



# Election Commission Halts Haryana Recruitment Results

## Why in News?

The [Election Commission of India \(ECI\)](#) has halted the announcement of results for ongoing recruitment processes in Haryana until the completion of the **Assembly elections**.

## Key Points

- **Recruitment Details:** The affected recruitments include **vacancies for Constables** in the Haryana Police, **posts of Trained Graduate Teachers (TGT)** and **Physical Training Instructors (PTI)** by the **Haryana Staff Selection Commission (HSSC)**, and various posts by the **Haryana Public Service Commission (HPSC)**.
- **Reason for Halt:** This decision was made following a complaint from the opposition party alleging violations of the [Model Code of Conduct \(MCC\)](#).
- **Commission's Findings:** The ECI determined that there was no violation of the **MCC** in the recruitment processes, as they were initiated before the election dates were declared.
  - However, to maintain fairness and a level playing field, the results will not be released until the election process is concluded.

## Haryana Staff Selection Commission (HSSC):

- The **Haryana Staff Selection Commission** is a **government body** responsible for recruiting staff for **Group B, C, and D positions** across various departments and subordinate offices within the **Government of Haryana**.

## Election Commission of India

- **About:**
  - The **Election Commission of India (ECI)** is an autonomous constitutional authority responsible for administering Union and State election processes in India.
    - It was established in accordance with the Constitution on 25<sup>th</sup> January 1950 (celebrated as National Voters' Day). The secretariat of the commission is in New Delhi.
  - The body administers elections to the **Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, and State Legislative Assemblies** in India, and the offices of the **President** and **Vice President** in the country.
    - It is not concerned with the elections to panchayats and municipalities in the states. For this, the Constitution of India provides for a separate **State Election Commission**.
- **Constitutional Provisions:**
  - **Part XV (Article 324-329):** It deals with elections and establishes a commission for these matters.

## Model Code of Conduct (MCC)

- The **MCC** is a consensus document. The political parties have themselves agreed to keep their conduct during elections in check and to work within the Code.
- It helps the **EC in keeping with the mandate it has been given under Article 324** of the

Constitution, which gives it the power to supervise and conduct free and fair elections to the Parliament and State Legislatures.

- The MCC is **operational from the date on which the election schedule is announced** until the date of the result announcement.
- The government cannot announce any financial grants, promise construction of roads or other facilities, and **make any ad hoc appointments in government or public undertaking during the time the Code is in force.**

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