

## राज्य निर्वाचन आयोग हिमाचल प्रदेश

## STATE ELECTION COMMISSION HIMACHAL PRADESH

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No. SEC .16-70/2014-II-2655

**Dated** 

16 th November, 2019

## **Notification**

Whereas the State Election Commission had issued Election Programme vide its Notification No. SEC .16-70/2014-II dated 21.10.2019 for the conduct of byelections to Panchayati Raj institutions in the State on 17.11.2019;

And whereas there was a casual vacancy for the post of Pradhan in Gram Panchayat Chhatroli Development Block Nurpur District Kangra

And whereas the District Election Officer(Panchayat)-cum-Deputy Commissioner Kangra vide letter No. Panch-KGR-Election/2019-855 dated 16-11-2019 has informed this Commission that the Assistant Returning Officer Gram Panchayat Chhatroli Development Block Nurpur has allotted symbols to the contested candidates for the above mentioned by-election on the basis of symbols notified by the Commission for the conduct of general election held in the years 2010 instead of symbols notified by the Commission for the conduct of general election 2015;

And whereas District Election Officer(Panchayat)-cum-Deputy Commissioner Kangra vide above mentioned letter has requested the Commission to postpone the said by-elections in Gram Panchayat Chhatroli Development Block Nurpur to a later date after taking remedial action in this regard;

Keeping in the view the facts and circumstances referred to hereinabove the Commission is of the considered view that an error has been committed during the allotment of symbols in respect of said by-elections in the Gram Panchayat Chhatroli of Development Block Nurpur;

Therefore, the State Election Commission in exercise of the powers vested in it under Article 243-K of the Constitution of India, Section160 of the HP Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 read with Rule 32 (5), of the HP Panchayati Raj (Election), Rules, 1994, do hereby invalidate the process of allotment of symbols made on 07.11.2019 in respect of Pradhan Gram Panchayat Chhatroli and further orders that the process for the allotment of symbols in the said by-

elections shall be held denovo. However the process undertaken up to the withdrawal of candidature shall remain valid.

Further the State Election Commission in exercise of the abovementioned powers vested in it hereby modifies the election programme for the conduct of by-election for the post of Pradhan Gram Panchayat Chhatroli Development Block Nurpur District Kangra as under:-

1	Allotment of symbols shall be made and the list of contesting candidate showing the name of symbols allotted to them shall be affixed:	On 18 <sup>th</sup> November, 2019 at 11.00 A.M.
2	The Poll, shall be held from 7.00 AM to 3.00 PM	
3	Counting of votes shall be done	The counting of votes shall be taken up immediately after the close of the poll at the Gram Panchayats Headquarters.

Furthermore, the Model Code of Conduct enforced in the Panchayat area vide Notification No. SEC .16-70/2014-II-2253 dated 21.10.2019 shall remain in operation in Gram Panchayat Chhatroli Development Block Nurpur, till the election process is completed.

Note: The process of election shall be completed by 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2019.

(By Order) State Election Commissioner Himachal Pradesh.

## Endst.. No. SEC .16-70/2014-II-26 56-93Dated

6 th November, 2019

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:

- 1. The Secretary to H.E. the Governor of H.P.
- 2. The Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, H.P.
- 3. The Principal Private Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, H.P.
- 4. All the Special / Sr.Private Secretaries to the Cabinet Ministers to the Govt. of H.P.
- 5. The Secretary, Vidhan Sabha Himachal Ptradesh, Shimla-4.
- 6. The Chief Secretary to the Govt. of H.P.
- 7. The Director General Police, Himachal Pradesh.
- 8. All the Additional Chief Secretaries to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.
- 9. All Principal Secretaries to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.
- 10. The Secretary (Panchayat Raj) to the Govt. of H.P.



11. The Secretary (GAD) to the Govt. of HP with the request that the day of poll in the Panchayat concerned be declared a paid holiday under Negotiable Instrument Act in order to enable the electors to exercise their right of franchise.

12. Director Panchayati Raj Deptt. Shimla-9.

13. The District Election Officer-cum-Deputy Commissioner Kangra.

14. The Superintendents of Police District Kangra H.P.

15. Director, Information and Public Relation Deptt. Shimla with the request that wide publicity may please be ensured to the election programme as issued above.

16. Director AIR/ Doordarshan, Shimla-4, with the request that wide publicity may please be ensured of the Election Programme.

17. The Asstt. District Election Officer -cum-District Panchayat Officer Kangra H.P.

18. The Block Development Officer Development Block HP.

19. E- Gazette.

20. Guard File.

(Surject Singh Rathore)

Secretary

State Election Commission

Himachal Pradesh