



**STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, HARYANA
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Order

No.SEC/3ME/2024/529 Whereas, The State Election Commission, Haryana vide notification No. SEC/1ME/2022/481 dated 23.05.2022 had issued programme for the conduct of general elections of 18 Municipal Councils and 28 Municipal Committees including Municipal Committee, Ismailabad, district Kurukshetra. The elections of these municipalities were conducted on 19.06.2022 and the results were declared on 22.06.2022. Names of the elected Presidents and Members were notified by the State Election Commission, Haryana vide its Notification No. SEC/1ME/2022/6120 dated 04.07.2022. Smt. Nisha Kano Vangha wife of Sh. Puneet Garg was elected President of Municipal Committee, Ismailabad, district Kurukshetra during these elections and her name had accordingly been notified in this state gazette vide this notification.

2. Whereas, Sh. Sube Singh and other residents of Ismailabad moved with a complaint dated 03.07.2022 in the State Election Commission, Haryana against Smt. Nisha Kano Vangha, the newly elected President of Municipal Committee, Ismailabad alleging therein inter-alia that Smt. Nisha Kano Vangha is a citizen of Kenya and she was having dual citizenship in 2015 which is against the Constitution of India and amounts to cheating and false representation. It was further alleged that Smt. Nisha Kano Vangha had produced a card of Overseas Citizen of India and such a cardholder is neither entitled nor to be elected on any

Constitutional post like, Chairperson of a Municipal Committee. The complainant had requested to take action against Smt. Nisha Kano Vangha.

3. Whereas, the State Election Commission, Haryana sent the abovesaid complaint to the Deputy Commissioner, Kurukshetra vide No. SEC/3ME/2022/6295 dated 13.07.2022 with a request to send the enquiry report to the State Election Commission, Haryana. In response to the letter, the Deputy Commissioner, Kurukshetra sent a report vide memo No. 3246/LFA dated 15.03.2023 to the State Election Commission, Haryana enclosing a letter No. 26001/Misce/63/2023-OCI dated 09.03.2022 they had received from the Under Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs (Foreigners Division, New Delhi). According to the said report, Smt. Nisha Kano Vangha was born on 07.10.1986 at Mombasa, Kenya having Kenyan nationality bearing Passport No. AI566161 and OCI Card has been issued to her with No. A1141796 on dated 25.07.2012 by the Indian Mission in Kenya.

4. Keeping in view the above facts, a 'show cause notice' was issued by the State Election Commission, Haryana vide No. SEC/ME/2023/701 on dated 17.04.2023 to Smt. Nisha Kano Vangha granting her an opportunity to produce evidence in her support to prove that she is a citizen of India, failing which it would be presumed that she had contested her election for the post of President, Municipal Committee, Ismailabad without being qualified for the same on the ground that she was not a citizen of India and therefore, she is liable to be removed from the said office as per provisions of the Haryana Municipal Act, 1973.

5. Whereas, Smt. Nisha Kano Vangha has submitted her reply to the show cause notice dated 17.04.2023 in the State Election Commission, Haryana on 06.07.2023 stating in her defence, inter-alia that she is not a citizen of Kenya