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Dated: 14.02.2025

To

All the Deputy Commissioners in the State
(except Panchkula, Charkhi Dadri and Rewari)

Subject: - General/Bye-elections of Municipalities- Clarification on Scrutiny of Nomination Papers reg.

Sir/Madam,

I have been directed to refer to the above subject and to and to draw your attention towards rule 19(5) & 27 (5) of the Haryana Municipal Election Rules, 1978 and rule 21 (5) & 28 (5) of the Haryana Municipal Corporation Election Rules, 1994 in which it has been provided that:

“The Haryana Municipal Election Rules, 1978

Rule 19 (5) Every Assistant Returning Officer shall, subject to the control of Returning Officer, be competent to perform all or any of the functions of the Returning Officer;

Provided that no Assistant Returning Officer shall perform any of the functions of the Returning Officer which relate to the scrutiny of nominations unless the Returning Officer is unavoidably prevented from performing the said functions.

27. Scrutiny of nominations.-(5) The Returning Officer shall endorse on each nomination paper his decision accepting or rejecting it. In case a nomination paper is rejected, he shall record in writing a brief statement of his reasons for such rejection. An attested copy of the decision accepting or rejecting a nomination paper shall be supplied by the Returning Officer on the same day on an application having been made in this behalf by a person who is entitled to be present at the time of scrutiny of nomination papers.

The Haryana Municipal Corporation Election Rules, 1994


Rule 21 (5) Every Assistant Returning Officer shall, subject to the control of the Returning Officer, be competent to perform all or any of the functions of the Returning Officer:

Provided that no Assistant Returning Officer shall perform any of the functions of the Returning Officer which relate to the scrutiny of nomination papers unless the Returning Officer is unavoidably prevented from performing the said functions.

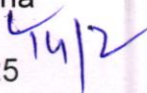
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3. It is thus made clear that the functions relating to scrutiny of nomination papers are to be carried out by the Returning Officers concerned only unless he is unavoidably prevented from performing the said function. Since the Assistant Returning Officer is competent to perform all or any of the functions of the Returning Officer but being subject to the control of Returning Officer, the decision in this regard may be taken by the Returning Officer in concurrence with the Deputy Commissioner concerned being the appointing authority of the Returning Officers and Assistant Returning Officers.

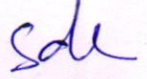
Yours faithfully,


Asstt. State Election Commissioner
for State Election Commissioner, Haryana

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A copy is forwarded to all the Returning Officer, Municipal Corporation, Faridabad-cum-Executive Officer, Zila Parishad, Faridabad for information w.r.t. his Memo No. 49 dated 10.02.2025.


Asstt. State Election Commissioner
for State Election Commissioner, Haryana