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

## **NOTIFICATION**

Dated: 11/02/2016

NO. SEC/1ME/2016/148

Whereas, Section 61 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 provides that with a view to preventing impersonation of electors, so as to make the right of genuine electors to vote under section 62 of that Act and rules made there under for use of Identity Cards for electors as the means of establishing their identity at the time of polling; and

- Whereas, Rule 28 of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960, empowers the Election Commission to direct, with a view to preventing impersonation of electors and facilitating their identification at the time of poll, the issue of Electors Photo Identity Cards to electors bearing their photographs at the expense of the Government; and
- 3. Whereas, Rules 49H (3) and 49K (2) (b) of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, stipulate that where the electors of a constituency have been supplied with electors photo identity cards under the said provisions of Rule 28 of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960, the electors shall produce their electors photo identity cards at the polling station and failure or refusal on their part to produce those electoral identity cards may result in the denial of permission to vote; and
- 4. Whereas, free and fair elections not only require that the elector should be free to exercise their votes in favour of the candidates of their choice according to their own free will, but also make it a pre-condition for a clean election so that the genuine voters exercise their franchise and their right to vote is not defeated by unscrupulous and antisocial elements by resorting to impersonation or through bogus voting; and
- 5. Whereas, although, the right to vote arises by the existence of name in the electoral roll, it is the use of electors photo identity cards for Lok Sabha and Assembly Elections where provided by the Election Commission; and
- 6. Whereas, the Election Commission of India has issued directions that all electors in the State of Haryana who have been issued with their electors photo identity cards, shall have to produce these cards to exercise their franchise when they come to the polling stations for voting at the general elections to the Member of Parliament and Member of Haryana Legislative Assembly; and
- 7. Now, therefore, after taking into account all relevant and the legal and factual position, in exercise of powers conferred under Rule 15A of the Haryana Municipal Corporation Election Rules, 1994, the State Election Commission, Haryana hereby directs that all electors of Ward No.4, Municipal Corporation, Ambala who have been issued the electors photo identity cards for Assembly and Lok Sabha Elections and the electoral photo identity card numbers have been mentioned in case of the Municipal Electoral Rolls also, shall have to produce these cards to exercise their franchise when

they come to the polling stations for voting at the bye election of above mentioned Municipal Corporation, the polling for which is scheduled to take place on 06/03/2016.

- 8. If any elector has not been issued electoral photo identity cards by the Election Commission of India, he/she will have to produce any one out of the following documentary evidence to establish his/her identity:--
  - (i) Passport,
  - (ii) Driving License,
  - (iii) Income Tax Identity (PAN) Card,
  - Service Identity Card issued to employees by Central/State Government Offices, Public Sector Undertakings, Local Bodies or other public Limited Company,
  - (v) Pass Book of accounts, having photograph, opened in a scheduled bank or post office,
  - (vi) Freedom Fighter Identity Card having photograph,
  - (vii) SC/ST/OBC certificate having photograph, issued by competent authority,
  - (viii) Certificate of Physical Handicap having photograph issued by the Competent Authority,
  - (ix) Arms License having photograph,
  - (x) Job Cards with photograph issued under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme.
  - (xi) Property documents with photographs such as Pattas, Registered Deeds etc,
  - (xii) Pension Documents such as Ex-Servicemen Pension Book/Pension Payment Order, Ex-Servicemen's Widow/Dependent Certificate, Old Age Pension Order, Widow Pension Order, with photograph,
  - (xiii) Health Insurance Scheme Smart Cards with Photograph,
  - (xiv) Ration Cards or any other similar documents establishing the identity of the electors to the satisfaction of the Presiding Officer, having photograph
  - (xv) the Aadhar Card issued by UIDAI
- 9. In case of an odd elector, who does not have any of the above cards would be allowed to vote, if he/she is able to establish his/her identity to the satisfaction of the Presiding Officer and such other Polling Officer authorized by the Presiding Officer in this behalf.

Dated, Panchkula 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2016

RAJEEV SHARMA State Election Commissioner, Haryana

Dated:11/02/2016

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

- 1. The Chief Secretary to Government, Haryana.
- 2. Principal Secretary to Govt. Haryana, Urban Local Bodies Department, Chandigarh
- 3. Director, Local Bodies, Haryana, Chandigarh
- 4. Director, Public Relation, Haryana, Chandigarh.
- 5. The Deputy Commissioner, Ambala with the request that wide publicity may please be made in this regard.
- 6. Controller, Printing and Stationery Department, Haryana, Chandigarh for publication in Haryana Government Gazette (Extra Ordinary), dated 11/02/2016. He is requested to supply 25 copies of the notification to the State Election Commission, Haryana for information and record.

Asstt. State Election Commissioner, Haryana

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