

STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, U.T., CHANDIGARH
NEW DELUXE BUILDING, SECTOR-17, CHANDIGARH

No. 6/1/MCCE/SEC/CHD/16/ 55

Chandigarh, dated the 23-01-2015

DIRECTION

WHEREAS in its judgment dated the 27TH September, 2013 in Writ Petition (C) No.161 of 2004, the Supreme Court has directed that there should be a "None of the Above" (NOTA) option on the ballot papers and EVMs;

NOW, therefore, under the powers conferred upon me under section 10 of the Punjab Municipal Corporation Act, 1976 as extended to the Union Territory, Chandigarh by The Punjab Municipal Corporation Law (Extension to Chandigarh) Act, 1994, read with sub-rule (1) of rule 35 of the Municipal Corporation of Chandigarh (Election of Councillors) Rules, 1995, I, Rakesh Mehta, State Election Commissioner for U.T. of Chandigarh, hereby direct as follows:-

In the ballot paper to be printed for election of a Councillor from the Municipal Corporation of Chandigarh, the number of penals showing names of contesting candidates and symbol allotted to each shall be equal to the number of contesting candidates. There shall be printed an additional penal below the last name of the candidate as under:-

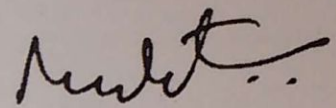
None of the above **NOTA**

The voter who declines to vote to any of the above contesting candidates, may press the last button meant for the above additional penal indicating that he/she does not wish to vote to any of the above candidates.

The Returning Officer of a ward of the Municipal Corporation of Chandigarh, shall take note of above directions and provide an additional penal on the ballot papers to be affixed on the EVMs, and on the ballot papers meant for 'postal ballot papers'. He shall make the button of EVMs of a ward opposite to the additional penal, indicated above, active so that choice of the voter is well recorded in the prescribed penal.

Besides, the Returning Officer, shall provide an additional column before the "Remarks" column, in Form 17 appended to the above-mentioned rules as "No.of voters who have opted for NOTA" **polling station-wise and for the entire ward**. Further, in Form 17, below the line "Total Votes Polled", another line shall be added as "Total number of voters who have opted for 'NOTA'. Likewise, in Form 18 appended to the above mentioned rules, after the words "Total number of tendered votes" a new line shall be added to read as "Total number of voters who have opted for NOTA".

The above directions shall apply in election of a ward of the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh, to be held hereafter.



(RAKESH MEHTA)

State Election Commissioner.

FORM 17
Result Sheet
 {See Rule 68(2)}

Election to the Municipal Corporation of Chandigarh from Ward No

Polling Station	Number of valid votes cast in favour of			Number of		Total votes for polling station	No. of votes who have opted for "NOTA"	Remarks
	A	B	C	Valid Votes	Rejected Votes			
Sl. No.	Name							

Total No. of votes recorded at polling station.....

No. of votes recorded on postal ballot papers.....

Total votes polled.....

Total No. of votes who have opted for "NOTA"

Place

Date.....

Returning Officer

FORM 18
Return of Election
(See Rule 74)

Election to the Municipal Corporation of Chandigarh

Ward No.

Sr. No.	Name of candidate	Number of valid votes polled
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Total number of valid votes polled.....

Total number of rejected votes.....

Total number of tendered votes.....

Total number of votes who opted for "NOTA".....

I declare that.....(name) of.....(address) has
been duly elected to fill the seat.

Place.....

Returning Officer

Date