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

No.SEC/3ME/2013/ 2320

Dated : 02.05.2013

Whereas, section 8B the Haryana Municipal Corporation Act, 1994 provides that Account of election expenses and maximum thereof- 1) every candidate at an election shall, either himself or by his election agent, keep a separate and correct account of all expenditure in connection with the election incurred or authorized by him or by his election agent from the date of filing of nomination papers to the date of declaration of the result thereof, both dates inclusive. 2) The account shall contain such particulars, as may be notified by the State Election Commission in this behalf. 3) The total of the said expenditure shall not exceed such amount as may be notified by the State Election Commission from time to time.

2. The State Election Commission, Haryana has issued the Haryana Municipal Corporation Election Expenditure (Maintenance and Submission of Accounts) Order, 2007 vide its notification No.SEC/4ME/2007/7027, dated 09.05.2007. Further, the Commission had prescribed the limit on expenditure of Rs.1,25,000/- vide its notification No. SEC/3ME/2011/2789, dated 05.09.2011.

3. Now in view of the present circumstances, it has become necessary to again revise the order of expenditure limit. Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under clause (I) Article 243 ZA of the Constitution of India, Sub Section (3) of section 8B of the Haryana Municipal Corporation Act, 1994, the Haryana Municipal Corporation Election Expenditure (Maintenance and Submission of Accounts) order, 2007 and all other powers enabling in this behalf, the State Election Commission hereby revise and prescribe the limit on expenditure of Rs.1,75,000/- (Rs. One Lac seventy five thousand only) for Municipal Corporation that may be incurred by a contesting candidate or his/her authorised election agent in connection with election to Municipal Corporation.

4. The State Election Commission further directs that the accounts of expenditure to be incurred by the contesting candidates in the Municipal Corporation shall be maintained and submitted to the Deputy Commissioners within 30 days of the declaration of the result in the Performa prescribed for the purpose and the Deputy Commissioners in turn shall send report to the Commission as per provision contained in the Haryana Municipal Corporation Election Expenditure (Maintenance and submission of Accounts) order, 2007.

5. The State Election Commission further directs that if a candidate fails to submit accounts of expenditure incurred by him/her for election to Municipal Corporation within the prescribed time limit, the Commission by order published in Official Gazette shall declare him/her to be disqualified and may such person be disqualified for a period of three years from the date of the order.

6. Every contesting candidate shall either himself or by his authorised election agent will have to keep a separate and correct account of all expenditure in connection with the election between the dates he/she has been nominated and date of declaration of result both dates inclusive. The total expenditure shall not exceed the limit as prescribed above.

7. No particular party or any other association, body or individual shall put up any cut-outs, hoardings, wall paintings, buntings, arches, gates, banners, flags, advertisements in newspapers etc. without the general or special authority in writing of the candidates whose election is sought to be promoted or procured by such cut-outs, hoardings etc., as expenditure on all such items shall be treated as the legitimate expenditure incurred by the contesting candidate. No contesting candidate or any individual on his behalf shall put up any cut-outs, hoardings etc. without prior permission of the concerned Government authority.

8. Any violation by the contesting candidate or his authorised agent/individual to incur any expenditure in excess of the limit mentioned above, will be viewed seriously by the State Election Commission and stringent action shall be taken against him/her.

9. This supersedes the earlier Notification No.SEC/3ME/2011/2789, dated 05/09/2011 issued by the Commission, vide which the limitations of expenditure were prescribed.

DHARAM VIR State Election Commissioner, Haryana

Dated Panchkula the 1st May,2013

Endst.No.SEC/3ME/2013/2321-2351

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

- 1. The Chief Secretary to Government, Haryana, Chandigarh.
- 2. The Principal Secretary to Govt. Haryana, Urban Local Bodies Department, Haryana Chandigarh.
- 3. The Director, Urban Local Bodies Department, Haryana, Chandigarh.
- 4. The Deputy Commissioners, Faridabad, Gurgaon, Rohtak, Hisar, Panipat, Karnal, Ambala, Yamuna Nagar and Panchkula for information and necessary action.
- 5. The Commissioners, Municipal Corporations, Faridabad, Gurgaon, Rohtak, Hisar, Panipat, Karnal, Ambala, Panchkula and Yamuna Nagar.
- 6. All the Political Parties in the State of Haryana.
- 7. A copy is forwarded to the Controller, Printing & Stationery Department Haryana for publication in the Haryana Government Gazette(Extra –Ordinary) dated 2nd May, 2013.
- 8. The Director, Public Relations, Haryana.

-/Sd/-(Parmal Singh) Assistant State Election Commissioner, Haryana

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