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ORDER

No. SEC/1ME/2026/671

Dated: 07.04.2026

Whereas, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its order dated 27th September, 2013 in Writ Petition (C) No. 161 of 2004- People's Union for Civil Liberties & Anr. versus Union of India and Anr. has directed the Election Commission of India to provide necessary provision in the ballot papers/EVMs for displaying a separate button called "None of the above" (NOTA), so that the electors, who come to the polling booth and decide not to vote for any of the candidates in the fray, can exercise their right, not to vote for any candidate without violation of the secrecy of their decision.

2. Whereas, in compliance of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, the State Election Commission, Haryana had issued order vide Endst. No. SEC/1ME/2016/3653-3659 dated 14.12.2016 for the implementation of "None of the Above (NOTA)" option on EVMs/Ballot papers" in the elections of the Municipal Corporations/Municipal Councils/Municipal Committees. Para no. 4 of these orders was further amended vide order issued under Endst. No. SEC/1ME/2018/5833-5880 dated 22nd November, 2018.

3. Whereas, the State Election Commission, Haryana has examined these orders and found that the orders are not at par with the instructions issued by the Election Commission of India vide No. 576/3/2023/SDR dated 7th July, 2023. The State Election Commission, Haryana has thus decided to bring these orders at par with the instructions issued by the Election Commission of India in this respect and to supersede its earlier orders issued under Endst. Nos. SEC/1ME/2016/3653-3659 dated 14.12.2016 & SEC/1ME/2018/5833-5880 dated 22nd November, 2018.

4. And whereas, in exercise of the powers conferred under clause (1) of article 243ZA of the Constitution of India, section 9 of the Haryana Municipal Corporation Act, 1994, section 3A of the Haryana Municipal Act, 1973 and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, the State Election Commission, Haryana hereby directs to implement the "None of the Above (NOTA)" option on EVMs/Ballot papers in future elections of Municipal Corporations/Municipal Councils/Municipal Committees as below:

- i) After the last panel containing the name and particulars of the contesting candidates on the postal ballot paper and the ballot papers to be affixed on the Balloting Unit of the EVM, there shall be a panel below, with the words "None of the Above" written therein, for the benefit of those electors who may wish to exercise the option of not voting for any of the candidates in the fray. These words shall be written in the same language or

languages as used in the case of names of candidates. The Hindi version for "None of the above" is " इनमें से कोई नहीं". The size of the panel shall be the same as in the case of the candidates.

- ii). In Part II (Result of Counting) of Form 17 of the Haryana Municipal Corporation Election Rules, 1994 and Form 18 of the Haryana Municipal Election Rules, 1978, after the name and votes for the last candidate, the votes recorded against "None of the Above" shall also be mentioned in column 2 and 3. The total votes to be indicated in this Part shall also include the votes against "None of the Above".
- iii). In Form 8 of both the rules i.e. the Haryana Municipal Corporation Election Rules, 1994 and the Haryana Municipal Election Rules, 1978, in the relevant column of the table, the number of votes recorded against "None of the Above" option shall also be mentioned for each polling station and the total votes for NOTA option for all polling stations shall be mentioned at the bottom of the table.
- iv). A sample of each of the postal ballot paper and ballot paper to be affixed on the balloting unit, Part II of Form 17 of the Haryana Municipal Corporation Election Rules, 1994, Form 18 of the Haryana Municipal Election Rules, 1978 and Form 8 of both these rules are enclosed for guidance.
- v) It is also clarified that NOTA has the same effect as not voting for any candidate under the earlier provisions of rule 70M of the Haryana Municipal

Corporation Election Rules, 1994 and rule 69M of the Haryana Municipal Election Rules, 1978. Therefore, even if, in any extreme case, the number of votes against NOTA is more than the number of votes secured by the candidates, the candidate who secures the largest number of votes among the contesting candidates shall be declared to be elected.

