STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, HARYANA NIRVACHAN SADAN, PLOT NO. 2 SECTOR-17 PANCHKULA 134 109

No. SEC/E-II/2019/1499

Dated: 18.10.2019

To

All the Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Election Officer (P) In the State of Haryana.

Subject:-

Maintenance of record of the election expenditure registers submitted by the contesting candidates-reg.

Sir/Madam.

attention towards "The Haryana Panchyati Raj Election Expenditure (Maintenance and submission of Accounts) Order 1996" which provides that every contesting candidate of election of the Panchayat Raj Institutions shall have to maintain day to day election expenditure account in accordance with the laid down procedure in the prescribed format and submit the same to the Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Election Officer (P) or any authorized officer within 30 days from the date of declaration of election result. Para 11 of the said order provides that if the State Election Commission is satisfied that a person has failed to lodge an account of election expenses within time in the manner and has good reason or justification for the failure, the State Election Commission shall by order published in the official gazette, declare him to be disqualified and may such person be disqualified for a period of three years from the date of the order. In the case of Panch of the Gram Panchayat, Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Election Officer (P) concerned has been authorized to take action.

2. It is further informed that the Commission has issued show cause notice to those candidates who contested the general election of Panchayati Raj Institutions held

in 2016 and failed to lodge an account of election expenses within time in the manner referred above. During course of personal hearing majority of the contesting candidates complained that they have lodged their expenditure statement with the district authorities within the prescribed period but a token receipt was never issued to them. The representative of the Deputy Commissioner failed to respond satisfactory due to lack of knowledge or non-maintenance of proper record in the matter. It has also come to the notice of the Commission there is no specific register is being maintained by the district administration in this regard. The Commission has taken it very serious and has decided as under:-

- A register for entry of election expenditure account shall be maintained in the prescribed format (prescribed proforma enclosed)
- ii. Receipt of election expenditure account (in the prescribed proforma enclosed herewith) shall be issued to each candidate after entering his election expenditure account in the prescribed register referred in point No. i.
- iii. A separate register for members of Zila Parishads, Panchayat Samitis and Gram Panchayats shall be maintained in the office detail as under:-
 - a) For Zila Parishads in the office of District Development & Panchayat Officer concerned.
 - For Panchayat Samitis and Gram Panchayats in the office of Block Development & Panchayat Officer concerned.
- iv. The duties for maintains of register referred above shall be assigned to a specific official who shall fully responsible for the maintenance and issuance of proper receipt after getting it countersigned from the District Development & Panchayat Officer or Block Development & Panchayat Officer as the case may be.
 - v. An official of the office of District Development & Panchayat Officer or the Block Development & Panchayat officer as the case may be, shall present during hearing with complete record in future.

- vi. The entry made in the register duly signed by receiving official shall also be countersigned by officer concerned mentioned in point (iii) above.
- vii. Sufficient number of proformas of registers and receipts be got printed locally after following due procedure.
- It is requested that above instructions may be brought into the notice of all contesting candidates in future and also the Chief Executive Officer of Zila Parishad, District Development & Panchayat Officers and Block Development & Panchayat Officers for compliance immediately under intimation to the Commission.

Yours faithfully

(Parmal Singh)

Asstt. State Election Commissioner, Haryana

CC:

REGISTER FOR THE ENTRY OF ELECTION EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT RECEIVED FROM THE CONTESTING CANDIDATES

Name of Gram Panchayat	Election of	Sarpanch	or	Panch	Ward
No (in the case of Panch only)		•			
Name of Panchayat Samiti	_, Ward No.			<u>'</u>	
Name of Zila Parishad	, Ward No).			
(Please which is applicable)				——·	

Sr. No.	Name of contesting candidate	Father's Name	Date of Submission of Expenditure register	Presented by contesting candidate/ authorized agent etc.		int on as	Signature of the authorized official to receive the	Countersigned by DDPO/BDPO
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ACKNOWLEGEMENT OF ELECTION EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Received election expenditure account from Shri/Smt./Ms
son/wife/daughter of Shri who has contested the election for the
post of Member/Panch or Sarpanch from ward No (not applicable
in the case of Sarpanch) of (name of Zila Parishad/Panchayat
Samiti/Gram Panchayat), by me today (date)
(month) (year) and has been entered at Sr. No of the
register maintained in the office of the DDPO/BDPO
Name & Designation Signature of the
authorized official.
Countersigned by the DDPO/BDPO With Stamp