

PRESS NOTE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Chandigarh, the 23rd May, 2022: Sh. Dhanpat Singh, State Election Commissioner, Haryana stated that the programme for conduct of General Elections for the seats of Presidents and Members of all wards of 28 Municipal Committees and 18 Municipal Councils has been issued on 23.05.2022 **(Annexure –A)**. The Election programme to conduct elections of these Municipal Committees/Municipal Councils is as under:-

Election Schedule

(1)	Date on which notice shall be published by the Returning Officer for inviting nominations under rule 20 of the Haryana Municipal Election Rules,1978.	24.05.2022 (Tuesday)
(2)	Dates on which Nomination papers shall be presented and posted under Rule 19(2)(i)&(ii).	30.05.2022 (Monday) to 04.06.2022 (Saturday) 11.00 A.M. to 03.00 P.M. (Except 02.06.2022 being holiday)
(3)	Date on which the nomination papers shall be scrutinized under Rule 19(2)(iii)	06.06.2022 (Monday) 11.30 A.M. onwards
(4)	Last date for withdrawal of candidature under Rule 19(2)(vi).	07.06.2022 (Tuesday) Between 11.00 A.M to 3.00 P.M.
(5)	Date on which symbols shall be allotted to the contesting candidates.	07.06.2022 (Tuesday) after 3.00 PM
(6)	Date on which the list of contesting candidates shall be posted under Rule 19(2)(vii).	07.06.2022 (Tuesday)
(7)	Date on which list of polling stations shall be posted under Rule 19(2)(viii).	07.06.2022 (Tuesday)
(8)	Date on which the poll shall be held under Rule 19(2) (ix).	19.06.2022 (Sunday) (7.00 A.M. to 6.00P.M.)
(9)	Date for Re-poll, if any required	21.06.2022 (Tuesday)
(10)	Timing of the poll	Between 7.00 A.M. to 6.00 P.M
(11)	Date, time and place on which the votes polled shall be counted.	On 22.06.2022 at 8.00 A.M. onwards at the place(s) specified by the Deputy Commissioner concerned.
(12)	Date on which the election result would be declared.	Immediately after the completion of counting.

Nomination form and format of affidavits to be enclosed with the nomination are available on Commission's website i.e. <https://www.secharyana.gov.in>

Municipal Council/Municipal Committee wise details of total numbers of wards, numbers of polling booths, seats/wards of President/Members reserved for Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Castes (Women) and total number of votes is given at **Annexure-B**.

2. Model Code of Conduct

Model Code of Conduct shall come into force from today i.e.23.05.2022 in respect of these Municipal Councils/Committees. No officer/official connected with the election work shall be transferred from his/her present place of posting till the completion of election process.

3. Educational Qualification for contesting candidates

Name of post	Category		
	Unreserved	Women/SC	SC (Women)
President	10 th	8 th	8 th
Member	10 th	8 th	5 th

4. Security Deposit

Municipality	Amount of deposit			
	If the candidate is not a member of Scheduled Caste or a Woman		If the candidate is a member of Scheduled Caste or a woman	
	President	Member	President	Member
Municipal Council	3000/-	2000/-	1500/-	1000/-
Municipal Committee	2000/-	1000/-	1000/-	500/-

5. Expenditure Limit

Expenditure limit for the candidates contesting election for the seat of President & members of Municipal Committee/ Municipal Council has been revised and is fixed as follows:-

Municipality	President		Member	
	Previous	Revised	Previous	Revised
Committee	10,00,000	10,50,000	2,25,000	2, 50,000
Council	15,00,000	16,00,000	3,30,000	3,50,000

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 5 years.

6. Affidavit regarding Criminal Cases against the Candidates, if any

To bring criminal record of the contesting candidates before the general public, the State Election Commission has issued guidelines about the "Publication of Criminal antecedents". Some of the major guidelines are as under:-

- (a) Candidates who have criminal cases against them- either pending or in which the candidate has been convicted, shall publish a declaration about such cases, for wide publicity, in two newspapers (at least one Hindi and one English) having wide circulation in the concerned municipal area. The declaration is required to be published (in prescribed Format C-1) at least on three different dates from the day following the last date for withdrawal of candidatures and upto two days before the date of poll.

(b) Candidates with criminal cases are also required to publish the above declaration on local TV channels or cable networks (if locally available) on three different dates during the above mentioned period and upto 48 hours ending with the hour fixed for conclusion of poll.

