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Most Immediate/Date Bound Municipal Election

No.SEC/1ME/2021/3767

Dated:10.09.2021

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The Principal Secretary to Government of Haryana, Prohibition, Excise and Taxation Department, Chandigarh.

Subject : Municipal Corporation Bye-election, 2021 --- Prohibition of sale of liquor—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 bye-election for the seat of ward No. 34 of Municipal Corporation, Gurugram and ward No. 7 of Municipal Corporation, Karnal vide Notification No. SEC/1ME/2021/3499 dated 10.09.2021 (copy enclosed). As per schedule, the nomination papers shall be presented from **17.09.2021 to 22.09.2021** (except on 19.09.2021 being Sunday) and the poll shall be held on **03.10.2021**. Counting of votes shall be taken up after the close of poll in all the polling stations and the result shall be declared immediately after completion of counting.

2. In discharge of its sacred constitutional responsibility of conducting and ensuring free and fair bye-elections of the abovesaid Municipal Corporations, the State Election Commission proposes to take strict measures to create and preserve the atmosphere conducive for holding free, fair and peaceful bye-elections reflective of the true choice of the electorate.

3. For meeting this objective, I, Dhanpat Singh, State Election Commissioner, Haryana, in exercise of powers conferred under section 9 of the Haryana Municipal Corporation Act, 1994 and all other powers enabling me in this behalf, hereby directs that the State Government shall declare and notify 'dry days' under relevant laws for such period during Municipal Corporation bye-elections as are appropriate at or around the areas where the Municipal Corporation bye-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 and counting day.

- 4. It is further directed that:-
 - (I) No liquor shops, hotels, restaurants, clubs and other establishments' selling/serving liquor shall be permitted to sell/serve liquor to any person whosoever 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 above mentioned wards where the elections are to be conducted, 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 the Municipal Corporation bye-elections are to be held and the areas adjoining to the jurisdiction thereof on **02.10.2021** and **03.10.2021**.

6. It is requested that a copy of order issued in furtherance of the above mentioned directions should be sent to the Commission without delay.

Encl:-As above

Asstt. State Election Commissioner for State Election Commissioner, Haryana Dated: 10.09.2021

Endst. No.SEC/1ME/2021/3768-3774

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

- **1.** Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. of Haryana, Urban Local Bodies Department, Haryana, Chandigarh.
- **2.** Director General, Police, Haryana, Panchkula.
- 3. Director General, Urban Local Bodies Department, Haryana, Panchkula
- **4.** Deputy Commissioner, Gurugram and Karnal.
- 5. Superintendent of Police, Gurugram and Karnal.

Yours faithfully,

Asstt. State Election Commissioner for State Election Commissioner, Haryana