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ORDER

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 to 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 No.SEC/3E-II/2017/734-811 dated 15.03.2017 for the implementation of "None of the Above (NOTA)" option on EVMs/Ballot papers" in the elections of the office of the Member of Zila Parishad, Panchayat Samiti and the Sarpanch of the Gram Panchayat. Para no. 5 of these orders was further amended vide order issued under Endst. No. No.SEC/4E-II/2022/651-735, dated 07.07.2022.

3. Whereas, the State Election Commission, Haryana has examined these orders and found that the orders are not in line 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 No.SEC/3E-II/2017/734-811 dated 15.03.2017 and No.SEC/4E-II/2022/651-735, dated 07.07.2022.

4. And whereas, in exercise of powers conferred under Article 243K of the Constitution of India, Section 212 of the Haryana Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 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 the office of the Member of Zila Parishad, Panchayat Samiti and the Sarpanch of the Gram Panchayat 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 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 में से कोई नहीं". The size of the panel shall be same as in the case of the candidates.
- ii. Part-I of Form 15, 16, 17 (counting of votes for Sarpanch of the Gram Panchayat, result of counting of votes of Member of Panchayat Samiti and Zila Parishad), after the column 'Number of valid votes cast in favour of the candidate' one additional column "Votes for NOTA option" shall be inserted. It is also directed that in Part-II and III of these Forms under the name of candidate after the last candidate, "None of the above (NOTA)" shall be mentioned. A sample of ballot paper to be affixed on the balloting unit, Forms 15, 16 and 17 are enclosed for guidance.
- iii. It is further clarified that even if, in any case, the number of votes against NOTA is more than the number of valid votes secured by the candidates, the candidate who secures the largest number of valid votes among the contesting candidates shall be declared to be elected.
- iv. Further, as per Rule 28(2) of the Haryana Panchayati Raj Election Rules, 1994, in the case of election of Panch, Member of Panchayat Samiti and Member of Zila Parishad, a candidate shall forfeit his security deposit, if he/she is not elected and the number of votes polled by him/her is less one-third of the votes polled by the candidate declared elected.
Provided that in the case of election of Sarpanch, the security deposit shall be forfeited, if the candidate fails to secure one-tenth of the total number of votes polled for the office of Sarpanch.
The votes polled in favour of the NOTA option shall not be treated as valid votes for this purpose and shall not be taken into account while calculating the votes polled.

- v. 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 shall not be applicable to the election of the office of member of Panch of the Gram Panchayat and indirect elections of President/Vice-President of Zila Parishad and Chairman/Vice-Chairman of Panchayat Samiti.

6. These instructions may be brought in the notice of the Returning Officers, the officers concerned and also to the State units of National and State recognized political parties.

Dated: Panchkula
The 07th April, 2026

State Election Commissioner, Haryana

Endst. No. SEC/4E-II/2026/546-553

Dated: 07th 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 and Secretary to Government, Haryana, Development and Panchayats, Chandigarh.
3. Director General, Development and Panchayats Department, Haryana, Panchkula.
4. All the Divisional Commissioners in the State of Haryana.
5. All the Deputy Commissioners-cum District Election Officers (Panchayats).
6. All the Additional Deputy Commissioners.
7. All the District Development and Panchayat Officers.
8. Secretary/President of all the recognized Political Parties.

Secretary,
for State Election Commission, Haryana

07/04/2026

Sr.No:

Sheet 1/1

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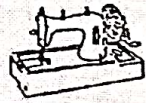
2 राम



3 संदीप



4 सुनील



5 इनमें से कोई नहीं



FORM-15
[See sub-rule (2) of rule 66]
COUNTING OF VOTES FOR SARPANCH OF VILLAGE.....
PART -1

Polling Station No.....
 Serial number of wards included.....

Serial Number	Name of candidate	Number of valid votes cast in favour of the candidate	Votes for NOTA option
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)

Total number of valid votes.....
 Total number of rejected votes
 Total votes polled.....

Place.....
 Date

Returning Officer (Panchayat)/Officer
 authorized by Returning Officer (Panchayat)

PART – II

Serial Number	Name of Candidate	Vote cast in favour of the candidate			Total
		Polling Station No.1	Polling Station No.2	Polling Station No.3	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1.	A				
2.	B				
3.	C				
4.	---				
5.	None of the above				

Total number of valid votes in village
 Total number of rejected votes in village
 Total number of votes polled in village

Place
 Date.....

Returning Officer (Panchayat)/Officer
 authorized by Returning Officer(Panchayat)

FORM-16
[See sub-rule (2) of rule 66]

RESULT OF COUNTING OF VOTES IN THE ELECTION OF MEMBER OF PANCHAYAT SAMITI WARD NO.....

PART -1

Polling Station.....
Serial number of wards included in polling station.....

Serial Number	Name of Candidate	Number of valid votes cast in favour of candidate	Votes for NOTA option
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)

Total number of valid votes
Total number of rejected votes
Total number of votes polled

Place.....
Dated

Returning Officer (Panchayat)/Officer
Authorized by Returning Officer (Panchayat)

PART - II

Serial Number	Name of Candidate	Number of valid votes cast in favour of candidate					Total number of votes
		1	2	3	4	5	
(1)	(2)	(3)					(4)
1.	A						
2.	B						
3.	C						
4.	----						
5.							

Number of total valid votes
Number of total rejected votes
Total number of votes polled

Place.....
Date.....

Returning Officer (Panchayat)/Officer
Authorized by Returning Officer (Panchayat)

FORM-17

[See sub-rule (2) of rule 66]

RESULT OF COUNTING OF VOTES OF MEMBER OF ZILA PARISHAD WARD NO.....

PART -1

Polling Station No.....

Serial number of wards included

Serial Number	Name of Candidate	Number of valid votes cast in favour of candidate	Votes for NOTA option
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)

Total number of valid votes

Total number of rejected votes

Total Number of votes polled in the polling Station

Place.....

Returning Officer (Panchayat)/Officer

Dated:.....

Authorized by Returning Officer (Panchayat)

PART – II

Serial Number	Name of Candidate	Valid votes secured by candidates in various polling stations within the Panchayat Samiti	Total number of valid votes
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)

Total number of valid votes

Total number of rejected votes

- Total number of votes polled in Panchayat Samiti area

Place.....

Returning Officer (Panchayat)/Officer

Dated:.....

Authorized by Returning Officer (Panchayat)

PART –III

Serial Number	Name of Candidate	No. of votes secured by candidate in Polling Stations situated in various Panchayat Samiti			Total number of valid votes
		Panchayat Samiti	Panchayat Samiti	Panchayat Samiti	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1.	A				
2.	B				
3.	C				
4.	---				
5.					

Total number of valid votes

Total number of rejected votes

Total number of votes polled in concerned ward of Zila Parishad

Place.....

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Returning Officer (Panchayat)/Officer authorized
by Returning Officer (Panchayat)

Date.....