(c) The Returning Officer shall give a written reminder (in prescribed Format C-2) about the directions given herein for publishing declaration about the criminal cases in newspapers and local TV channels or cable networks (if locally available) for wide publicity to all candidates who have criminal cases as per the declaration in items (5) and (6) of Form 1C. The candidates shall submit copies of the newspapers in which their declaration in this regard was published to the Deputy Commissioner or an officer authorized by the State Election Commission, alongwith their account of election expenses.

(d) In the case of candidates with criminal cases set up by political parties, whether recognized parties or registered un-recognized parties, such candidates are required to declare before the Returning Officer concerned that they have informed their political party about the criminal cases against them.

(e) Recognized Political parties and registered un-recognized parties, which set up candidates with criminal cases, either pending or of past conviction, are required to publish declaration (in prescribed Format C-3) giving details in this regard on their website as well as in local TV channels or cable networks (if locally available) and at least two newspapers (one Hindi and one English) having wide circulation in the municipal area concerned.

(f) Recognized Political parties and registered un-recognized parties, which set up candidates with criminal cases shall have to

submit a report to the Deputy Commissioner concerned stating that they have fulfilled the requirements of the directions, and shall enclose paper cutting containing declaration published by the party in this respect. This shall be done within 30 days of completion of election.

7. Direct elections for the post of President

Seats of Presidents in the Municipal Committees/Councils shall be filled up through direct elections from the territorial constituencies/wards of Municipal Committee/Municipal Council concerned. The eligible voters of the constituencies/wards of the Municipal Committees/ Municipal Councils shall thus elect their President directly by casting votes, whereas earlier these seats were being filled up from amongst the elected members of the Municipal Committee/ Municipal Council concerned. However, the seats of Vice-Presidents of the Municipal Committees/ Municipal Councils shall be filled up as per earlier practice i.e. through indirect election from amongst the elected members of the Municipal Committee/Municipal Council concerned.

8. Manpower

About 10000 polling personnel including ROs, AROs, Supervisory Staff, Presiding Officers, Polling Officers and other staff will be deployed for smooth conduct of these elections.

9. Police Deployment Sensitive & Hyper Sensitive booths

Elaborate arrangements are being made for conduct of elections in a free, fair, transparent and peaceful manner. Adequate police force shall be deployed to maintain law and order at the polling stations and extra police force will be provided in sensitive and hyper sensitive areas.

10. EVMs

M-2 Type 4000 EVMs have been supplied in to the districts. A separate EVM shall be used for each post i.e. President and Member.

11. Printing of Ballot Papers

The ballot paper for President shall be of pink colour and for members it shall be of white colour. Photographs of the contesting candidates shall be got printed on the ballot papers along with other particulars to be displayed on the balloting unit of EVMs. 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.

12. NOTA (None of the above)

NOTA 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. The salient features of the NOTA are as under:-

- i). NOTA is to be treated as a "Fictional Electoral Candidate" while declaring the election results.
- ii). If in election, all the contesting candidates individually receive lesser votes than the 'Fictional Electoral Candidate' i.e. NOTA, then none of the contesting candidate will be declared as elected and fresh election shall be held for that post.
- iii). In case contesting candidate and the 'Fictional Electoral Candidate' i.e. NOTA receive equal valid votes; then the contesting candidate (not NOTA) shall be declared as elected.
- iv). Fresh election will start from nomination stage itself.
- v). No candidate shall be eligible to file his nomination if he was a contesting candidate in first election in which his votes were less than 'Fictional Electoral Candidate' i.e. NOTA.
- vi). If in re-election, NOTA again get highest votes, then no further election shall be held and contesting candidate with highest votes (excluding NOTA) shall be declared as elected.

13. Electoral Roll/Voters List

State Election Commission has prepared electoral rolls of the Municipal Committees/ Municipal Councils on the basis of Vidhan Sabha electoral rolls published by the Election Commission of India on 05.01.2022 with reference

to 1st January, 2022 as qualifying date. However, if any person whose name is not included in the ward wise electoral rolls of the Municipal Committee/Council concerned, but his/her name exists in the relevant part of the electoral roll of the State Legislative Assembly constituency, he/she may apply (in Form "A") to the Returning Officer for inclusion of his/her name in the electoral rolls of municipality till the last date of filing of nomination. Returning Officer shall be the competent authority for inclusion of name in the electoral roll from the issuance of election programme till the last date of filing of nomination. The decision taken by the Returning Officer on such applications shall be final. If the name of any applicant has been included in the electoral roll of any ward of the concerned Municipal Committee/Council and he/she intends to contest the election, he/she shall be allowed to file his/her nomination. No amendment, transposition or deletion of any entry in the electoral roll shall be made and no direction for inclusion of a name in the electoral roll of any ward shall be given, after the last date for filing of nominations for an election in that Municipal Committee/ Municipal Council.

