

**ELECTION DEPARTMENT: MANIPUR
ANNUAL ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT, 2008-2009**

1. INTRODUCTION:

1.1. The State Election Department is a single cadre non-plan department with total staff strength of 167 posts of 20 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. Shri Shambhu Singh, IAS (MT-86) is currently holding the charge of Chief Electoral Officer, Manipur. Shri T. Ranjit Singh, MCS is the Joint Chief Electoral Officer, Manipur. Shri N. Praveen Singh, MCS has reported for duty as Assistant Chief Electoral Officer, Manipur on 25th February, 2009.

1.2. There are 24 branch offices where the election staff and Officers are attached/posted. 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, Patsoi, Lamsang, Wangoi, Porompat, Sawombung, Keirao Bitra, Nambol, Bishnupur, Moirang, Thoubal, Lilong and Kakching.

1.3. The Chief Electoral Officer, Manipur is the Head of the Election Department. He is appointed by the Election Commission of India from a panel of Officers 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 and assisting the Delimitation Commission in the delimitation of Assembly and Parliamentary Constituencies subject to the overall control, direction and supervision of the Election Commission of India.

1.4. 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 20(twenty) 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 Assistant 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.

1.5. 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, by a recent Notification dated 20/01/2009, DC/Imphal West is the Returning Officer for No1-Inner Manipur Parliamentary Constituency and DC/Thoubal is the Returning Officer for No.2-Outer Manipur (ST) Parliamentary Constituency. All other DCs and ADCs Jiribam and Kangpokpi are the Assistant Returning Officers besides the Sub-Divisional Officers of all valley districts.

2. MAIN FUNCTIONS:

The main functions of the State Election Department are:

- (a) Preparation of Electoral Rolls (Photo Rolls) for all 60 Assembly Segments of the two Parliamentary Constituencies of the State
- (b) Preparation and issue of Electors Photo Identity Cards (EPICs),
- (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.
- (e) Appointment of statutory Officers like ROs, AROs, EROs, AEROs etc.
- (f) And any other election related works assigned by the Commission from time to time.

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 167 numbers including Joint CEO and Asst. CEO and another 13 Election Officers. As on 31st March, 2009, 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	1
Election Officer	13	5
Private Secretary	1	1
Computer Programmer	1	0
Assistant Computer Programmer	1	1
Statistical Assistant	1	0
Election Supervisor	11	10
Computer Operator	1	1
Senior Accountant	1	1
Head Clerk	1	1
Draughtsman	1	1
UDC	13	12
LDC	5	2
ERC	78	75
Driver	3	3
Daftry	1	0
Grade IV	33	32
Total	167	147

Normally, one Election Officer each is posted at the office of DCs/DEOs in all districts. However, due to shortage of officers, no Election Officers are posted as on the above date in Imphal West, Imphal East, Tamenglong, Ukhrul and Churachandpur districts.

4. ACHIEVEMENTS AND IMPORTANT EVENTS:

The main achievements and important events of the department during the financial year 2007-2008 are highlighted below:

- i) **Conduct of Bye-Election, 2008 to 27-Moirang Assembly Constituency:** Bye-Election was held on 27th December, 2008 to fill one casual vacancy seat of 27-Moirang Assembly Constituency caused by the death of Shri M. Manindra Singh, elected from 27-Moirang Assembly Constituency on 26th October, 2008. Shri M. Prithviraj Singh, of Indian National Congress (INC) was the returned candidates for 27-Moirang assembly Constituency. A sum of Rs.15.00 lakhs has been spent in the conduct of the said Bye-Election.
- ii) **Special Revision of Photo Electoral Rolls, 2008:** As per the directions of the Election Commission of India, a Special Revision of Photo Electoral Rolls, 2008 with reference to 01-01-2008 as the qualifying date for all 60 (sixty) A.C.s in the State was taken up during the reporting year as per the schedule fixed by the Commission. The draft publication of Photo Electoral Rolls was made on 30th June, 2008, whereas final publication of Photo Electoral Rolls was made on 30th August, 2008. Photo Electoral Rolls were published for the first time in the State during the reporting year, 2008-2009. The total numbers of electors admitted for inclusion in the whole State during the last Summary Revision was 31,281 whereas the total number of electors deleted was 14,660. Thus, the net addition of electors is 16,621. The total numbers of Electors after the Summary Revision-2008 is **17,18,023**. The total number of electors before this Revision was 17,01,402. That is, the net percentage of increase of electors in the State during last Summary Revision-2008 after disposal of claims/objections was **(+) 0.98%**.
- iii) **Special Summary Revision of Photo Electoral Rolls, 2009:** As per the directions of the Election Commission of India, another Special Summary Revision of Photo Electoral Rolls, 2009 with reference to 01-01-2009 as the qualifying date for all 60 (sixty) A.C.s in the State was taken up during the reporting year as per the schedule fixed by the Commission. The draft publication of Photo Electoral Rolls was made on 10th November, 2008, whereas final publication of Photo Electoral Rolls was made on 10th January, 2009. The total numbers of electors admitted for inclusion in the whole State during the last Special Summary Revision was 17,544 whereas the total number of electors deleted was 9,233. Thus, the net addition of electors is 8,311. The total numbers of Electors after the Special Summary Revision-2009 is **17,27,240**. The total number of electors before this Revision was 17,18,929. That is, the net percentage of increase of electors in the State during last Special Summary Revision-2009 after disposal of claims/objections was **(+) 0.48%**. The final Rolls were published with approval of the Commission. The revised final Electoral Rolls (in PDF format) of all 60(sixty) A.C.s have been uploaded on CEO's website and ECI's website.

- iv) **General Elections to 15th Lok Sabha Elections, 2009:** The Election Commission of India vide its Press Note No. ECI/PN/13/2009 dated 2nd March, 2009 has announced a five phases polling schedule for the 15th Lok Sabha Elections, 2009. The poll in respect of Manipur State shall be conducted in two phases on 16th April, 2009 [for No.2-Outer Manipur (ST) Parliamentary Constituency] and 22nd April, 2009 (for No.1-Inner Manipur Parliamentary Constituency) respectively. With the announcement of Election Schedule by the Election Commission and enforcement of Model Code of Conduct with effect from, 2nd March, 2009, a State Level Election Control Room has already been set up at Room No. 183, Old Secretariat, South Block, Imphal and has since started functioning during the reporting year. Election notifications were issued on 23rd March, 2009 [for No.2-Outer Manipur (ST) Parliamentary Constituency] and 28th March, 2009 (for No.1-Inner Manipur Parliamentary Constituency).
- v) **CEO's Official Website:** All important/vital information such as Electoral Rolls, Statutory Forms, Press Notes/Releases, Candidates' Affidavits etc. have been put up in CEO's website for information of general public and all concerned. AC-wise Maps showing the locations of polling stations have also been uploaded in CEO's website.
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