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Most Immediate/Date Bound
Municipal Election

No.SEC/1ME/2022/1841

Dated: 23.05.2022

To

**The Additional Chief Secretary
to Government of Haryana,
Prohibition, Excise and Taxation Department,
Chandigarh.**

Subject : **General Elections of Municipal Bodies in the State --- Prohibition of sale of liquor during elections--regarding.**

Sir,

I have been directed to refer to the above subject and to say that the State Election Commission, Haryana has issued notification for conduct of general elections for the seats of Presidents and Members of all the wards of 28 Municipal Committees and 18 Municipal Councils vide Notification No. SEC/1ME/2022/1481 dated 23.05.2022 (copy enclosed). As per schedule, nomination papers shall be presented from **30.05.2022 to 04.06.2022** (except 02.06.2022 being holiday) and poll shall be held on **19.06.2022**. Re-poll if any required, shall be held on **21.06.2022** and counting of votes shall be held on **22.06.2022** at **8.00 A.M.** at the place(s) specified by the Deputy Commissioner concerned and result shall be declared immediately after the completion of counting.

2. In discharge of its sacred constitutional responsibility of conducting and ensuring free and fair elections of the abovesaid municipalities in a transparent and peaceful manner, the State Election Commission proposes to take strict measures to ensure an atmosphere conducive for holding free, fair and peaceful elections reflective of true choice of the electorate.

3. For meeting this objective, the State Election Commissioner, Haryana in exercise of powers conferred upon him under section 3 A of the Haryana Municipal Act, 1973 and all other powers enabling him in this behalf, hereby directs that the State Government shall declare and notify 'dry days' under relevant laws for such period during general elections of municipal bodies as are appropriate at or around the areas where municipal elections are to be held. Such period of 'dry days' so declared and notified must include the period of one day before the day of poll, actual date of polling including re-poll, if any and counting day.

4. The State Election Commission further directs that:-
- (I) No liquor shops, hotels, restaurants, clubs and other establishments' selling/serving liquor shall be permitted to sell/serve liquor to any person whatsoever may be, on the aforesaid dates.
 - (II) No proprietary clubs, star hotels, restaurants etc. and hotels run by anyone, even if they are issued different categories of licenses for possession and supply of liquor, should be permitted to serve liquors on these days.
 - (III) The storage of liquor by individuals shall be curtailed during the above period and the restrictions provided in the Excise laws on the storage in unlicensed premises shall be vigorously enforced.
 - (IV) Steps shall also be taken to prohibit sale of liquor in adjoining areas of the municipalities where the elections are to be held, so that there are no chances of clandestine movement of liquor from those areas, wherein the restriction has not been in operation.
5. In pursuance of the above directions the State Election Commission hereby directs that the above ban must be imposed within the jurisdiction of the areas, where general elections of the municipal bodies are to be held and the areas adjoining to the jurisdiction thereof on **18.06.2022, 19.06.2022, 21.06.2022** (only where re-poll is to be held) **and 22.06.2022..**
6. It is requested that a copy of order issued in furtherance of the above mentioned directions may be sent to the State Election Commission without delay.

Yours faithfully,

Encl:-As above



Asstt. State Election Commissioner
for State Election Commissioner, Haryana

Endst. No.SEC/1ME/2022/1842-1884

Dated: 23.05.2022

A copy is forwarded to the following for information and immediate compliance of above orders:-

1. Principal Secretary to Govt. of Haryana, Urban Local Bodies Department, Haryana, Chandigarh.
2. Director General of Police, Haryana, Panchkula.
3. Director General, Urban Local Bodies Department, Haryana, Panchkula
4. All the Deputy Commissioners in the State except Faridabad district.
5. All Superintendent of Police of the districts in the State except Faridabad district.



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