- vi). Further, under rule 25 (2) of the Haryana Municipal Corporation Election Rules, 1994 and rule 24 (2) of the Haryana Municipal Election Rules, 1978, the total number of votes polled by all the contesting candidates is to be taken into account for calculating the one-eighth of votes polled by individual candidates for return of security deposit. As the votes polled against the NOTA option cannot be treated as valid votes, the same is not to be taken into account for calculating the total valid votes polled by the contesting candidates for the purpose of return of, security deposit.
- vii). The State Election Commission, Haryana has specified the symbol printed below for "None of the Above" option. The same shall be printed on the ballot paper against "None of the Above" in the column meant for printing of election symbol. The entries will appear on the ballot paper as shown below: -

(Sr.No.)

None of the Above



5. These orders may be brought in the notice of the Returning/Assistant Returning Officers and the Presiding Officers of the Municipal Corporations/Municipal Councils/Municipal Committees for

strict compliance. The orders may also be brought to the notice of the State units of National and State recognized political parties.

Dated: Panchkula
7th April, 2016


DEVINDER SINGH KALYAN
State Election Commissioner, Haryana

Endst. No. SEC/IME/2026/672-743

Dated 7th April, 2026

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

1. Chief Secretary to Government, Haryana, Chandigarh.
2. Commissioner & Secretary to Govt. of Haryana, Urban Local Bodies Department, Haryana, Chandigarh.
3. Director, Urban Local Bodies, Haryana, Panchkula.
4. All the Divisional Commissioners in the State of Haryana.
5. All the Deputy Commissioners in the State of Haryana.
6. All the Commissioners of Municipal Corporations, in the State of Haryana.
7. All the District Municipal Commissioners in the State of Haryana.
8. Secretary/President of all the recognized Political Parties.


Secretary,
State Election Commission, Haryana

1 मनोज



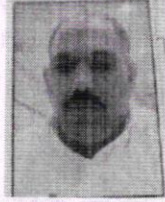
2 राम



3 संदीप



4 सुनील



5 इनमें से कोई नहीं



FORM - 17
[see rules 70Q(1), 70R(1)(ii), 70U(2) (a) and (b), 70V(1)]

PART-I – ACCOUNT OF VOTES RECORDED

Election to Mayor from Municipal Corporation..... Or election to member
 from Ward Number of Municipal Corporation.....

Number and Name of Polling Station _____

Identification Number of Voting Machine used at the Polling Station _____

Control Unit _____

Balloting Unit _____

1. Total Number of electors assigned to the Polling Station.
2. Total Number of voters entered in the Register of Voters (Form 11)
3. **Total number of voters for "None of the Above".**
4. Number of voters not allowed to vote under rule 70G or 70H
5. Total Number of votes recorded as per voting machine.
6. Whether the total Number of votes as shown against item 5 tallies with the total Number of voters as shown against item 2 minus Numbers of voters deciding not to record votes as against item 3 minus Number of voters as against item 4 (2-3-4) or any discrepancy noticed.
7. Number of voters to whom tendered ballot papers were issued under rule 56
8. Number of tendered ballot papers.

Serial number
 From.....to.....

- (a) received for use _____
- (b) issued to electors _____
- (c) not used and returned _____

9. Account of papers seals
 Serial numbers

From.....to.....

Signature of Polling Agents

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|--|----------|
| 1. Serial number of paper seals supplied.
From _____ to _____ | 1. _____ |
| 2. Total numbers supplied. | 2. _____ |
| 3. Number of paper seals used. | 3. _____ |
| 4. Number of unused paper seals returned to
Returning Officer (Deduct item 3 from item 2) | 4. _____ |
| 5. Serial number of damaged paper seal, if any | 5. _____ |
| | 6. _____ |
| | 7. _____ |

Date _____
Place _____

Signature of Presiding Officer _____
Polling Station Number _____

PART-II - RESULT OF COUNTING

Serial Number	Name of Candidate	Number of votes recorded
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		

Total		

Whether the total numbers of votes shown above tallies with the total Number of votes shown against the item Number 5 of Part-I or any discrepancy noticed between the two totals.

