

**Election Department: Manipur**  
**ANNUAL ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT, 2002-2003.**

**1. INTRODUCTION:**

1.1. The State Election Department is a single cadred non-plan department with total staff strength of 169 posts of 17 various categories with Chief Electoral Officer, Manipur as Head of the Department. Joint Chief Electoral Officer, Manipur is the Drawing & Disbursing Officer (DDO) of CEO's Office, Manipur. During the year under report, the post of Chief Electoral Officer, Manipur was manned by Shri D.S.Poonia, a senior I.A.S. officer upto 17/12/2002 and thereafter Shri Vinod Kumar Thakral, also a senior I.A.S. Officer has taken the charge of Chief Electoral Officer, Manipur w.e.f. 17/12/2002 itself. There are 22 branch offices where the election staff and Officers are attached. The offices are the offices of Deputy Commissioners of 9 Districts and the offices of ADCs of Jiribam and Kangpokpi and SDOs/EROs of Lamphel, Lamsang, Wangoi, Porompat, Sawombung, Keirao Bitra, Nambol, Bishnupur, Moirang, Thoubal and Kakching.

1.2. 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 conduct of Assembly, Parliamentary and Presidential elections in the State subject to the overall control, direction and supervision of the Election Commission of India.

1.3. DCs are the EROs in the 5(five) Hill Districts, Addl. Deputy Commissioner, Kangpokpi and the Sub-Divisional Officers (SDOs) in the 4(four) Valley Districts and the Addl. Deputy Commissioner, Jiribam are the EROs in the Valley Districts. There are altogether 18(eighteen) EROs in Manipur State. It is to point out that the Sub-Divisional Officers (SDOs) in the Hill Districts and most of the Sub-Deputy Collectors (SDCs) in Valley Districts are the Asstt. Electoral Registration Officers (AEROs). There are a total of 54 (fifty four) AEROs in the State. The EROs are directly responsible for correct and complete E/Rolls of A.C.s within their jurisdiction.

1.4. In Hill Districts, the Deputy Commissioners function as the District Election Officers/Electoral Registration Officers/Returning Officers for the purpose of Assembly Elections. The ADC/Jiribam and ADC/Kangpokpi are also functioning as the Electoral Registration Officers and Returning Officers for the Assembly Elections. In Valley Districts, the Deputy Commissioners function as the District Election Officers and the Sub-Divisional Officers function as Electoral Registration Officers/Returning Officers for the Assembly Elections. However, for the Parliamentary Election to the Lok Sabha, DC/Imphal West is the Returning

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Officer and all other DCs and ADCs Jiribam and Kangpokpi are the Assistant Returning Officers besides the valley Sub-Divisional Officers of Imphal West and Imphal East districts.

**2. MAIN FUNCTIONS:**

The main functions of the State Election Department are:

- (a) Preparation of Electoral Rolls of the 60 Assembly Segments of the two Parliamentary Constituencies of the State
- (b) Preparation and issue of Electors Photo Identity Cards,
- (c) Conduct of Election to the House of People and State Legislative Assemblies as well as the Presidential and Vice Presidential Elections and
- (d) To assist the Delimitation Commission in the delimitation of Assembly and Parliamentary Constituencies.

In all such works, the programmes and execution of the works are undertaken under the superintendence, direction and control of the Election Commission of India.

**3. STAFF STRENGTH:** The Chief Electoral Officer has supporting staff strength of 169 numbers including one post of Joint CEO, one post of Asst. CEO and 13 Election Officers. As on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2003, Election Department's staff strength is as below:

Name of Post	Sanctioned Strength	Actual Strength
Jt. CEO (MCS Gr.I)	1	1
Asstt. CEO (MCS Gr.II)	1	0
Election Officer	13	10
Private Secretary	1	1
Election Supervisor	11	3
Computer Operator	1	1
Sr/Acct.	1	0
Head Clerk	1	0
Draughtsman	1	1
UDC	13	9
LDC	10	8
ERC	78	71
Driver	3	1
Daftry	1	0
Grade IV	33	33
<b>Total</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>139</b>

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#### 4. ACHIEVEMENTS:

The main achievements of the department during the financial year 2002-2003 are highlighted below:

