

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

PRESS NOTE

Panchkula, the 5th June, 2017: Dr. Dalip Singh, State Election Commissioner, Haryana stated that the election programme for the conduct of the Bye elections on 578 vacant seats of Panches, Sarpanches of Gram Panchayat & Members Panchayat Samitis and General Elections of three Gram Panchayats i.e. Gram Panchayat Chandu and Wazirpur, Block Gurugram & Gram Panchayat Budhera, Block Farukh Nagar, District Gurugram has been issued today i.e. on 05.06.2017. The poll for these elections shall be held on 29.06.2017. The Election programme in this respect is as under:

(Time Schedule for Elections)

Sr. No.	Programme	Date
1.	Date on which notice shall be published by the District Election Officer	07.06.2017
2.	Dates on which Nomination papers shall be presented.	14.06.2017 to 19.06.2017 (10.00 A.M to 3.00 P.M.)
3.	Dates on which the list of Nomination papers received shall be pasted.	14.06.2017 to 19.06.2017
4.	Date by which Affidavit/declaration shall be furnished.	14.06.2017 to 19.06.2017
5.	Date on which the nomination papers shall be scrutinized.	20.06.2017 (10.00 A.M. onwards)
6.	Last date for withdrawal of candidature by a candidate.	21.06.2017 (upto 3.00 P.M.)
7.	Date on which symbols shall be allotted.	21.06.2017 (After 3.00 PM)
8.	Date on which the list of contesting candidates shall be pasted.	21.06.2017 (immediately after the allotment of symbols)
9.	Date on which the poll, if any, shall be held.	29.06.2017 (Thursday)
10.	Timing of the poll	Between 7.00 A.M. to 4.00 P.M.
11.	Counting of votes	i). Immediately after the close of poll. ii). In case of repoll, the Commission may change the date and time of counting of votes.

2. He further stated that according to the above mentioned programme, Nomination papers for the election to Panches and Sarpanches of Gram Panchayats shall be filed and received at the concerned Gram Panchayat Headquarter by the Returning Officer/Assistant Returning Officer (Panchayat) and the nomination paper for the members of Panchayat Samitis shall be filed and received at the concerned Block Headquarter by the Returning Officer/Assistant Returning Officer (Panchayat Samiti). The scrutiny of the nomination papers shall be taken up by the Returning Officers only. The votes for these elections shall be given by recording of votes by voting machines [Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs)].

3. He further stated that the counting of votes for all the elections shall be held at all the polling stations on the same day, but before starting counting, the Returning Officers would ensure that voting in all the polling booths under their control have been completed.

4. He further stated that a candidate filing the nomination paper for contesting the election of the seat of Panch, Sarpanch and Member Panchayat Samiti shall have to deposit an amount in Government Treasury or Sub Treasury or with the respective Returning Officer in cash, as under, as the case may be:-

Seat	General	SC/BC
Panch	Rs.100/-	Rs.40/-
Sarpanch	Rs.200/-	Rs.100/-
Member Panchayat Samiti	Rs.300/-	Rs.150/-

5. He further stated that the directions are being issued to all the Deputy Commissioners –cum-District Election Officers to give wide publicity to the above programme by munadi in villages, issue of press notes and other handouts and also by inserting paid advertisements in the two local news papers and through electronic media, so that more and more people may come to cast their vote and elect the members of Panchayati Raj for strengthening the democracy at grass root level.

6. Dr.Singh also said that NOTA(None of the above) option will be used in the elections of Sarpanch, so that voters who come to the polling stations and decide not to vote for any candidate in fray, are able to exercise their right not to vote with maintaining their right of secrecy.

7. He further stated that any person whose name is not included in the voters list/electoral rolls of the concerned Gram Panchayats, may apply to the Deputy Commissioner concerned alongwith prescribed fee not later than four days from the date of publication of election programme.

8. Dr. Dalip Singh, State Election Commissioner, Haryana further appeals to all concerned voters to participate to elect the Members of Panchayati Raj Institutions for strengthening the democracy at grass root level.