

# PANCHAYAT GENERAL ELECTIONS

## PRESS NOTE

**Panchkula, the 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2010** : Sh.Dharam Vir , State Election Commissioner, Haryana stated that the 2nd phase General Election of Panchayati Raj Institutions in 36 Blocks of 12 districts of the state i.e. Ambala, Bhiwani, Fatehabad, Jind, Jhajjar, Kaithal, Kurukshetra, Mahendergarh at Narnaul, Sirsa, Sonapat, Mewat at Nuh and Palwal will be held on 12.06.2010 for which all the preparation has been made for free, fair and peaceful poll. All the Deputy Commissioners and police authorities have been advised to deploy additional force in sensitive areas. He has also directed that provide protection to weakers wherever required. The voting for these elections will start from 7.30 A.M. and will close at 4.00 P.M.

2. He further stated that there are 5,976 polling stations in which 3018531 voters will exercise their right to vote to elect 1,888 Sarpanches, 18,262 Panches, 854 Member Panchayat Samiti and 234 Member of Zila Parishad and for this purpose 32165 polling personals, 386 supervisory teams and 301 Magistrates have been put on duty. The detail of contested candidates and unopposed elected candidates for the 2nd phase for which poll shall be held 12.06.2010 is given as under:-

<b>Election to the seat of</b>	<b>Number of contesting seats</b>	<b>Number of contesting candidates</b>	<b>Number of unopposed elected candidates</b>
Panch	11197	33800	7065
Sarpanch	1839	11097	49
Member Panchayat Samiti	844	4660	10
Member Zila Parishad	234	2427	0

3. He further stated that there are 675 hyper sensitive and 741 sensitive villages having 1885 and 1260 polling stations respectively. Extra police force would be deployed on these stations to maintain law & order and ensure that polling takes place peacefully.

4. He added that for maintaining law and order duties, 49 G.Os, 178 Inspectors, 1399 N.G.Os, 1618 Head Constables, 8448 Constables and 8596 Home Guards have been deployed. In addition Haryana Armed Police and IRBs would also be deployed.

5. He also added that election of the seats of Sarpanches in all these districts would be conducted by the use of about 6,000 EVMs.

6. Sh. Dharam Vir also submitted that the counting for elections to Panches and Sarpanches shall be held immediately after the close of poll and for Panchayat Samiti and Zila Parishad on 14.06.2010 at 8.00 A.M.

7. The State Election Commissioner has also appealed to the voters to cast their vote to elect the members of Panchayati Raj Institutions for strengthening the democracy at grass root level.