



STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, HARYANA
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ORDER

Whereas the State Government vide its notification No. S.O.52/H.A.24/1973/S.257 & S.276/2020, dated 30.10.2020, has amended the Haryana Municipal Act, 1973 according to which President and Members of Municipal Councils/Committees shall be chosen through the direct election by the electors of all wards of concerned Municipal Council/Committee.

2. In view of above, the ballot papers are printed for the elections of Municipal Corporations/Councils/Committees in accordance with the provisions of Rule 70F & 70L and 69F & 69L of the Haryana Municipal Corporation Election Rules, 1994 and Haryana Municipal Election Rules, 1978 respectively and in accordance with the instructions contained in the Hand Book for Returning Officers and affixed on the Electronic Voting Machines for use and for issue as tendered ballot paper in connection with the aforesaid elections.

2. And whereas the State Election Commission Haryana has already issued directions to provide a panel after the name of the last contesting candidate on a ballot paper, for 'None of the above' to enable a voter to press button on EVM against this panel to show that he/she does not wish to vote to any of the above contesting candidates.

3. And Whereas it has been noticed that there are cases where more than one contesting candidates having similar names are in the contest and due to

alphabetical arrangements of names on the ballot paper, names and symbols of such candidates are printed one after the other which creates confusion in the mind of the voters coming to cast their votes at a polling station.

4. In view of above the State Election Commission, Haryana in exercise of powers conferred under section 3A of the Haryana Municipal Act, 1973 and Section 9 of the Haryana Municipal Corporation Act, 1994 and under clause (1) of Article 243ZA of the Constitution of India, hereby order to print photograph of the contesting candidates on the ballot papers along with other particulars to be displayed on the balloting unit of EVMs and the tender ballot papers in addition to the existing particulars, the photograph of the candidate to be printed in the panel for the name of the candidate and to appear on the right side of the name in between the name and symbol of the candidate. The size of the photograph to be printed on the ballot paper shall be 2 cm x 2.5 cm (2 cm in breadth and 2.5 cm in height) and further directs that:

- (a) every ballot paper for use in the elections to the Municipal Corporations/ Councils/Committees in the State of Haryana, to be held hereafter, shall contain photographs of the contesting candidates as specified in para 4 above. A specimen of the ballot paper to be printed under these directions is enclosed as Annexure 'A'.
- (b) candidates are required to submit their recent two photographs along with the nomination form.
- (c) photograph should be stamp size 2 cm x 2.5 cm (2cm in breadth and 2.5cm in height) in white/off white background, with full face view directly facing the camera, neutral facial expression with eyes open. The photo may be in color or black and white as may be convenient for the candidates.
- (d) photograph should be in normal clothing. Photograph in uniform is not permitted. Caps/hats should be avoided. Dark glasses also to be avoided.

- (e) if the photograph of the candidate is not submitted along with nomination paper, the returning Officer of the ward shall give a notice/asking the candidate to submit the photograph latest by the date and time fixed for scrutiny of nominations. A specimen of the form of notice to be given to the candidate is enclosed as Annexure 'B'. The photograph should bear the signature of the candidate on the reverse side of the photograph.
- (f) if a candidate does not submit his/her photograph or still fails or refuses to give his/her photograph, his/her photograph will not be printed on the ballot paper. Non submission of the photograph by the candidate shall, however, not be a ground for rejection of the nomination of the candidate.
- (g) Returning Officer shall display a list of validly nominated candidates with the photographs of the candidates against their names on the day following the date fixed for the scrutiny of nominations. The Returning Officer shall inform the candidates at the time of scrutiny that the photographs to be printed on ballot paper will be displayed on his notice board on the next day (time may also be specified). If there is any error in the photograph or other particulars, the candidates will get an opportunity to point out the same to the Returning Officer for rectifying the error.
- (h) Returning Officer shall also prepare the draft of the ballot paper in soft copy and shall provide to the officer deputed for the printing of ballot papers.

5. The orders earlier issued in this respect vide No. SEC/1ME/2016/3730-3781, dated 23.12.2016 and No. SEC/2ME/2018/6574-6624, dated 29.1.2018 are hereby stand repealed from the issuance of this order.

Dated: 11th December, 2020
Place: Panchkula

DR. DALIP SINGH
State Election Commissioner, Haryana

Endst. No. SEC/2ME/2020/ 4017-4040

Dated: 11.12.2020

A copy of the above is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:-

1. The Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. Haryana, Urban Local Bodies Department, Chandigarh.
2. Director, Urban Local Bodies, Haryana, Panchkula.

3. All the Deputy Commissioners in the State of Haryana. They are requested to bring into the notice of the concerned Returning Officers for the immediate compliance.

(Pushkar Dutt)
Superintendent/MC
State Election Commission, Haryana.

ANNEXURE-A

SL No. _____

1.	अजय बराड		
2.	अनिल कुमार		
3.	अग्नेज बठला		
4.	मनोज कुमार		
5.	उपर में से कोई नहीं		

महापौर, नगरनिगम -----

अथवा

प्रधान, नगरपरिषद्/नगरपालिका -----

अथवा

सदस्य नगरनिगम/नगरपरिषद्/नगरपालिका -----/वार्ड संख्या --/2020/सा0/
उपचुनाव

हस्ता/-
रिटर्निंग अधिकारी,
नगरनिगम/नगरपरिषद्/नगरपालिका

ANNEXURE-B

Original /Duplicate
(Original to be kept with nomination paper and
Duplicate To be handed over to candidate)

Notice by Returning Officer for non-submission of Photograph of the Candidate.

Mayor/ President / Member from Ward No. of Municipal Corporation/ Council/Committee	:	_____
Name of the Candidate	:	_____
Date and time of filing nomination paper	:	_____
Sr. No. of nomination paper.	:	_____

As per the direction of the Commission, photograph of the candidate is required to be printed on the ballot paper.

It is hereby brought to your notice that you have not submitted your photograph for this purpose.

You are requested to submit your photograph by 3.30 PM on _____(date fixed for scrutiny of nomination).

The specifications for the photograph are as follows:-

- (i) Candidates are required to submit their recent photograph (taken during the preceding period of 3 months before the date of notification.
- (ii) Photographs should be of stamp size 2cm X 2.5cm (two cm. in breadth and 2.5 cm in height) in white/off white background, with full face view directly facing the camera, neutral facial expression with eyes open. The photo may be in colour or black and white as may be convenient for the candidate.
- (iii) Photograph should be in normal clothing. Photograph in uniform is not permitted. Caps/hats should be avoided. Dark glasses has also to be avoided.

The photograph has to be submitted alongwith the declaration in the enclosed format.

It may be noted that if photograph is not submitted by the time mentioned above, your photo will not be printed on the ballot paper.

Received.

(Signature of Candidate)

(Signature of RO/ARO)

Date & Time :

Place:

Declaration by Candidate while submitting the photograph.

Subject: Election to the Mayor/ President / Member of Municipal Corporation/
Municipal Council / Municipal Committee from Ward No. _____to
be held on _____.

I, _____(name and address of
the Candidate), son/daughter/wife of Shri _____
nominated as a candidate for the above mentioned election, I am submitting herewith my
photograph (duly signed by me on the back of the photograph) for the purpose of printing
the same on the ballot paper. I declare that the photograph has been taken during the
last 3 months before the date of notification of the above mentioned election.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone/ Mobile No. _____