

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

**ORDER**

Whereas Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its order dated 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2013 in Writ Petition(C) 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 243ZA of the Constitution of India and section 3A of the Haryana Municipal Act, 1973 and Section 9 of the Haryana Municipal Corporation Act,1994, hereby direct to implement the option of "None of the Above (NOTA)" on EVMs/Ballot papers" in the elections of the Municipal Committees, Municipal Councils and Municipal Corporations to be held in future.

3. The Returning Officers shall take note of these directions and it should be assured 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 electors who may wish to exercise the 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.

3. It is further directed that in Form 8 (consolidation of account of the counted ballot papers), after the column 'Number of rejected ballot paper' one additional column "Votes for NOTA option" shall be inserted. It is further directed that in Part I of Form 17 (for Municipal

Corporations) and 18 (for Municipal Councils/Committees) existing Sr.No.3 of both the forms shall be substituted with "3. Total number of votes for None of the Above". It is also directed that in Part II 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, Form 8, Form 17 and Form 18 are enclosed for guidance.

4. It is further clarified that NOTA has the same effect as not voting for any candidate under the earlier provisions of rule 69M of the Haryana Municipal Election Rules, 1978 and 70M of the Haryana Municipal Corporation Election Rules, 1994 as the case may be. Therefore, 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.

5. These instructions may be brought in the notice of the Returning Officers, Assistant Returning Officers and the Presiding Officers and also to the State units of National and State recognized political parties.

Dated: Panchkula  
9<sup>th</sup> December, 2016

DR. DALIP SINGH  
State Election Commissioner, Haryana

Endst. No.SEC/1ME/2016/3653-3659

Dated: 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2016

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

1. Chief Secretary to Government, Haryana, Chandigarh.
2. Principal Secretary to Government, Haryana, Urban Local Bodies Department, Chandigarh.
3. Director, Urban Local Bodies, Haryana, Panchkula.
4. All the Divisional Commissioners in the State of Haryana.
5. All the Deputy Commissioners in the State of Haryana.
6. All the Commissioners of Municipal Corporations, in the State of Haryana
7. Secretary/President of all the recognized Political Parties.

  
(Parmal Singh)  
Assistant State Election Commissioner, Haryana

**FORM 8**  
 [See rules 62, 69U(2)(c), 69V(1) and 69W(2)]

Form of consolidation of account of the counted ballot papers

Election to the Municipal Committee \_\_\_\_\_ from the Constituency  
 (Ward) No.

Polling Station No.	Total votes found in the ballot box(es)/ EVM(s)	Number of tendered votes	Candidate's valid votes								Valid votes Total	Number of rejected ballot papers	Votes for "NOTA" option	Valid and rejected votes
			A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H				
1														
2														
3														
4														
5														
Etc.														
<b>Total</b>														

Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_

Returning Officer"

FORM 18  
[See rules 69Q(1), 69R(1)(ii), 69U(2) (a) and (b), 69V(1)]

PART-I – ACCOUNT OF VOTES RECORDED

Election to the Municipality \_\_\_\_\_

From Ward Number \_\_\_\_\_

Number and Name of Polling Station \_\_\_\_\_

Identification Number of Voting Machine used at the Polling Station

Control Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Balloting Unit \_\_\_\_\_

1. Total Number of electors assigned to the Polling Station.
2. Total Number of voters entered in the Register of Voters (Form 12)
3. **Total number of voters for "None of the Above"**
4. Number of voters not allowed to vote under rule 69G or 69H
5. Total Number of votes recorded as per voting machine.
6. Whether the total Number of votes as shown against item 5 tallies with the total Number of voters as shown against item 2 minus Numbers of voters deciding not to record votes as against item 3 minus Number of voters as against item 4 (2-3-4) or any discrepancy noticed.
7. Number of voters to whom tendered ballot papers were issued under rule 55
8. Number of tendered ballot papers.

