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Dated: 29th November, 2024

To

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

**Subject: - Instructions relating to No-Confidence Motion of
Chairman/Vice Chairman of Panchayat Samitis and
President/Vice President of Zila Parishads in the State.**

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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 that secret voting procedure is not being followed for the 'No-Confidence Motion' against the Chairman/Vice-Chairman of Panchayat Samiti and President/Vice-President of Zila Parishad.

2. In view of the above, to ensure fairness, secrecy, transparency and for maintaining faith of the members in the democratic system, the State Election Commission has decided that 'No-Confidence Motion' against Chairman/Vice-Chairman of Panchayat Samiti and President/Vice-President of Zila Parishad shall be conducted through '**Secret Voting**' using ballot boxes. The procedure to be followed will be as under:-

1. Notice for meeting regarding No-Confidence Motion.

On receiving a representation from any member or members of the concerned Panchayat Samiti/Zila Parishad, a notice regarding meeting to hold 'No-Confidence Motion' may be sent to all the members of the concerned Panchayat Samiti/Zila Parishad through Regd.Post. It may also be got delivered by-hand and through Whats App on the registered mobile telephone numbers of the Members. In addition the notice may also be displayed on the notice boards of the BD&PO concerned, SDO (Civil) and the D.C. office concerned. The date of meeting shall not be less than 10 days from the issue of notice.

2. Steps to be taken by the Prescribed Authority in the meeting.

(a) The Prescribed Authority shall -

- (i) Prepare attendance sheet of the meeting.
- (ii) Announce the name of the post/s against whom No-Confidence Motion is being brought.
- (iii) Issue the 'Secret Voting Slip' (as per specimen attached) to the each present Member.

(b) The members shall have to mark with Arrow Cross stamp in front of their choice to cast their vote and put it in the Ballot Box. The prescribed authority shall have to play the role of Returning Officer as well as Presiding Officer. He will explain the procedure of voting to all the members before voting.

(c) Immediately after the voting is over, the Prescribed Authority shall in the presence of the members present, open the Ballot Box and count the Secret Voting Slips cast.

(d) The Prescribed Authority shall record the number of votes in favour of and against the No-Confidence motion on a plain paper and shall declare the result. The paper which contains the record of votes shall be duly attested by the Prescribed Authority.

After voting, the votes in favour of 'No Confidence Motion' and against will be counted separately as per Section 62 of the Haryana Panchayati Raj Act, 1994. If two third or more of the total number of the elected members of a Panchayat Samiti vote in favour of 'No Confidence Motion' then a resolution will be passed to this effect. Once a resolution is passed then Chairman/Vice-Chairman of Panchayat Samiti shall vacate his office.

Provided further that no such meeting shall be convened before the expiry of one year from the date on which the election of the Chairman or Vice-Chairman as the case may be, was notified and, after the expiry of such period, whenever such a meeting is convened during his term of office and the proposal for vacating the office fails, no further meeting shall at any time thereafter be convened for considering a similar proposal against the Chairman or Vice-Chairman unless a period of at least one year intervenes between the last failure and the date of which such further meeting is convened.

(2) An outgoing Chairman or Vice-Chairman shall be eligible for fresh election if otherwise qualified.

In case of Zila Parishad similar procedure will be followed for No Confidence Motion against President/Vice-President, after the voting has been held as per Section 123 of Haryana Panchayati Raj Act, 1994.

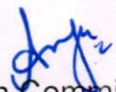
3. Measures to be taken by the Prescribed Authority:

(a) The Prescribed Authority of the meeting shall keep order in the meeting and see that the process is conducted in a free, fair, transparent and peaceful manner.

(b) Immediately after conclusion of the meeting, the Prescribed Authority shall prepare a record of the proceedings of the meeting under his/her signature and also get it signed from all the Members present.


The proceedings of the meeting shall be sent to the State Election Commission, Haryana same day. Record of the meeting shall be displayed on the notice board of the concerned Panchayat Samiti or Zila Parishad, as the case may be.

Yours faithfully,


Assistant State Election Commissioner,
For State Election Commission, Haryana
Panchkula.

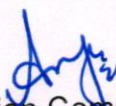
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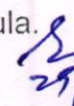
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2. Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Haryana, Development and Panchayat Department, Chandigarh.
3. Director General, Information, Public Relation & Languages, Haryana, Chandigarh.
4. Director, Development and Panchayat Department, Haryana, Chandigarh.
5. Divisional Commissioner, Ambala, Faridabad, Gurugram, Rohtak, Hisar and Karnal.
6. All the District Development and Panchayat Officer in the State.


Assistant State Election Commissioner,
For State Election Commission, Haryana
Panchkula.


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SPECIMEN OF SECRET VOTING SLIP

BALLOT PAPER FOR NO-CONFIDENCE AGAINST _____ (name of post) OF PANCHAYAT SAMITI/ZILA PARISHAD _____
DATED _____

1.	Symbol for voting in favour of no-confidence motion	
2.	Symbol for voting against the no-confidence motion	

(Designation of issuer and date)

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Secret Voting Slip No. _____

(Signature of Receiver)