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

No.SEC/1ME/2017/1828-1850

Dated: 29.09.2017

To

1. ✓ All the Deputy Commissioners
in the State of Haryana
2. All Recognized National and State Political parties

Subject: Use of animals for campaigning during Municipal and Panchayat Elections in the State- Instructions regarding.

Sir/Madam,

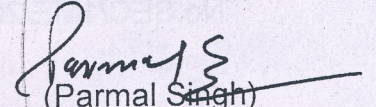
I am directed to refer to the subject cited above and to the State Election Commission has received representations from certain individuals and organizations alleging that animals like horses, ponies, donkeys, elephants, camels, bulls, etc. are subjected to cruelty in different ways, in connection with election campaign. It is alleged that the animals are often to carry loads beyond permissible limits, made to work for long hours and some candidates even paint slogans and election symbols on animals using harmful chemicals.

3. The State Election Commission has considered the matter. The cadres/workers of political parties and candidates, in their enthusiasm, should not lose the sight of the legal provisions dealing with cruelty to animals. Article 51A(g) of the Constitution of India calls for compassion for living creatures and the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 and Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 prohibit over-drives, over loads and torture of animals. Further, the use of animals for work is regulated by the Prevention of Cruelty to Draught and Pack Animals Rules, 1965.

4. Having regard to the above, the State Election Commission hereby advises that in future the Political Parties and contesting candidates of Municipal Institutions/Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) and Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) should refrain from using any animal or bird for election campaign in any manner at the time of election. If at all use of animals is

unavoidable for any particular reason, they should ensure that there is no violation of any of the legal provisions and no cruelty in any form has been met out with the animals.

Yours faithfully


(Parmal Singh)

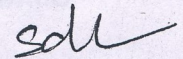
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A copy of above is forwarded to the Commissioner, Haryana Scouts and Guides for Animals, C-38, Rose Apartment, Sector 14, Prashant Vihar, Rohini, Delhi for information w.r.t. his letter dated 20.09.2017.



(Parmal Singh)

Assistant State Election Commissioner,
Haryana

CC: Supdt./Panchayat

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