

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

PRESS NOTE

Panchkula, the 30th August, 2017: Dr. Dalip Singh, State Election Commissioner, Haryana stated that the programme for the conduct of the General Elections of Municipal Corporation, Gurugram, Municipal Committee, Barara (Ambala) and Radaur (Yamuna Nagar) and Bye-elections in ward No. 9, 2 and 10 of Municipal Committee, Pehowa (Kurukshetra), Pataudi (Gurugram) and Dharuhera (Rewari), respectively, has been issued today i.e. 30.08.2017. The Election programme to the above said municipalities is as under:-

(1)	Date on which notice shall be published by the Returning Officer for inviting nominations.	01.09.2017 (Friday)
(2)	Dates on which Nomination papers shall be presented.	08.09.2017 (Friday) to 13.09.2017 (Wednesday) 11.00 A.M. to 03.00 P.M. (Except 10.09.2017)
(3)	Dates on which the list of Nomination papers received shall be posted.	08.09.2017 (Friday) to 13.09.2017 (Wednesday)
(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 as prescribed under relevant act and rules.	14.09.2017 (Thursday) Before 11.00 A.M.
(5)	Date on which the nomination papers shall be scrutinized.	14.09.2017 (Thursday) 11.30 A.M. onwards.
(6)	Last date for withdrawal of candidature.	15.09.2017 (Friday) Between 11.00 A.M and 3.00 P.M.
(7)	Date on which symbols shall be allotted to the contesting candidates.	15.09.2017 (Friday) after 3.00 PM
(8)	Date on which the list of contesting candidates shall be posted.	15.09.2017 (Friday)
(9)	Date on which list of polling stations shall be posted.	15.09.2017 (Friday)
(10)	Date on which the poll shall be held.	24.09.2017 (Sunday)
(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.	Immediately after the close of poll in all the polling stations
(13)	Date on which the election result would be declared.	Immediately after the completion of counting in all polling stations.

2. Dr. Singh further stated that election of the Municipal Corporation, Gurugram, Municipal Committee, Barara (Ambala) and Radaur (Yamuna Nagar) and Bye-elections in ward No. 9, 2 and 10 of the concerned Committees, shall be conducted with the use of EVMs. The detail of wards, reserved seats and voters etc. of these municipalities is as under:-

Municipality	No. Of wards or W. No. in case of bye election	Expected Polling Booths	W. reserved for S.C.	W. reserved for S.C.(W)	W. reserved for B.C.	W. reserved for Women	Voters		
							Male	Female	Total
M.C., Gurugram	35	546	04	02	02	10	292462	265505	557967
M. Committee, Barara, Ambala	15	16	02	01	02	04	8765	7924	16689
M. Committee, Radaur, Yamuna Nagar	13	15	02	01	02	04	5460	4820	10280
M. Committee, Pehowa, Kurukshetra	W. No. 9 only	01	--	--	--	Women	873	734	1607
M. Committee, Pataudi Gurugram	W. No. 2 only	02	S.C	--	--	--	376	371	747
M. Committee, Dharuhera, Rewari	W. No. 10 only (Unreserved)	01	--	--	--	--	241	159	400
Total		581	09	04	06	19	308177	279513	587690

3. Dr. Singh also added that the last general election of Municipal Corporation Gurugram was held in the year 2011. During that election there were 35 wards, 459 polling stations and 423597 voters (223783 male & 199814 female) of the corporation. The poll percentage remained 63.3% (64.98 % male and 61.42% female). Whereas, both the Municipal Committees i.e. Barara (Ambala) and Radaur (Yamuna Nagar) have newly been constituted by the Government on 16.06.2015 and 09.02.2016, respectively.

4. Dr. Singh further added that elaborate arrangements for the conduct of elections in free, fair, transparent and peaceful manner and to maintain law and order would be made. Heavy police force would be deployed to maintain the law and order at the polling stations and the sensitive and hyper sensitive areas for conducting the elections.

5. Dr. Singh also stated that the expenditure limit for contesting the election of Municipal Corporation has been fixed to Rs. 5,00,000/- and for contesting the elections of Municipal Committee it is Rs 2,00,000/-. All the contesting candidates are required to maintain account of election expenditure and submit the same within 30 days from the date of declaration of election result to the Deputy Commissioner or an officer authorized by the State Election Commission, failing which the defaulting candidate shall be liable to be disqualified for a period of five years from the date of issue of such order.

6. Dr. Singh further stated that the photographs of the contesting candidates shall be got printed on the ballot papers alongwith other particulars to be displayed on the balloting unit of EVMs and in the tender ballot papers in addition to the existing particulars. The photograph of the candidate shall be printed in the panel and shall appear on the right side of the name in between the name and symbol of the candidate.

7. Dr. Singh further added that NOTA (None of the above) option will be used in these elections, so that voters, who come to the polling stations and decide not to vote for any candidate in fray, may be able to exercise their right of not to vote while maintaining their right of secrecy.

8. The Model code of conduct in respect of these municipal elections shall come into force from today i.e. 30.08.2017. No Officer/Official connected with the election work shall be transferred till the completion of election process.

9. Dr. Singh further apprised that with the amendment of Rule 14 of the Haryana Municipal Corporation Election Rules 1994 and the Haryana Municipal Election Rules 1978 through gazette notification dated march 14, 2017 and May 22, 2017 only those persons are entitled to get their names included in the electoral rolls of the municipality whose names exist in the relevant part of assembly electoral rolls till the first day of filing of nomination papers for the elections of municipality. Hence any person intending to get his name registered as voter in the relevant municipal ward will first have to get his name registered in the assembly rolls.

10. Dr. Singh finally appealed to the voters to participate in the elections to elect the members of municipalities for strengthening the democracy at grass root level.