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To

All the Deputy Commissioners-cum-District Election Officers (Panchayat),

(except Faridabad, Fatehabad, Hisar and Palwal)

in the State.

Subject: -

Complaints against newly elected Panches and Sarpanches of Gram Panchayats regarding their bogus/fake educational qualification certificates and other disqualifications.

Sir/Madam.

I have been directed to refer to the above subject and to say that various complaints are being received in the State Election Commission against newly elected Panches/Sarpanches of Gram Panchayats as per general elections-2022 of the Panchayati Raj Institutions in the state alleging bogus/fake educational qualification certificates and other disqualifications. Such complaints are being forwarded to you for getting enquiry conducted and thereafter for taking necessary action in the matter, if required. You might be receiving similar complaints directly in your office.

- 2. In view of the above, it is necessary to dispose of such complaints at the earliest. I have been further directed to request you to get all such complaints inquired into through any IAS/HCS officer posted in your district in a time bound manner. If any Panch or Sarpanch of the Gram Panchayat is found to be disqualified at the time of his election you may take action against him/her under clause(b) of sub section (3) of section 51 of the Haryana Panchayat Act, 1994, which is reproduced as under:-
  - "51. Suspension and removal of a Sarpanch or Panch:
  - (3) The Director or the Deputy Commissioner concerned may, after such enquiry as he may deem fit and after giving an opportunity of being heard to a Sarpanch or a Panch, as the case may be, ask him to show cause against the action proposed to be taken against him, and by order remove him from his office:-
  - (b) if he was disqualified to be a member of the Gram Panchayat at the time of his election."
- The State Election Commission may also be apprised of the action taken in such matters.

Yours faithfully,

Assistant State Election Commissioner, for State Election Commissioner, Haryana