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NOTIFICATION

Dated: 22.06.2022

No. SEC/1ME/2022/5988: The State Election Commission, Haryana vide Notification No. SEC/1ME/2022/1481 dated 23.05.2022 had issued election programme for conduct of general elections for the seats of Presidents and Members of all the wards of 28 Municipal Committees and 18 Municipal Councils including Municipal Committee, Safidon, Jind. As per the schedule, election was held on 19.06.2022 and counting of votes was taken up on 22.06.2022 and the result was to be declared immediately after the completion of counting.

2. While the counting was in progress, the Returning Officer, Municipal Committee, Safidon vide his Memo No.S.C.S./Election-2022/774 dated 22.06.2022 intimated the State Election Commission, Haryana that whereas counting of votes in all other wards had been completed without any hitch, display of EVM (CU No. S-27762 and BU No. S-63825) used for polling of votes in Ward No. 08 had become dysfunctional during polling after polling of 560 votes and a new EVM ((CU No. S-27897 and BU No. S-26712) was installed in its place. During counting of votes of ward No 8 (booth numbers 13 and 14), whereas votes of booth No. 13 had been counted and votes obtained by the both candidates has been disclosed, the votes polled in the EVM used for polling of (560) votes couldn't be counted because its display was still not working. BEL engineer present was pressed into service, however, despite that result could not be retrieved from this Electronic Voting Machine. The Returning Officer thus requested for passing appropriate order in this regard.

3. The State Election Commission, Haryana vide letter No. SEC/1ME/2022/5916 dated 22.06.2022 accorded approval to open the EVM to retrieve the data of votes polled from the EVM, if possible, on the following conditions:-

- i) The EVM shall be opened by the Engineers of M/s BEL only.
- ii) Written consent may be obtained from the contesting candidates and machine be opened in their presence or in the presence of their authorised agents to get the data of votes polled from it.
- iii) This work be got done in the presence of the Election Observer (General) appointed by the Commission.

iv) The whole process shall be videographed and the recording and the opened EVM shall be kept in safe custody in the Treasury for record/future.

4. The Returning Officer, Municipal Committee-cum-Sub Divisional Officer (C), Safidon, Jind now vide Memo No. M.C.S./Election-2022/784 dated 22.06.2022 has intimated that in compliance of the above referred orders/advice, the EVM was opened by the BEL Engineer in the presence of Election Observer (General) appointed by the Commission and the contesting candidates after taking their written consent. Videography of the whole process was also got done. However, the Engineer of M/S BEL stated that it was not possible to retrieve the data from this EVM (CU No. S-27762 and BU No. S-63825). Now, the Returning Officer has further mentioned that since there are two booths (13, 14) in Ward No. 8 and as per counting of votes of Booth No. 13, contestant, Pinki Rani got 209 votes and the other candidate, Madhu Rani got 298 votes and NOTA got 07 votes. On the other hand, votes received by these two candidates in defective EVM of Booth No. 14 couldn't be known out of total 560 votes polled. The Returning Officer has thus recommended for re-poll in Ward No. 8 (both 13 and 14 booth numbers) of Municipal Committee, Safidon, District Jind .

5. In view of the above, I, Dhanpat Singh, State Election Commissioner, Haryana in exercise of powers vested in me under clause (1) of the article 243 ZA of the Constitution of India, section 3A of the Haryana Municipal Act, 1973 and rule 58 the Haryana Municipal Elections Rules, 1978, hereby declare the poll held on 19.06.2022 in respect of Ward No. 08 (booth numbers 13 & 14) of Municipal Committee, Safidon, Jind void and further fix date for re-poll, counting and declaration of result as under:-

Date on which the poll shall be held under Rule 19(2)(ix).	24.06.2022 (Friday)
Timing of the poll	Between 7.00 A.M. and 6.00 P.M.
Date, time and place on which the votes polled shall be counted.	Immediately after the close of poll in polling booths
Date on which the election result would be declared.	Immediately after the completion of counting in both the polling stations of ward No.8.

6. Other relevant conditions laid down in the Notification No. SEC/1ME/2022/1481 dated 23.05.2022 issued by the State Election Commission and other directions issued in this respect to conduct free, fair, transparent & peaceful election shall remain unchanged.

Dhanpat Singh
State Election Commissioner, Haryana

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

1. Chief Secretary to Government of Haryana, Chandigarh (in GS-II Branch). He is requested to declare 24.06.2022 a public holiday for all the factories, commercial establishments, industrial undertakings, trade, shops etc., falling within the jurisdiction of Ward No. 08 of Municipal Committee, Safidon, Jind, where re-poll shall be held on 24.06.2022, to enable workers of the factories, commercial establishments, shops etc. located in the areas to cast their votes.
2. Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. of Haryana, Home Department, Chandigarh. He is requested to issue necessary order and instructions with regard for the conduct of free, fair, peaceful and transparent election of W. No. 08 Municipal Committee, Safidon, Jind.
3. Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Haryana, Prohibition, Excise and Taxation Department, Chandigarh. He is requested to declare 24.06.2022 'dry day' on the day of repoll imposed within the jurisdiction of Ward No. 8 of Municipal Committee, Safidon, Jind, where re-poll is to be held and the areas adjoining to the jurisdiction.
4. Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. of Haryana, Labour Department, Chandigarh.
5. Principal Secretary to Govt. of Haryana, Urban Local Bodies Department, Chandigarh.
6. Divisional Commissioner, Hisar.
7. Director General of Police, Haryana, Panchkula.
8. Director, Urban Local Bodies, Haryana, Chandigarh.
9. Director, Public Relation, Haryana, Chandigarh.
10. Deputy Commissioner, Jind.
11. Superintendents of Police, Jind.
12. President/General Secretary of the recognized National/State Political Parties.
13. Controller, Printing & Stationery Department, Haryana for publication in the Haryana Government Gazette. He is requested to supply 10 copies of the notification to this Commission for information and record.



Asstt. State Election Commissioner
for State Election Commissioner, Haryana

CC: Election Observer & Police Observer concerned