disqualified for contesting the elections of the Municipal Institutions, who:

- (a) has not been convicted, but charges have been framed in a criminal case for an offence, punishable with imprisonment for not less than ten years; or
- (b) fails to pay any arrear of any kind due to him to any Primary Agriculture Co-operative Society, District Central Co-operative Bank and District Primary Co-operative Agriculture Rural Development Bank; or
- (c) fails to pay arrears of the electricity bills; or
- (d) has not passed matriculation examination or its equivalent examination from any recognised institution/board.

Provided that in case of women candidate or a candidate belongs to Scheduled Caste, the minimum qualification shall be middle pass.

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- (e) fails to submit self declaration to the effect that he has a functional toilet at his place of residence.

10. He further told that the directions are being issued to all the Deputy Commissioners to give the widest possible publicity to the above programme by munadi in the Municipal Corporation/Council/Committee, issue of press notes and other handouts and also by inserting paid advertisements in the two local news papers and making publicity through electronic media, so that more and more people may come to cast their vote and elect the members of Municipal Corporation, Council and Committees for strengthening the democracy at grass root level.

11. **Paid News:** Sh.Sharma informed that State Election Commission highlighting the role of media in democracy and it's further strengthening and made a request to the media- print as well as electronic to render their help and co-operation by refraining from allowing any undue publicity to a candidate in lieu of money or any other consideration. He emphasized that the Commission is aware of the menace of paid news and thus solicits the help and co-operation of media which is the best way to tackle it.

12. He further stated that State Election Commission will appoint Election Observers in each district to ensure smooth conduct of elections. The Observers will be asked to keep a close watch on every stage of election process to ensure free and fair elections. The Election Observers have to visit the district assigned at

least four times, review necessary arrangements for the conduct of free, fair and peaceful elections, hold meetings with the Deputy Commissioner, Returning Officer, Superintendent of Police and Deputy Superintendent of Police & other officers to review law and order situation and keep check on the complaints received by them.

13. He further stated that for the purpose of effective monitoring the election expenditure of the candidate, Expenditure Observers shall also be appointed in each district. Expenditure Observer shall have to keep close watch on the misuse of money power and suggest remedial action to prevent the evil practice.

14. He told that videography of sensitive or hyper sensitive polling stations would be got done, if required.

15. He further stated that the conduct of elections involves elaborate security management. It includes ensuring the adequate security of polling personnel, security at the polling station, security of polling materials and also the overall security of the election process. The Home Department has been requested to deploy adequate police personnel, so that the General Election of municipalities is conducted in a free, fair, peaceful, and transparent and violence free manner.

16. He further stated that perfect communication plan shall be set up at headquarter as well as district level to enable concurrent intervention and mid course correction on the poll day.

17. He further stated that directions have already been issued to the Deputy Commissioners not to depute the Returning Officers/Assistant Returning Officers/Presiding Officers /Assistant Presiding Officers and other Polling Staff at his/her own municipality. Polling parties be formed randomly, through special application software i.e. first at the time of allotting municipality to the employees actually to be deputed on polling duty and second at the time of sending polling parties to the polling booths allotted to them.

18. Sh. Sharma, State Election Commissioner, Haryana appeals to all the voters to participate to elect the Members of Municipal Corporation/ Councils/Committees for strengthening the democracy at grass root level.

## MUNICIPAL COUNCILS

Sr No.	NAME OF DISTRICT	NAME OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL	TOTAL NO. OF WARDS	WARDS RESERVED FOR					UNRESE RVED	TOTAL NO. OF VOTERS			TOTAL NO. OF POLLING STATIONS	SENSITIVE POLLING STATIONS	HYPER-SENSITIVE POLLING STATIONS
				SC	SC(w)	BC	W	TOTAL		Male	Female	Total			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	BHIWANI	1. CHARKHI DADRI	21	2	1	2	6	11	10	19,910	18,289	38,199	42	10	12
2	FATEHABAD	2. FATEHABAD	25	3	2	2	7	14	11	25579	23244	48823	51	4	2
		3. TOHANA	23	4	3	2	5	14	9	23792	21725	45517	42	2	2
3	HISAR	4. HANSI	27	3	2	2	7	14	13	31082	27669	58751	54	14	10
4	GURGAON	5. SOHNA	21	3	2	2	5	12	9	19777	17488	37265	39	0	0
5	JIND	6. JIND	31	3	2	2	9	16	15	53602	48020	101622	<b>102</b>	26	17
		7. NARWANA	23	2	2	2	6	12	11	21566	18932	40498	46	4	2
6	JHAJJAR	8. BAHADURGARH	31	3	2	2	9	16	15	65272	56283	121555	<b>119</b>	15	8
7	KAITHAL	9. KAITHAL	31	3	2	2	9	16	15	47759	42612	90371	90	26	4
8	KURUKSHETRA	10. THANESAR	31	3	2	2	9	16	15	51595	46941	98536	77	5	0
9	M.GARH	11. NARNAUL	25	2	2	2	7	13	12	26933	24308	51,241	47	3	1
10	PALWAL	12. PALWAL	31	5	3	2	8	18	13	59970	51914	111884	95	8	0
		13. HODAL	21	3	2	2	5	12	9	19949	16596	36545	36	18	18
11	SIRSA	14. M.Dabwali	21	4	2	2	5	13	8	18,833	17,077	35850	35	5	5
12	SONIPAT	15. GOHANA	23	2	2	2	6	12	11	22,676	20,143	42819	44	3	2
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>508295</b>	<b>451241</b>	<b>959476</b>	<b>919</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>83</b>