- (i) **Biennial Election to Rajya Sabha (Council of States), 2002:** As per directions of the Election Commission of India, Biennial Election to Rajya Sabha (Council of States), 2002 was conducted successfully in respect of Manipur State on 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2002 (Monday), wherein Shri Rishang Keishing was declared elected as Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) from Manipur State. Shri R. Chandramohan, IAS, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Forest and Environment, Govt. of India came as an Observer for this election.
- (ii) **12<sup>th</sup> Presidential Elections, 2002:** Manipur part of the 12<sup>th</sup> Presidential Elections, 2002 was held successfully on 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2002 at the premises of Manipur State Legislative Assembly. Shri K. Chandramouli, IAS, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Labour, Govt. of India came as an Observer for this election. Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam was declared elected as the 12<sup>th</sup> President of India.
- (iii) **Special Summary Revision of Electoral Rolls-2003:** As per direction of Election Commission of India, a Special Summary Revision of Electoral Rolls -2003 with reference to 01-01-2003 as the qualifying date for all 60 (sixty) A.C.s in the State was conducted successfully in the State as per the schedule fixed by the Commission. The draft publication of E/Rolls was made on 7<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2002 whereas final publication of E/Rolls was made on 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2003. The total numbers of Electors after the Revision-2003 is 15,06,205(which includes 15,03402 General Electors and another 2,803 Service Electors). The total number of electors before this Revision was 14,71,319. That is, the net percentage of increase of electors in the State during Revision-2003 after disposal of claims/objections was (+) 2.16 %. A sum of Rs. 82,00,000/- was spent in conduct of the said revision.
- (iv) **Appointment of Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (AEROs) and Assistant Returning Officers (AROs):** On the request of Election Department, the Election Commission of India vide its Notification No. 429/MR/2002(1) and No.434/MR/2002(4) dated 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2002 has formally appointed (1) SDC/Nambol as AERO/ARO of 24-Nambol AC in place of SDC/Oinam, (2) SDC/Bishnupur as AERO/ARO of 26-Bishnupur AC in place of SDC/Bishnupur(HQ) and (3) SDC/Moirang as AERO/ARO of 27-Moirang and 28-Thanga ACs in place of SDC/Moirang(HQ).

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- (v) **Redesignation of the post of Assistant Election Officers as Election Officers:** During the period under report, the State Government has issued an Order No.6/25/2002-Election dated 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2003 thereby re-designating the post of Assistant Election Officers as Election Officers in Election Department in the same existing scale of pay i.e. Rs.5500-9000 (and Rs.6500-10500/- after ten years).
- (vi) **Upgradation of the post of Assistant Private Secretary to the post of Private Secretary.** During the period under report, the State Government has also issued another Order No.6/90/94-Election(Pt) dated 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2003 thereby upgrading the solitary post of assistant Private Secretary in the pay scale of Rs.5000-150-8000/- p.m. to the post of Private Secretary in the pay scale of Rs.6500-200-10500/- along with the incumbent concerned Shri M. Yaima Singh.
- (vii) **Delimitation of Parliamentary/Assembly Constituencies, 2002:** It may be pointed out that the Delimitation Commission has been set up under the provisions of section 3 of the Delimitation Act, 2002 with Mr. Justice Kuldip Singh, a retired Judge of the Supreme Court as Chairman and Shri B.B. Tandon, Election Commissioner of India as *ex-officio* Member and the State Election Commissioner as another *ex-officio* member for delimitation of constituencies of the concerned state. The Delimitation Commission has since started functioning with effect from the 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2002. Initially, the Commission had proposed to complete the work of delimitation of Parliamentary and Assembly Constituencies on the basis of 1991 Census data as required by the Act as expeditiously as possible preferably on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2003. Some spade works had since started on the basis of 1991 Census data. However, it has been decided now that the Delimitation will be based on 2001 Census data. Necessary amendment in the Act is being processed by GOI.

Both Members of Parliament (Lok Sabha) namely Shri Th. Chaoba Singh and Shri Holkhomang Haokip are the Associate Members of the Delimitation Commission. The following 5(five) Members of Manipur Legislative Assembly viz (1) Shri O. Ibobi Singh, (2) Shri Phungzathang Tonsing, (3) Shri Gaikhangam, (4) Shri R.K. Dorendro Singh and (5) Dr. Nimaichand Luwang are also Associate Members of the Delimitation Commission.

Except the aforesaid programmes/achievements made during the year, there is no other achievement worth to be mentioned in respect of State Election Department.