14. Appointment of Election Observers (General/Expenditure and Police)

For conduct of elections in a free, fair, transparent and peaceful manner, the State Election Commission shall appoint senior IAS/HCS Officers as Election Observers, senior IPS/HPS officers as Police Observers for the maintenance of law and order and senior officers of Excise and Taxation Department as Expenditure Observers in the Municipal Committees/Councils concerned. These Observers shall keep reporting to the State Election Commission from time to time.

15. Voters Awareness Programme

To make voters aware, the State Election Commission has hosted video clips on the website of the State Election Commission. The Commission in this respect shall also release advertisements in the local newspapers and electronic media i.e. radio and T.V. channels, from time to time.

16. COVID -19 Pandemic Protocol

The State Election Commission shall issue guidelines/directions to the district administration to follow COVID-19 related protocol during elections meticulously.

17. Poll Percentage of the last General Election

Municipal Committee/Municipal Council wise details of total number of wards, number of polling booths, seats/wards of President/members reserved for Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Castes (Women) & Women and total number of voters is given at **Annexure-C**.

18. Appeal

An appeal is issued to the voters of these Municipal Councils/Committees in the State to participate in these elections to elect their representatives without any bias of caste/religion and without any fear or favour for strengthening democracy at the grass root level.

ANNEXURE-A

NAME OF MUNICIPAL COUNCILS/COMMITTEES IN WHICH ELECTION HAS TO BE HELD

Sr. No.	District	Name of Municipal, Committee		Name of Municipal Council	
1.	Ambala	1).	Naraingarh		
2.	Bhiwani		--	1).	Bhiwani
3.	Charkhi Dadri		--	2).	Charkhi Dadri
4.	Fatehabad	2). 3).	Ratia Bhuna	3). 4).	Fatehabad Tohana
5.	Gurugram		--	5).	Sohana
6.	Hisar	4).	Barwala	6).	Hansi
7.	Jind	5). 6).	Safidon Uchana	7). 8).	Narwana Jind
8.	Jhajjar		---	9). 10).	Jhajjar Bahadurgarh
9.	Kurukshetra	7). 8). 9). 10).	Ismailabad Shahabad Pehowa Ladwa		--
10.	Karnal	11). 12). 13). 14).	Gharaunda Taraori Nissing Assandh		--
11.	Kaithal	15). 16).	Cheeka Rajound	11).	Kaithal
12.	Mahendergarh	17). 18).	Mahendergarh Nangal Chaudhary	12).	Narnaul
13.	Nuh	19). 20).	Ferozepur Jhirka Punhana	13).	Nuh
14.	Panchkula		--	14).	Kalka
15.	Panipat	21).	Samalkha		--
16.	Palwal		--	15). 16).	Palwal Hodel
17.	Rohtak	22).	Meham		--
18.	Rewari	23).	Bawal		--
19.	Sonepat	24). 25).	Ganaur Kundli	17).	Gohana
20.	Sirsa	26). 27).	Ellenabad Rania	18).	Mandi Dabwali
21.	Yamuna Nagar	28).	Sadhaura		--

ANNEXURE-B

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL/COMMITTEE WISE DETAILS OF WARDS, POLLING BOOTHS, RESERVATION OF SEATS AND VOTES

District	Name of Municipal		No. of wards	Expect ed Polling Booths	Ward reserved for S.C.	Ward reserved for S.C.(W)	Ward reserved for Women	Seat of President reserved/ unreserved for	Voters			
	Council	Committee							Male	Female	Trans- gender	Total
Ambala	-----	Naraingarh	15	16	10,12	5,9	1,11,14	Women	9417	8796	1	18214
Bhiwani	Bhiwani	-----	31	120	14,19,23	3,13	6,8,9,10,12,15,18,21,24	Women	76628	69632	0	146260
Charkhi Dadri	Charkhi Dadri	-----	21	45	11,14	12	2,3,7,16,18,21	UR	22238	20396	1	42635
Fatehabad	-----	Ratia	17	23	12,14,15	4,5	2,7,8,13	Women	13295	12157	0	25452
	-----	Bhuna	15	19	4,5,12	11,13	3,8,15	UR	10759	9561	0	20320
	Fatehabad	-----	27	56	3,9,16,27	5,15	2,4,7,10,13,18,22	SC	30806	27994	1	58801
	Tohana	-----	23	44	2,11,20,23	1,14,18	6,7,9,21,22	UR	24021	21788	0	45809
Gurugram	Sohana	-----	21	44	6,9,17	13,19	2,5,10,18,21	SC(W)	21341	18927	0	40268
Hisar	-----	Barwala	19	23	1,7,15,18,19	6,8,16	4,11,12,14	UR	16443	14398	0	30841
	Hansi	-----	27	54	11,19,26	1,27	4,10,12,16,17,21,22	UR	33284	29794	0	63078
Jind	-----	Safidon	17	28	3,14	16	5,6,7,8,13	Women	12968	11435	2	24405

