

## STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, HARYANA NIRVACHAN SADAN, PLOT NO. 2, SECTOR- 17 PANCHKULA, HARYANA – 134109

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Most Immediate/Date Bound Municipal Election

No.SEC/1ME/2023/1926

Dated: 12.10.2023

To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Haryana,

Prohibition, Excise and Taxation Department,

Chandigarh.

Subject:

Municipal Bye-election, 2023 --- Prohibition of sale of

liquor-regarding.

Sir.

I have been directed to refer to the above subject and to say that the State Election Commission, Haryana has issued notification for conduct of bye-election of five wards, namely, Ward No. 15 of Municipal Council, Sohna, district Gurugram, Ward No. 01 of Municipal Council, Kaithal, Ward No. 16 of Municipal Council, Narnaul, district Mahendergarh, Ward No. 05 of Municipal Committee, Rajound, district Kaithal and Ward No. 11, Municipal Committee, Bawal, district Rewari vide Notification No. SEC/1ME/2023/1680 dated 12.10.2023 (copy enclosed). As per schedule, the nomination papers shall be presented from 20.10.2023 to 26.10.2023 (except on 22.10.2023 & 24.10.2023 being gazetted holidays) and the poll shall be held on 05.11.2023. Counting of votes shall be taken up after the close of poll in all

the polling stations and the result shall be declared immediately after completion of counting.

- 2. In discharge of its sacred constitutional responsibility of conducting and ensuring free and fair elections of the abovesaid municipalities, the State Election Commission proposes to take strict measures to create and preserve the atmosphere conducive for holding free, fair and peaceful elections reflective of the true choice of the electorate.
- 3. For meeting this objective, the State Election Commissioner, Haryana in exercise of powers conferred upon him under section 3 A of the Haryana Municipal Act, 1973 and all other powers enabling him in this behalf, hereby directs that the State Government shall declare and notify 'dry days' under relevant laws for such period during Municipal bye-elections as are appropriate at or around the areas where the Municipal bye-elections are to be held. Such period of 'dry days' so declared and notified must include the period of one day before the day of poll, actual date of polling and counting day.
- The State Election Commission further directs that:-
  - (I) No liquor shops, hotels, restaurants, clubs and other establishments' selling/serving liquor shall be permitted to sell/serve liquor to any person whosoever may be, on the aforesaid dates.
  - (II) No proprietary clubs, star hotels, restaurants etc. and hotels run by anyone, even if they are issued different categories of licenses for possession and supply of liquor, should be permitted to serve liquors on these days.
  - (III) The storage of liquor by individuals shall be curtailed during the above period and the restrictions provided in the Excise laws on the storage in unlicensed premises shall be vigorously enforced.

- (IV) Steps shall also be taken to prohibit sale of liquor in adjoining areas of the above mentioned wards where the elections are to be conducted, so that there are no chances of clandestine movement of liquor from those areas, wherein the restriction has not been in operation.
- 5. In pursuance of the above directions the State Election Commission hereby directs that the above ban must be imposed within the jurisdiction of the areas, where the municipal bye-elections are to be held and the areas adjoining to the jurisdiction thereof on **04.11.2023** and **05.11.2023**.
- 6. It is requested that a copy of order issued in furtherance of the above mentioned directions should be sent to the Commission without delay.

Yours faithfully,

Dated: 12.10.2023

Encl:-As above

Asstt. State Election Commissioner for State Election Commissioner, Haryana

Endst. No.SEC/1ME/2023/1927-1938

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

 Commissioner and Secretary to Government Haryana, Urban Local Bodies Department, Chandigarh.

2. Director General, Police, Haryana, Panchkula.

3. Director General, Urban Local Bodies Department, Haryana, Panchkula

**4.** Director General, Information, Public Relations and Languages Department, Haryana, Chandigarh

 Deputy Commissioner, Gurugram, Kaithal, Mahendergarh and Rewari.

6. Superintendent of Police, Gurugram, Kaithal, Mahendergarh and Rewari.

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