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

No.SEC/1ME/2016/ 3611

Dated:13.12.2016

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The Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Haryana, Home Department, Chandigarh.

Subject:- Municipal Elections January, 2017 - Maintenance of Law & Orders to ensure free and fair elections.

Sir,

I am directed to address you on the subject noted above and to say that the State Election Commission vide notification No. SEC/1ME/2016/3593, dated 13/12/2016 (Copy enclosed) has issued a programme for Municipal General Elections to all the wards of Municipal Council, Bhiwani and bye elections in ward No.3, Municipal Council, Mandi Dabwali, Distt. Sirsa for which the poll shall be held on 08.01.2017. The nominations for the election will start from 21.12.2016 and may be filed upto 27.12.2016. The date of scrutiny of nomination papers has been prescribed on 28.12.2016. The last date for withdrawal of nomination papers is 29.12.2016.

2. I am further directed to say that with a view to ensuring free and fair Municipal Elections in the above said Municipalities, the State Election Commission has decided that steps should be taken for effective enforcement of certain measures in the sensitive areas in respect of Municipalities, where, election is scheduled to be held on 08.01.2017. In this connection, specific measures enunciated by the State Election Commission are detailed hereunder and it is requested that the same may kindly be got enforced in letter and spirit.

- (I) The police should be asked to be vigilant and start the mopping up operation of the areas infested with known goondas and bad elements about 10 days prior to the poll. During such mopping operation, special attention should be paid to unearth and seize unlicensed arms and ammunitions right from now.
- (II) No new arms licenses be issued with effect from 13.12.2016 date on which model code of Conduct has come into force with the announcement of Election Programme.
- (III) An order be issued prohibiting carrying of all licensed fire arms and lethal weapons with effect from 13.12.2016. Further effective steps may also be taken to unearth the un-licensed weapons and seize the same.
- (IV) Arrangement be made for deployment of police at each polling station and near each polling station and also in sensitive areas.

- (V) Adequate wireless sets be provided to improve communication for meeting any Law and Order problem of emergent nature.
- (VI) Strict vigil may be kept over movement of un-desirable elements and vigorous check may be carried out to prevent men and vehicles moving with arms and ammunition.
- (VII) Thorough checking of lorries, trucks and other vehicles be carried out for three days before poll and on the poll day etc. to ensure that no undesirable elements or arms ammunition are infiltrated into and around the polling areas.
- (VIII) Restriction on movement of vehicles on poll days may be imposed and instructions may be issued to regulate vehicular traffic and plying of vehicles on poll day.
- (IX) Sale and consumption of liquor should be stopped one day before the poll, on poll day or a day after the poll otherwise penal action should be taken. The Excise and Taxation Department has also been requested to issue orders in this regard at the appropriate stage.

3. I am further directed to request you to kindly issue the necessary orders and instructions in regard to the points mentioned above to the concerned offices immediately under intimation to the State Election Commission.

Yours faithfully

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(Parmal Singh) Assistant State Election Commissioner, Haryana

<u>Election Matter</u> <u>Date Bound</u> Endst No. SEC/ME/2016/3612-3616

Dated: 13/12/2016

A copy is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:-

- 1. Director General of Police, Haryana, Chandigarh.
- 2. Divisional Commissioner, Hisar Division
- 3. A.D.G.P/CID, Haryana, Panchkula
- 4. The Inspector General of Police, Bhiwani & Sirsa.
- 5. The Deputy Commissioner, Bhiwani & Sirsa .

(Parmal Singh) Assistant State Election Commissioner, Haryana