	-----	Uchana	13	18	10	9	2,3,4,11	UR	6720	5786	0	12506
	Narwana	-----	23	41	1,14	15,19	2,4,11,16,20,21	Women	23424	20862	0	44286
	Jind	-----	31	135	1,29,30	10,23	2,3,4,5,9,14,17,22,27	Women	63306	56896	03	120205
Jhajjar	Jhajjar	-----	19	38	5,12	2	1,3,6,8,14,19	UR	18725	17093	0	35818
	Bahadurgarh	-----	31	135	1,3,6	2,31	5,10,12,14,15,16,23,28,30	Women	67969	59512	4	127485
Kurukshetra	-----	Ismailabad	13	13	1	2	3,4,6,8	Women	5557	4902	0	10459
	-----	Shahabad	19	34	7,14	2	3,4,10,11,13,16	UR	16395	15057	1	31453
	-----	Pehowa	17	29	8	2	3,4,5,12,14	UR	15310	14238	1	29549
	-----	Ladwa	15	20	4,9	13	3,7,12,15	UR	11174	10413	0	21587
Karnal	-----	Gharaunda	17	26	2,9	10	3,7,12,14,15	UR	15108	13583	1	28692
	-----	Taraori	15	21	2,6	7,13	4,14,15	UR	9876	8758	0	18634
	-----	Nissing	13	13	8,13	1,10	3,5,7	UR	6195	5483	0	11674
	-----	Assandh	17	21	1,2	6,7	3,5,9,14	SC	11089	10052	0	21141
Kaithal	-----	Cheeka	17	23	4,12	5,10	6,7,8,11	SC(W)	15002	13220	3	28225
	-----	Rajound	13	13	8,11	7	2,3,10,12	SC	6545	6009	0	12554

	Kaithal	-----	31	99	1,12,31	3,5	2,6,8,11,13,19,24,25,30	Women	55730	50567	1	106298
Mahendergarh	-----	Mahendergarh	15	21	12,13	11	1,4,5,7	UR	11084	9949	0	21033
	-----	Nangal Chaudhary	13	13	8	-	1,5,6,9,11	Women	5448	4683	0	10131
	Narnaul	-----	31	65	3,15,22	9,19	2,7,11,13,18,23,24,28,29	Women	38253	34199	1	72453
Mewat	-----	Ferozpur Jhirka	15	20	8	14	3,5,6,10	UR	10188	9080	0	19268
	-----	Punhana	15	21	10	-	3,7,8,13,14	UR	9226	8096	0	17322
	Nuh	-----	13	13	8	11	6,9,10,12	UR	5545	5004	1	10550
Panchkula	Kalka	----	31	96	2,18,23,24	3,14,17	1,10,19,21,22,29,30,31	UR	45091	41817	6	86914
Panipat	-----	Samalkha	17	17	8	15	2,9,11,14,17	UR	16513	14711	3	31227
Palwal	Palwal	----	31	122	3,5,8,9,26	16,28,30	1,2,6,7,12,19,21,25	SC	68413	59798	5	128216
	Hodel	----	21	42	12,14,15	17,19	1,3,7,11,20	UR	23891	20620	3	44514
Rohtak	---	Meham	15	15	5,10	9	3,4,13,15	SC(W)	8789	7927	0	16716
Rewari	----	Bawal	13	13	2	9	1,3,4,10	UR	5702	5292	1	10995
Sonipat	----	Gannaur	17	35	2,6	10	3,5,9,12,15	UR	17334	15298	0	32632
	----	Kundli	15	16	10,11	12	6,9,13,14	SC(W)	6516	4267	0	10783

	Gohana	----	23	46	3,15	2,22	1,5,6,10,11,13	UR	24611	22333	6	46950
Sirsa	-----	Ellenabad	17	28	1,6	2,15	9,11,12,17	SC	13656	11785	0	25441
	-----	Rania	15	27	7,8	1,2	4,5,15	UR	9800	8636	1	18437
		Mandi Dabwali	21	42	5,15,18,19	4,6	3,11,12,14,20	UR	20594	18863	3	39460
Y.Nagar	-----	Sadhaura	13	13	7,12	11	1,2,3,4	Women	5568	4945	0	10513
Total	18	28	888	1816	107	73	239	0	965547	864612	49	1830208

