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NOTIFICATION

No.SEC/4E-II/2026/535

Dated: 06th April, 2026

Whereas, the State Election Commission, Haryana vide No.SEC/4E-II/2022/6213, dated 23rd November, 2022 issued a notification in compliance with the directions dated 22.11.2022 of the Hon'ble High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh passed in CWP No.26430 of 2022 and ordered as under :-

- i) to keep poll for the post of Sarpanch of Gram Panchayat Khai, Block Ratia, District Fatehabad scheduled to be held on 25.11.2022 in abeyance for the time being subject to the final outcome of the present writ petition. Revised schedule for election will be issued in due course, if required.
- ii) to issue notice to all other contesting candidates for the post of Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat Khai informing them that the election will be kept in abeyance for the time being.

2. Whereas, the State Election Commission, Haryana filed a SLP (C) No.21612 of 2022 in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India against the order dated 22.11.2022 passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Punjab and Haryana. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India passed an interim order on dated 12.12.2022 which is reproduced below:-

"Permission to file Special Leave Petition (in Diary No.38637/2022) is granted.

Issue notice, returnable on 23.01.2023.

Until further orders, there shall be stay of operation and implementation of the impugned order."

3. Whereas, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India passed order dated 22.10.2024 in Civil Appeal @ SLP (C) No.23577 of 2022, which is reproduced below:-

"1. Leave granted.

2. This appeal challenges the interim order passed by the Division Bench of the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh dated 22.11.2022 vide which the learned Judges of the Division Bench while adjourning the matter(s), have directed the nomination papers of the petitioner-respondent No.1 herein to be accepted by the Returning Officer.

3. We are of the considered view that the High Court has erred in directing the nomination papers of the writ petitioner(s) to be accepted, by an interim order.

4. We find that the said amount to interference in the election process after its commencement.

5. We, therefore, allow the appeal. The interim order dated 22.11.2022 passed by the High Court are set aside to the effect that it directs the nomination papers of respondent No.1 to be accepted.

6. The matter is remitted back to the file of the High Court for deciding it is accordance with law.

7. Needless to state that in the meantime the order passed by this Court dated 12.12.2022 shall continue to operate.

8. - Pending application(s), if any, stand(s) disposed of.”

4. Whereas, the Hon'ble High Court of Punjab and Haryana passed an order dated 25.10.2025 in CWP No.24748 of 2022 (O&M) and other connected cases in which CWP No.26430 of 2022 is also one of them. The order dated 25.10.2025 passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Punjab and Haryana is reproduced below:-

“1. After arguing for sometime, learned counsel for the petitioners submits that to redress the grievance raised in the present petitions with regard to wrongful rejection of their nomination liberty be given to approach the Election Tribunal by filing Election Petition.

2. Learned counsel for the respondents raises no objection.

3. - At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the respondents may not raise any objection regarding limitation for filing the Election Petition.

4. It may be noticed that as of now, the Election has not yet been held and even as per the petitioners, the Election Petition can be filed within a period of 30 days from the date of Election. Hence, the apprehension raised that an objection qua limitation for filing the Election Petition will be raised, is only speculative and does not warrant discussion or order from this Court at this stage. However, in case any such order is passed by Election Tribunal, the petitioner will be free to avail appropriate remedy in accordance with law.

5. Keeping in view the above, as prayed for, the present petitions are disposed of with liberty to the petitioners to avail appropriate remedy before the Election Tribunal to redress their grievances.

6. Pending application(s), if any, stands disposed of.

7. Photocopy of this order be placed on the files of other connected cases.”

3. It is observed that as per available record, no election petition has been filed and no stay order has been granted by any Competent Court in respect of the election of Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat Khai, Block Ratia, District

Fatehabad. Therefore, there being no legal impediments, the State Election Commission in exercise of powers conferred under clause (1) of Article 243K of the Constitution of India, hereby orders that notification No.SEC/4E-II/2022/6213, dated 23.11.2022, whereby the election of Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat, Khai, Block Ratia, District Fatehabad was kept in abeyance is hereby withdrawn with immediate effect.

4. Further that the Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Election Officer (Panchayat), Fatehabad is directed to arrange the refund of the security deposit of the candidates, who had filed nomination with prescribed security for the post of Sarpanch during the nomination of General Election of Gram Panchayat Khai, Block Ratia, District Fatehabad, which were scheduled to be held on 25.11.2022. The Election Schedule for the bye-election of Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat Khai, Block Ratia, District Fatehabad should be issued in due course of process as per law, wherein fresh nomination shall be filed for the post.

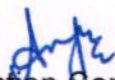
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State Election Commissioner, Haryana

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Dated: 06th April, 2026

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

1. The Commissioner & Secretary to Government Haryana, Development and Panchayats Department, Chandigarh
2. The Director, Development & Panchayats, Haryana, Chandigarh.
The Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Election Officer (Panchayat), Fatehabad.
3. The District Development and Panchayat Officer, Fatehabad.
4. The Controller, Printing & Stationery Department, Haryana, Chandigarh for publication in Haryana Government Gazette.


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