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PRESS NOTE

Panchkula, the 14th January, 2020: Dr. Dalip Singh, State Election Commissioner, Haryana stated that the election programme for the conduct of the Bye elections on 396 vacant seats viz. 358 Panches, 27 Sarpanches of Gram Panchayat, 9 Members of Panchayat Samitis and 2 members of Zila Parishad has been issued today. The polling for these elections shall be held on 09.02.2020, the Election programme is as under:-

Sr. No.	Programme	Date
1.	Date on which notice shall be published by the District Election Officer (Panchayat) in Form 2 or 3, as the case may be, for inviting nominations under rule 24 of the Haryana Panchayati Raj Election Rules, 1994.	17.01.2020
2.	Dates on which Nomination papers shall be presented under Rule 24(2)(i).	23.01.2020 to 28.01.2020 (10.00 A.M to 3.00 P.M.)
3.	Dates on which the list of Nomination papers received shall be pasted under Rule 24(2) (ii).	23.01.2020 to 28.01.2020
4.	Date by which Affidavit/declaration shall be furnished by the candidate in Form 4-A & 4-B, to the concerned Returning Officer. (Rule 27).	23.01.2020 to 28.01.2020
5.	Date on which the nomination papers shall be scrutinized under Rule 24(2)(iii).	29.01.2020 (10.00 A.M. onwards)
6.	Last date for withdrawal of candidature by a candidate under Rule 24(2)(iv).	31.01.2020 (upto 3.00 P.M.)
7.	Date on which symbols shall be allotted to the contesting candidates.	31.01.2020 (After 3.00 PM)
8.	Date on which the list of contesting candidates shall be pasted under Rule 24(2)(v).	31.01.2020 (immediately after the allotment of symbols)
9.	Date on which the poll, if any, shall be held under Rule 24(2) (vi).	09.02.2020 (Sunday)
10.	Timing of the poll	Between 8.00 A.M. to 4.00 P.M.
11.	Counting of votes	i) Immediately after the close of poll. ii) In case of re-poll, the Commission may change the date and time of counting of votes.

2. He further stated that according to the above mentioned programme, Nomination papers for the election to Panches and Sarpanches of Gram Panchayats shall be filed and received at the concerned Gram Panchayat Headquarter and that for the members of Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishad at Block Headquarter concerned by the Returning Officer/Assistant Returning Officer. The scrutiny of the nomination papers shall be taken up by the Returning Officer concerned. The votes for these elections shall be given by recording of

votes by voting machines [Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs)]. The counting of votes for all these elections shall be held at all polling stations on the same day.

3. He further stated that a candidate filing the nomination paper for contesting the election of the seat of Panch, Sarpanch, Member Panchayat Samiti and Member Zila Parishad shall have to deposit an amount in Government Treasury or Sub Treasury or with the respective Returning Officer in cash, as under, as the case may be:-

Seat	General	SC/BC
Panch	Rs.100/-	Rs.40/-
Sarpanch	Rs.200/-	Rs.100/-
Member Panchayat Samiti	Rs.300/-	Rs.150/-
Member Zila Parishad	Rs.400/-	Rs.200/-

4. Dr. Singh further told that the directions are being issued to all the Deputy Commissioners –cum-District Election Officers to give wide publicity to the above programme by munadi in villages, issue press notes and other handouts and also by inserting paid advertisements in two local news papers and through electronic media, so that more and more people may come to cast their vote and elect the members of Panchayati Raj Institutions for strengthening the democracy at grass root level.

5. NOTA (None of the above) option shall be applicable in the elections of Sarpanch of the Gram Panchayats, members of Panchayat Samities and members of Zila Parishads.

6. Dr. Singh further told that if any person whose name is not included in the ward wise list of voters finally published may apply to the Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Election Officer (P) for addition/deletion/ correction of his/her name in the ward wise list of voters, provided that the addition/deletion or correction of any name in the ward wise list of voters of Gram Panchayat, Panchayat Samiti and Zila Parishad can only be made, if the name of claimant/applicant exists in the relevant part of assembly electoral roll till the first day of filing nomination papers for the elections of Gram Panchayat, Panchayati Samiti and Zila Parishad”.

7. Dr.Dalip Singh, State Election Commissioner, Haryana further appeals to all concerned voters to participate to elect the Members of Panchayati Raj Institutions for strengthening the democracy at grass root level.