ANNEXURE-C

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL/COMMITTEE WISE POLL % DURING LAST GENERAL ELECTION

District	Municipality	Last Election held on or newly constituted on	No. of wards	No. of Polling Booths	No. of Electors			Poll %
					Male	Female	Total	
Ambala	Naraingarh, Committee	22.05.2016	15	16	8889	8390	17279	75.4
Bhiwani	Bhiwani, Council	08.01.2017	31	100	64496	56991	121487	74.1
Charkhi Dadri	Charkhi Dadri, Council	22.05.2016	21	42	19907	18288	38195	77.8
Fatehabad	Ratia, Committee	22.05.2016	17	21	11617	10736	22353	58.2
	Bhuna, Committee	22.05.2016	15	21	9704	8519	18223	83.7
	Fatehabad, Council	22.05.2016	25	51	25580	23245	48825	79.8
	Tohana, Council	22.05.2016	23	44	23792	21724	45516	81.0
Gurugram	Sohana, Council	22.05.2016	21	42	20136	18106	38242	82.0
Hisar	Barwala, Committee	22.05.2016	19	23	15393	13826	29219	84.1
	Hansi, Council	22.05.2016	27	54	30504	27193	57697	78.3
Jind	Safidon, Committee	22.05.2016	17	28	11045	9814	20859	88.1
	Uchana, Committee	22.05.2016	13	13	6066	5400	11466	85.2
	Narwana, Council	22.05.2016	23	46	21736	18596	4032	81.0
	Jind, Council	22.05.2016	31	103	53602	48020	101622	75.9

Jhajjar	Jhajjar, Committee (Now Council)	22.05.2016	19	35	17692	16452	34144	80.9
	Bahadurgarh, Council	22.05.2016	31	119	65062	56154	121216	68.7
Kurukshetra	Ismailabad, Committee	Newly Constituted on 20.11.2018						
	Shahabad, Committee	22.05.2016	19	32	14911	13641	28552	86.4
	Pehowa, Committee	22.05.2016	17	23	14915	13966	28881	77.8
	Ladwa, Committee	22.05.2016	15	15	9618	8888	18506	83.6
Karnal	Gharaunda, Committee	22.05.2016	17	32	14196	12862	27058	80.1
	Taraori, Committee	22.05.2016	15	20	9190	8184	17374	81.4
	Nissing, Committee	22.05.2016	13	13	5844	5212	11056	88.7
	Assandh, Committee	22.05.2016	15	17	8867	7755	16622	82.3
Kaithal	Cheeka, Committee	22.05.2016	17	22	13320	11911	25231	88.2
	Rajound, Committee	22.05.2016	13	13	6315	5627	11942	85.7
	Kaithal, Council	22.05.2016	31	82	48839	43337	92176	80.7
Mahendergarh	Mahendergarh, Committee	22.05.2016	15	18	10230	9041	19271	82.5
	Nangal Chaudhary, Committee	22.05.2016	13	13	4866	4282	9148	88.2
	Narnaul, Council	22.05.2016	25	47	26962	24343	51305	79.2
Mewat	Ferozepur Jhirka, Committee	22.05.2016	15	20	7414	6625	14039	84.7
	Punhana, Committee	22.05.2016	15	21	7269	6368	13637	83.5
	Nuh, Committee (Now Council)	22.05.2016	13	13	5484	5014	10498	82.2
Panchkula	Kalka, Council	Newly Constituted on 20.07.2020						
Panipat	Samalkha, Committee	22.05.2016	17	34	13142	11697	24839	84.3

Palwal	Palwal, Council	22.05.2016	31	108	60102	52171	112273	75.2
	Hodel, Council	22.05.2016	21	37	21677	18243	39920	76.3
Rohtak	Meham, Committee	22.05.2016	15	15	7097	6380	13477	87.7
Rewari	Bawal, Committee	22.05.2016	13	13	5459	5217	10676	89.9
Sonapat	Gannaur, Committee	22.05.2016	17	27	14652	12912	27564	79.1
	Kundli, Committee	Newly Constituted on 16.10.2018						
	Gohana, Council	22.05.2016	23	45	22676	20143	42819	79.7
Sirsa	Ellenabad, Committee	22.05.2016	17	21	12588	10810	23398	83.3
	Rania, Committee	22.05.2016	15	15	8768	7815	16583	88.4
	Mandi Dabwali, Council	22.05.2016	21	35	18788	17107	35895	78.2
Y. Nagar	Sadhaura, Committee	Newly constituted on 02.11.2018						