Place _____
Date _____

Signature of Counting Supervisor/Presiding Officer

Name of Candidate/election agent/counting agents

Full Signature

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8

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Signature of Returning Officer/Presiding Officer

FORM - 8
 [see rules 63, 70U(2)(c), 70V(1) and 70W(2)]

FORM OF CONSOLIDATION OF ACCOUNT OF THE COUNTED BALLOT PAPERS

Election to Mayor from Municipal Corporation..... Or election to member from
 Ward Number..... of Municipal Corporation.....

Polling Station Number	Total votes found in the ballot box(es)/ EVM(s)	Number of tendered votes	Candidate's valid votes								Valid votes Total	Number of rejected ballot papers	Votes for "NOTA" option	Valid and rejected votes
			A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H				
1														
2														
3														
4														
5														
Etc.														
Total														

Place _____
 Date _____

Returning Officer

FORM 18
[see rules 69Q (1), 69R (1) (ii), 69U (2) (a) and (b), 69V (1)]

PART-I – ACCOUNT OF VOTES RECORDED

Election to President from Municipal Committee/Council
 Or election to member from Ward/Constituency Number
 of Municipal Committee/Council

Number and Name of Polling Station _____

Identification Number of Voting Machine used at the Polling Station _____

Control Unit _____

Balloting Unit _____

1. Total Number of electors assigned to the Polling Station.....
2. Total Number of voters entered in the Register of Voters (Form 12)
3. **Total number of voters for "None of the Above (NOTA)"**
4. Number of voters not allowed to vote under rule 69G or 69H.....
5. Total Number of votes recorded as per voting machine.....
6. Whether the total number of votes as shown against item 5 tallies with the total number of voters as shown against item 2-4 or any discrepancy noticed **(Yes or No)**.
7. Number of voters to whom tendered ballot papers were issued under rule 55
8. Number of tendered ballot papers.

Serial number

From	To	
(a)	received for use	_____
(b)	issued to electors	_____
(c)	not used and returned	_____

9. Account of papers seals

Serial numbers		Signature of Polling Agents
From	To	
1. Serial number of paper seals supplied.	From _____ to _____	1. _____
2. Total numbers supplied.		2. _____
3. Number of paper seals used.		3. _____
4. Number of unused paper seals returned to Returning Officer (Deduct item 3 from item 2)		4. _____
5. Serial number of damaged paper seal, if any		5. _____
		6. _____
		7. _____

Date _____

Place _____

Signature of Presiding Officer
 Polling Station No. _____

PART-II – RESULT OF COUNTING

Serial Number recorded	Name of Candidate	No. of votes
1	A	
2	B	
3	
4	

5

None of the above

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Total

Whether the total numbers of votes shown above tallies with the total Number of votes shown against the item No.5 of Part-I or any discrepancy noticed between the two totals.

Place _____

Date _____

Signature of Counting Supervisor/Presiding Officer

Name of Candidate/election agent/counting agents

Full Signature

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8

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Signature of Returning Officer/Presiding Officer

S.N.Roy,
Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Haryana.
Urban Local Bodies Department

FORM 8

[see rules 62, 69U (2) (c), 69V (1) and 69W (2)]

FORM OF CONSOLIDATION OF ACCOUNT OF THE COUNTED BALLOT PAPERS

Election to President from Municipal Committee/Council
 Or election to member from Ward/Constituency Number
 of Municipal Committee/Council

Polling Station No.	Total votes found in the ballot box(es)/ EVM(s)	Number of tendered votes	Candidate's valid votes								Valid votes Total	Number of rejected ballot papers	Votes for "NOTA" option	Valid and rejected votes
			A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H				
1														
2														
3														
4														
5														
Etc.														
Total														

Place _____

Date _____

Returning Officer"