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Most Immediate/Date Bound
Municipal Election

No.SEC/1ME/2026/1137

Dated: 13.04.2026

To

**The Commissioner & Secretary
to Government of Haryana,
Excise and Taxation Department,
Chandigarh.**

**Subject : General/Bye-Elections of Municipal Bodies in the State ---
Prohibition of sale of liquor during elections--regarding.**

Sir,

I have been directed to refer to the above subject and to say that the State Election Commission, Haryana has issued notifications for conduct of general elections for the posts of Mayors & Members of all the wards of 03 Municipal Corporations i.e. Ambala, Panchkula & Sonapat and Presidents & Members of all the wards of Municipal Council, Rewari & 03 Municipal Committees i.e. Sampla (Rohtak), Dharuhera (Rewari) & Uklana (Hisar) and bye-elections of 06 vacant seats of members i.e. Ward No. 17 of Municipal Council, Tohana (Fatehabad), Ward No. 13 of Municipal Council, Jhajjar (Jhajjar), Ward No. 11 of Municipal Committee, Rajound (Kaithal), Ward No. 08 of Municipal Committee, Taraori (Karnal), Ward No. 14 of Municipal Committee, Kanina (Mahendergarh) and Ward No. 09 of Municipal Committee, Sadhaura (Yamuna Nagar) vide Notification Nos. SEC/1ME/2026/786 and SEC/1ME/2026/836 both dated 13.04.2026 (copies enclosed). As per schedule, nomination papers shall be filed from **21.04.2026 to 25.04.2026**. Poll shall be held on **10.05.2026**. Re-poll if any required, shall be held on **12.05.2026**. Counting of votes shall be done on **13.05.2026** at **8.00 A.M.** at the place(s) specified by the Deputy Commissioner concerned and result shall be declared immediately after the completion of counting.

2. In discharge of the constitutional responsibility of conducting and ensuring free and fair elections of the abovesaid municipalities in a transparent and peaceful manner, the State Election Commission proposes

to take strict measures to ensure an atmosphere conducive for holding free, fair and peaceful elections reflective of true choice of the electorate.

3. As per section 8D of the Haryana Municipal Corporation Act, 1994 and section 13 D of the Haryana Municipal Act, 1973 read with section 135 C of the Representation of Peoples Act, 1951, no spirituous, fermented or intoxicating liquors or other substances of a like nature shall be sold, given or distributed at a hotel, eating house, tavern, shop or any other place, public or private, within a polling area during the period of forty-eight hours ending with the hour fixed for the conclusion of the poll for any election in that polling area.

4. The State Election Commission, Haryana further directs that the State Government shall declare and notify 'dry days' under relevant laws for such period during general/bye-elections of municipal bodies as are appropriate at or around the areas where municipal elections are to be held. Such period of 'Dry Days' so declared and notified must include the period of forty-eight/48 hours ending with the hour fixed for the conclusion of the poll as indicated in Commission's notification with respect to polling day for an election in that polling area where elections of municipalities are being held. This will include the day/date of re-poll, if any and the day on which counting of votes is to take place i.e. 13.05.2026 till 6.00 P.M.

5. The State Election Commission further directs that:-

- (I) No liquor shops, hotels, restaurants, clubs and other establishments' selling/serving liquor shall be permitted to sell/serve liquor to any person on the aforesaid dates.
- (II) No proprietary clubs, star hotels, restaurants etc. and hotels, even if they are issued different categories of licenses for possession and supply of liquor, should be permitted to serve liquors on these days.
- (III) The storage of liquor by individuals shall be curtailed during the above period and the restrictions provided in the Excise laws on the storage in unlicensed premises shall be vigorously enforced.
- (IV) Steps shall also be taken to prohibit sale of liquor in adjoining areas of the municipalities where the elections are to be held, so that there are no chances of clandestine movement of liquor from those areas, wherein the restriction is not in operation.


6. In pursuance of the above directions, the State Election Commission hereby directs that the above ban must be imposed within the jurisdiction of the areas, where general/bye elections of the municipal bodies are to be held and the areas adjoining to the jurisdiction thereof.

7. A nodal officer from Excise and Taxation Department may be appointed for these elections, who will ensure compliance of the aforesaid order(s) in these districts.

8. It is requested that a copy of order issued in furtherance of the above mentioned directions may be sent to the State Election Commission without delay.

Yours faithfully,

Encl:-As above



Secretary
State Election Commission, Haryana

Endst. No. SEC/1ME/2026/1138-1165

Dated: 13.04.2026 

A copy is forwarded to the following for information and immediate compliance of above orders:-

1. Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. of Haryana, Home Department, Chandigarh.
2. Director General of Police, Haryana, Panchkula.
3. Commissioner & Secretary, Urban Local Bodies Department, Haryana, Chandigarh.
4. Director General, Information, Public Relations and Languages Department, Haryana, Chandigarh.
5. Director, Urban Local Bodies Department, Haryana, Panchkula.
6. Deputy Commissioner, Ambala, Panchkula, Sonapat, Fatehabad, Hisar, Jhajjar, Kaithal, Karnal, Mahendergarh, Rewari, Rohtak and Yamuna Nagar.
7. Superintendent of Police, Ambala, Panchkula, Sonapat, Fatehabad, Hisar, Jhajjar, Kaithal, Karnal, Mahendergarh, Rewari, Rohtak and Yamuna Nagar.


Secretary
State Election Commission, Haryana