Serial number

From	To	
(a)	received for use	_____
(b)	issued to electors	_____
(c)	not used and returned	_____

9. Account of papers seals

Serial numbers		Signature of Polling Agents
From	To	
1. Serial number of paper seals supplied.		1. _____
From _____ to _____		2. _____
2. Total numbers supplied.		3. _____
3. Number of paper seals used.		4. _____
4. Number of unused paper seals returned to Returning Officer (Deduct item 3 from item 2)		5. _____
5. Serial number of damaged paper seal, if any		6. _____
		7. _____

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Place \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Presiding Officer  
Polling Station No. \_\_\_\_\_



**PART-II – RESULT OF COUNTING**

S. No.	Name of Candidate	No. of votes recorded
1	A	
2	B	
3	....	
4	....	
5	<b>None of the above</b>	
....		
<b>Total</b>		

Whether the total numbers of votes shown above tallies with the total Number of votes shown against the item No.5 of Part-I or any discrepancy noticed between the two totals.

Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Counting Supervisor/Presiding Officer

Name of Candidate/election agent/counting agents

Full Signature

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8

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Signature of Returning Officer/Presiding Officer

**FORM 8**  
 [See rules 63, 70U(2)(c), 70V(1) and 70W(2)]

Form of consolidation of account of the counted ballot papers

Election to the Municipal Corporation \_\_\_\_\_ from the Constituency  
 (Ward) No.

Polling Station No.	Total votes found in the ballot box(es)/ EVM(s)	Number of tendered votes	Candidate's valid votes								Valid votes Total	Number of rejected ballot papers	Votes for "NOTA" option	Valid and rejected votes
			A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H				
1														
2														
3														
4														
5														
Etc.														
Total														

Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_

Returning Officer"

FORM 17

[See rules 70Q(1), 70R(1)(ii), 70U(2) (a) and (b), 70V(1)]

PART-I – ACCOUNT OF VOTES RECORDED

Election to the Municipal Corporation \_\_\_\_\_

From Ward Number \_\_\_\_\_

Number and Name of Polling Station \_\_\_\_\_

Identification Number of Voting Machine used at the Polling Station

Control Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Balloting Unit \_\_\_\_\_

1. Total Number of electors assigned to the Polling Station.
2. Total Number of voters entered in the Register of Voters (Form 11)
3. **Total number of voters for "None of the Above"**
4. Number of voters not allowed to vote under rule 70G or 70H
5. Total Number of votes recorded as per voting machine.
6. Whether the total Number of votes as shown against item 5 tallies with the total Number of voters as shown against item 2 minus Numbers of voters deciding not to record votes as against item 3 minus Number of voters as against item 4 (2-3-4) or any discrepancy noticed.
7. Number of voters to whom tendered ballot papers were issued under rule 55
8. Number of tendered ballot papers.

Serial number

From	To
(a)	received for use _____
(b)	issued to electors _____
(c)	not used and returned _____

9. Account of papers seals

Serial numbers		Signature of Polling Agents
From	To	
1. Serial number of paper seals supplied.		1. _____
From _____ to _____		2. _____
2. Total numbers supplied.		3. _____
3. Number of paper seals used.		4. _____
4. Number of unused paper seals returned to Returning Officer (Deduct item 3 from item 2)		5. _____
5. Serial number of damaged paper seal, if any		6. _____
		7. _____

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Place \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Presiding Officer  
Polling Station No. \_\_\_\_\_

**PART-II – RESULT OF COUNTING**

S. No.	Name of Candidate	No. of votes recorded
1	A	
2	B	
3	....	
4	....	
5	<b>None of the above</b>	
....		
<b>Total</b>		

Whether the total numbers of votes shown above tallies with the total Number of votes shown against the item No.5 of Part-I or any discrepancy noticed between the two totals.

Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Counting Supervisor/Presiding Officer

Name of Candidate/election agent/counting agents Full Signature

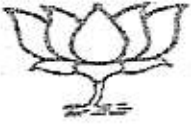


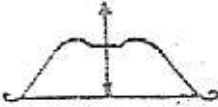
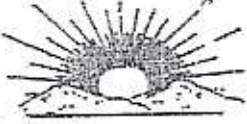


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Signature of Returning Officer/Presiding Officer



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1	गुरजिन्द्र सिंह	
2	गोल्डी	
3	जश्न	
4	प्रतिभा	
5	राजबीर सिंह	
6	सुनीता	
7	सुशील कुमार	
8	उपरोक्त में से कोई नहीं (NOTA)	