

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

ORDER

No.SEC/3ME/2019/1493

Dated: 28.06.2019

The General Election of Municipal Committee, Shahabad was held on 22.05.2016 and the result of the elected candidates was declared same day.

2. Section 13E of the Haryana Municipal Act, 1973, provides that every candidate at an election shall, either himself or by his election agent, keep a separate and correct account of all expenditure in connection with the election incurred or authorized by him or by his election agent from the date of filing of nomination papers to the date of declaration of the result thereof, both dates inclusive. The account shall contain such particulars, as may be notified by the State Election Commission in this behalf. The total of the said expenditure shall not exceed such amount as may be notified by the State Election Commission from time to time.

3. Section 13D of the Haryana Municipal Act, 1973 read with Section 10 A of the Representation of People Act, 1951 (applicable at the time of election) further provides that if the Election Commission is satisfied that a person –

(a) has failed to lodge an account of election expenses, within the time and in the manner required by or under this Act, and

(b) has no good reason or justification for the failure

the Election Commission shall, by order published in the Official Gazettee, declare him to be disqualified and any such person shall be disqualified for a period of three years from the date of the order.

4. In pursuance of the above provisions, the State Election Commission, Haryana vide its notification No.SEC/3ME/2015/619, dated 03.06.2015 in exercise of powers vested under clause (i) Article 243 ZA of the Constitution of India, sub-section 3 of Section 13E of the Haryana Municipal Act, 1973 had prescribed the limit of expenditure of Rs.75,000/- that may be incurred by the contesting candidate or his authorized agent in connection with election of Municipal Committee, Shahabad and account of election expenses shall be filed/lodged with the Deputy Commissioner or any other officer prescribed by the Commission within 30 days from the date of declaration of the result of election.

5. The State Election Commissioner, Haryana in exercise of powers contained under Section 3B of the Haryana Municipal Act, 1973 authorized Assistant State Election Commissioner, State Election Commission, Haryana vide order No.SEC/1ME/2017/2017, dated 01.12.2017 and further modified vide order No.SEC/1ME/2018/842, dated 28.02.2018 to decide the cases of disqualification of the candidates of the said municipality, who failed to lodge their account of election expenses.

6. As reported by the Secretary, Municipal Committee, Shahabad, Smt.Anjali Kohli w/o Sh.Joginder Kohli had contested the election from Ward No.18 of Municipal Committee, Shahabad held on 22.05.2016 but failed to submit her election expenditure statement.

7. The Commission had served a show cause notice upon her to explain as to why she should not be disqualified on account of non submission of election expenditure account within the period. She neither submitted her election expenditure statement nor responded to the show cause notice. I, had given her an opportunity of personal hearing on 01.06.2019 in the office of Municipal Committee, Shahabad in the interest of natural justice. Sh.Ankush Prashar,

Secretary, Municipal Committee, Shahabad was present during hearing who has submitted a copy of letter dated 28.05.2019 vide which the notice of personal hearing were delivered to the said candidates. It has been observed notice of personal hearing has been delivered in person or through their family members.

8. During personal hearing, Smt.Anjali Kohli informed verbally that she had already submitted the election expenditure statement within the prescribed time limit in the Municipal Committee. Secretary, Municipal Committee, Shahabad informed that Smt.Anjali Kohli had submitted the election expenditure statement in the municipality and information in this regard could not be sent to the Commission, timely. On perusal of her election expenditure statement, it has been observed that the election expenditure is within the prescribed expenditure limit, and she had filed her election expenditure statement within the time limit, thus the show cause notice issued to Smt.Anjali Kohli shall be treated as withdrawn.

9. The office is directed to send a copy of this order to the candidate concerned through Deputy Commissioner, Kurukshetra immediately.

Dated, Panchkula
The 27th June, 2019

Parmal Singh
Asstt.State Election Commissioner, Haryana

Endst. No. SEC/3ME/2019/1494-1499

Dated :- 28.06.2019

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

1. The Principal Secretary, Haryana Government, Urban Local Bodies Department, Haryana.
2. Director, Urban Local Bodies Department, Haryana, Panchkula.
3. Deputy Commissioner, Kurukshetra.
4. Secretary, Municipal Committee, Shahabad.
5. Candidate concerned.

(Pushkar Dutt)
Superintendent/MC
State Election Commission, Haryana