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**Election Matter**

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

No.SEC/1ME/2016/ 3625

Dated: 13.12.2016

To

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

**Subject : Municipal Election January, 2017 --- Prohibition of sale of  
liquor—regarding.**

Sir,

I am directed to address you on the subject noted above and to say that in the discharge of its sacred constitutional responsibility of conducting and ensuring free and fair General elections for Municipal Council, Bhiwani and bye elections of ward No.3 of Municipal Council, Mandi Dabwali, Distt. Sirsa the State Election Commission proposes to take strict measures to create and preserve the atmosphere conducive for holding free, fair and peaceful elections reflective of the true choice of the electorate.

2. For meeting this objective, the State Election Commission, in exercise of powers conferred on it under Section 3A of the Haryana Municipal Act, 1973 and all other powers enabling him in this behalf, hereby directs that the State Government shall declare and notify 'dry days' under relevant laws for such period during Municipal election as are appropriate at or around the area where the Municipal election are to be held. Such period of 'dry days' so declared and notified must include the period of one day before the polling day, the polling and counting day.

3. The General/bye elections to the above said Municipalities shall be held on 08/01/2017. Copy of election programme issued vide Notification No.SEC/1ME/2016/3593, dated 13/12/2016 are enclosed (copy enclosed). The State Election Commission further directs that:-

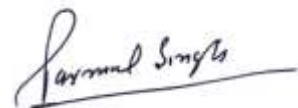
- (I) No liquor shops, hotels, restaurants, clubs and other establishments' selling/serving liquor shall be permitted to sell/serve liquor to any person who so ever may be on the aforesaid dates.
- (II) No proprietary clubs, star hotels, restaurants etc. and hotels run by anyone even if they are issued different categories of licenses for possession and supply of liquor, should be permitted to serve liquors on these days.
- (III) The storage of liquors 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 the sale of liquor in adjoining areas of above mentioned Municipal Councils, so that there are no chances of clandestine movement of liquor from those areas, wherein the restriction has not been in operation.

4. In pursuance of the above directions the State Election Commission hereby directs that the above ban be imposed within the jurisdiction of the area where the Municipal General/bye Elections are to be held as per the details given in the election programme, and areas adjoining the jurisdiction thereof during the period from 07/01/2017 & 08/01/2017.

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

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Parmal Singh", written over a horizontal line.

(Parmal Singh)  
Asstt. State Election Commissioner, Haryana