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				SC	SC(w)	BC	W	TOTAL		Male	Female	Total			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	AMBALA	1. NARAINGARH	15	2	2	2	3	9	6	8852	8351	17203	16	5	2
2	FATEHABAD	2. RATIA	17	3	2	2	4	11	6	12559	11583	24142	22	2	2
		3. BHUNA	15	3	2	2	3	10	5	9772	8548	18320	19	2	2
3	HISAR	4. BARWALA	19	5	3	2	4	14	5	15397	13844	29241	23	3	1
4	JHAJJAR	5. JHAJJAR	19	2	1	2	6	11	8	17,390	16,134	33,524	35	5	4
5	JIND	6. SAFIDON	17	2	1	2	5	10	7	11045	9814	20859	17	5	1
		7. UCHANA	13	1	1	2	4	8	5	6066	5400	11466	13	3	0
6	KAITHAL	8. RAJOUND	13	2	1	2	4	9	4	6315	5625	11940	13	0	0
		9. CHEEKA	17	2	2	2	4	10	7	13273	11852	25125	27	3	3
7	KARNAL	10. GHARUNDA	17	2	1	2	5	10	7	14179	12879	27058	21	3	2
		11. TARAORI	15	2	2	2	3	9	6	9425	8347	17772	15	0	0
		12. ASSANDH	15	2	1	2	4	9	6	8864	7753	16617	15	4	0
		13. NISSING	13	2	2	2	3	9	4	5844	5213	11057	13	0	0
8	KURUKSHETRA	14. SHAHBAD	19	2	1	2	6	11	8	14895	13657	28552	32	10	5
		15. LADWA	15	2	1	2	4	9	6	9635	8869	18504	15	3	3
		16. PEHOWA	17	1	1	2	5	9	8	14789	13818	28607	24	5	2
9	M.GARH	17. M.GARH	15	2	1	2	4	9	6	10028	9120	19148	15	4	0
		18.N.Choudhary	13	0	1	2	4	7	6	4864	4276	9140	13	0	0
10	MEWAT	19. F. Jhirka	15	1	1	2	4	8	7	19777	17488	37265	20	4	3
		20. NUH	13	1	1	2	4	8	5	5484	5014	10498	13	8	5
		21. PUNHANA	15	0	1	2	4	7	8	7269	6367	13636	21	2	2
11	PANIPAT	22. SAMALKHA	17	1	1	2	5	9	8	13,104	11,681	24,785	22	2	3
12	REWARI	23. BAWAL	13	1	1	2	4	8	5	5439	5193	10632	13	3	0
13	ROHTAK	24. MEHAM	15	2	1	2	4	9	6	7073	6352	13425	15	2	0
14	SIRSA	25. KALANWALI	15	2	2	2	3	9	6	7869	6938	14807	15	4	4
		26. ELLENABAD	17	2	2	2	4	10	7	12,588	10,810	23398	21	13	4
		27. RANIA	15	2	2	2	3	9	6	8825	7878	16703	16	6	4
15	SONIPAT	28. GANAUR	17	2	1	2	5	10	7	14530	13026	27556	25	3	4
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>295150</b>	<b>265830</b>	<b>560980</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>56</b>
		<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>803445</b>	<b>717071</b>	<b>1520456</b>	<b>1448</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>139</b>

**Annexure “B”**

Sr. No.	Name of District	Name of Municipality	Ward No.	Total No. of voters			No. of polling stations
				Male voters	Female voters	Total Voters	
1.	Panipat	Municipal Corporation	9	11184	9737	20921	18
2.	Rewari	Municipal Council	1	1643	1493	3136	2
3.	Rohtak	Municipal Committee Kalanaur	7	583	505	1088	1
			Total	13410	11735	25145	21