

## ANNUAL ADMISTRATIVE REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1999-2000

1. **Introduction** : The Chief Electoral officer, Manipur is the Head of the Election Department. He is appointed by the Election Commission of India from a panel furnished by the State Government. The Chief Electoral Officer, who is directly responsible to the Election Commission of India, has the statutory responsibility of supervising the preparation of Electoral Rolls and the conduct of Assembly, Parliamentary and Presidential Elections in the State subject to the overall control, direction and supervision of the Election Commission of India.
2. **Organisational Structures** : The Chief Electoral Officer is assisted by a Joint Chief Electoral Officer, Manipur, who is a Sr. Officer from the M.C.S., one post of Asstt. Chief Electoral Officer, 6 (six) posts of Election Officers, 7 (seven) posts of Asstt. Election Officers and other 154 staff. The Deputy Commissioners function as the District Election Officers in their respective Districts. The Officers and staffs of the Election Department are also attached/posted in the offices of the 9 (nine) DCs, ADM/Jiribam, ADC/Kangpokpi and in the offices of the SDOs of Imphal East and Imphal West districts.
3. **Budgetary Allocation** : Election Department is a non-plan department under the State Government. Funds for the Election Department are reflected in the State budget under Major Head - 2015 of Demand No. 27. During the year under report, the expenditure had far exceeded the original budgetary allocations due to two General Elections and two Revisions of Electoral Rolls. As against an allocation of Rs.426.03 lacs in BE 1999-2000 the Dept. was provided Rs.1112.54 lacs in RE 1999-2000.
4. **Achievements** : During the year under report, the following are the physical achievements of Election Department, Manipur.
  - (a) **Special Revision, 1999** - As per direction of the Election Commission of India, a Special Revision of Electoral Rolls with reference to 01.01.1999 as the qualifying date was carried out through 2001 Polling Stations/Designated Locations. The Electoral Rolls were finally published on 06.08.1999 except for 20-Langthabal, 21-Naoriya Pakhanglakpa, 22-Wangoi and 23-Mayang Imphal Assembly Constituencies for which the rolls were finally published on 16.08.1999. The total number of voters as on the date of Final Publication was 13,72,339 including 6,72,650 male and 6,99,689 female voters.
  - (b) **Lok Sabha Elections, 1999** - The 13th Lok Sabha Elections, 1999 were held in two phases i.e. 25.09.1999 for the No.I-Inner Manipur Parliamentary Constituency and 04.10.1999 for the No.II-Outer Manipur (ST) Parliamentary Constituency. 2001 Polling Stations were provided for the two Parliamentary Constituencies, 911 Polling Stations for No.I- Inner Manipur Parliamenatary Constituency and the rest i.e. 1090 are for No.II-Outer Manipur (ST) Parliamentary Constituency. Due to disturbances of Naga extremist groups, repoll became necessary in 176 Polling Stations under No.II-Outer Manipur (ST) Parliamentary Constituency.

- (c) **Summary Revision of Electoral Rolls, 2000** - During the year under report, according to the direction of the Election Commission of India, Summary Revision of Electoral Rolls was taken up with 01.01.2000 as the qualifying date. The Revision was taken up through all the Polling Stations numbering 2001. The Electoral Rolls were published finally on 07.01.2000 except for 27-Moirang, 28-Thanga and 29-Kumbi Assembly Constituencies due to an arson in the office of the SDO/Moirang. Final publication of Electoral Rolls in respect of the above 3 (three) Assembly Constituencies was made on 17.01.2000. The total number of voters after final publication is 14,14,973 (6,92,083 male and 7,22,890 female).
- (d) **State Assembly Elections, 2000** - The 7th Manipur State Assembly Elections were held in two rounds - on 12.02.2000 for the 27 Assembly Constituencies falling under No.II-Outer Manipur (ST) Parliamentary Constituency excluding 55-Tipaimukh (ST) Assembly Constituency and on 22.02.2000 for the remaining 32 Assembly Constituencies falling under No.I-Inner Manipur Parliamentary Constituency. The poll in respect of 55-Tipaimukh (ST) Assembly Constituency was countermanded due to the death of a candidate and it was held only on 8.03.2000. Due to disturbances, repoll was held in 139 Polling Stations of the two Parliamentary Constituencies.
- (e) **Computerisation of Electoral Rolls** - As per guidelines of the Election Commission of India, the process of the computerisation of Electoral Rolls started in late 1997. However, fully computerised Electoral Rolls were used only during the Lok Sabha Elections, 1999 and the recently concluded State Assembly Election, 2000. Moreover, Electronic transmission of data to Election Commission of India from Chief Electoral Officer's Office and from some of the Districts like Imphal West, Thoubal, Chandel etc. was carried out successfully during the Lok Sabha Elections, 1999 and State Assembly Election, 2000 by utilising the computers procured by the Election Department and the Special GENESYS Software developed by the Election Commission. This was done for the first time despite constraints of trained manpower and poor telecom facilities.
- (f) **Elector Photo Identity Cards** - The scheme for issue of EPIC took off in the year 1994. Due to disturbances by extremist groups, the scheme has not progressed after 1997. Based on the electors' figure after the Summary Revision, 2000, the total number of electors who have been issued defect free EPIC since the beginning is 10,39,820.

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