

## **Press Note**

Election to five Municipal Corporations namely Yamuna Nagar, Karnal, Panipat, Rohtak, Hisar and two Municipal Committees namely Jakhai Mandi and Pundri were held on 16.12.2018. Counting of votes was done on 19.12.2018. Dr. Dalip Singh stated that for the entire election process from issuance of notification to declaration of results was of 28 days.

Dr. Singh apprised that for the first time in Haryana the election of Mayor was conducted by direct election. Besides, he further apprised that in view of the amendment in the NOTA, if a candidate individually receive lesser votes than the 'Fictional Electoral Candidate' i.e. NOTA, then none of the contesting candidates will be declared as elected. In such situation, re-election shall be held and all such contesting candidates who secured less votes than NOTA shall not be eligible to re-file the nomination/contest the re-election

Dr. Singh said that the Commission had appointed 5 Senior IPS officers as Police Election Observer 5 Senior IAS officers as Election Observer (General), 5 Expenditure Election Observer and the entire process of elections was smooth, free and fair. For smooth fair and elections to 146 supervisors 83 duty magistrate 5994 polling staff 7016 police staff was

deployed. After the counting of votes of 05 posts of Mayor and 136 posts of Municipal Councilor; the result has been declared by the Returning Officers.

The entire election process was displayed on the E-Dash board for the convenience of Public. Finally Dr. Singh thanked all the electorates of Haryana, and administrative machinery engaged in the elections including Observers for performance of election duty with sincerity and commitment .