STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, HARYANA, S.C.O.NO.16-17, SECTOR- 20 D CHANDIGARH.

PRESS NOTE

Chandigarh, 24th January, 2005: Sh.Chander Singh, State Election Commissioner, Haryana has told that the Municipal General Elections to the 20 Municipal Councils and 27 Municipal Committees in the State of Haryana are to be held in the month of March, 2005. The Municipal General Elections to the above said Municipalities were earlier proposed to be held in the year 2004, for which the Commission had issued notification for the revision of Electoral Rolls of the above Municipalities and their final publication was done on 25.11.2004 and 15.12.2004 with 1.1.2004 as qualifying date. Later on, Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court stayed the amendment made by the State Government for holding Municipal General Elections earlier than 120 days before the expiry of its duration. In view of above stay order of the Hon'ble High Court, the elections to the above Municipalities could not be conducted in the year 2004.

Sh.Chander Singh further informed that since the elections are now required to be held in the month of March, 2005, the addenda to the existing Electoral Rolls finally published on 25.11.2004 and 15.12.2004 shall be appended in order to provide an opportunity to all those persons who have become eligible to be registered as voters for the Municipal elections after the qualifying date of 1.1.2004 on attaining the age of 18 years as on 1.1.2005 and also to those person, whose names are not included in the existing Electoral Rolls of these Municipalities.

Now, State Election Commission, Haryana has issued a programme for addenda to be appended to the existing Electoral Rolls. As per programme, such persons may file their applications for inclusion of their names in the Electoral Rolls before the Revising Authorities from 5.2.2005 to 9.2.005. Draft publication of wardwise names of such applicants for inviting objections shall be done on 10.2.2005. The Revising Authority shall decide the objections on 11.2.2005. Last date for filing appeals with the Deputy Commissioner against the decision of Revising Authority is 12.2.2005 and last date for disposal of appeals by the Deputy Commissioners is 14.2.2005. Final publication of addenda shall be done on 16.2.2005. This information has been given by Sh.Chander Singh, State Election Commissioner, Haryana.