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To

All the Deputy Commissioners-cum-  
District Election Officers (Panchayat)  
in the state of Haryana.

**Subject: -** Clarification regarding contesting of election for the post of Panch and Sarpanch of Gram Panchayats, Member, Panchayat Samiti and Zila Parishad by a person having name in the voters list of Municipal Bodies.

Sir/Madam,

I have been directed to refer to the above subject and to say that queries are being received from the field officials and general public whether a person having his/her name in the voters list in the Municipal Bodies can contest election of Panch and Sarpanch of a Gram Panchayat, Member, Panchayat Samiti or Zila Parishad?

2. In this regard, your attention is invited towards section 173 of the Haryana Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 which provides as under:-

“173. Persons qualified to vote and be elected:- (1) Every person whose name is in the list of voter shall, unless disqualified under this Act or any other law for the time being in force, be qualified to vote at the election of member for the electoral division to which such list pertains.

(2) Every person who has attained the age of twenty one years and whose name is in the list of voters shall, unless disqualified under this Act or under any other law for the time being in force, be qualified to be elected from any electoral division,

(3) No person whose name is not entered in the list of voters for the villages, shall be qualified to be elected from any electoral division thereof,

(4) Subject to any disqualification of a person the list of voters shall be conclusive proof for the purpose of determining under this section whether any person is or is not qualified to vote, or to be elected at any elections, as the case may be.”

3. In view of the provisions mentioned above, it is made clear that only a person whose name exists in the voters list of the villages shall be qualified to be elected from any electoral division thereof and no person shall be eligible to contest the election of Panches and Sarpanches of Gram Panchayats, Member, Panchayat Samiti or Zila Parishad. You are requested to bring it to the notice of all the Returning Officers/Assistant Returning Officers for their information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

  
Assistant State Election Commissioner,  
for State Election Commissioner, Haryana.