

**ELECTION DEPARTMENT: MANIPUR
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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 P.C.Lawmkunga, IAS (MT-79)** is currently holding the charge of Chief Electoral Officer, Manipur. **Shri N. Praveen Singh, MCS** is the Joint Chief Electoral Officer, Manipur. **Shri K. Bono Singh, Jr.MCS** is the Assistant Chief Electoral Officer, Manipur.

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(nine) 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 preparation, maintenance and revision of Photo Electoral Rolls of all A.Cs within their respective 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 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 Photo Electoral 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, 2010, Election Department's staff strength is as below:

Name of Post	Sanctioned Strength	Actual Strength
Jt. CEO (MCS Gr.I)	1	1
Asstt. CEO (Jr.MCS)	1	1
Election Officer(Jr.MCS)	13	3
Private Secretary	1	1
Computer Programmer	1	0
Assistant Computer Programmer	1	1
Statistical Assistant	1	1
Election Supervisor	11	8
Computer Operator	1	1
Senior Accountant	1	1
Head Clerk	1	1
Draughtsman	1	1
UDC	13	12
LDC	5	3
ERC	78	73
Driver	3	3
Daftry	1	0
Grade IV	33	31
Total	167	142

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 date in CEO's Office, Imphal East, Ukhrul, Senapati, Tamenglong and Churachandpur districts.

4. ACHIEVEMENTS AND IMPORTANT EVENTS:

The main achievements and important events of the department during the financial year 2009-2010 are highlighted below:

- i) **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 announced a five phases polling schedule for the 15th Lok Sabha Elections, 2009. The poll in respect of Manipur State were 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. **Dr.Thokchom Meinya** of Indian National Congress was returned from No.1-Inner Manipur Parliamentary Constituency) and **Shri Thangso Baite** of was returned from No.2-Outer Manipur (ST) Parliamentary Constituency. A sum of Rs.7,16,81,903/- was spent in the conduct of the said Lok Sabha Election in the State.
One very significant thing about this general election was that, unlike earlier general elections, there was no loss of life and casualties.
- ii) **Conduct of Bye-Election, 2009 to 14-Yaiskul Assembly Constituency:** Bye-Election was held on 19th December, 2009 to fill one casual vacancy seat of 14-Yaiskul Assembly Constituency caused by the death of Shri E. Kunjeswar Singh, elected from 14-Yaiskul Assembly Constituency on 17th September, 2009. Shri Elangbam Suraj Singh, of Indian National Congress (INC) was the returned candidate. A sum of Rs.10.00 lakhs has been spent in the conduct of the said Bye-Election.
- iii) **Participation in inaugural function of Diamond Jubilee Celebration:** The Election Commission of India is celebrating Diamond Jubilee on completion of sixty years of its constitution on 25th January 2010. The inaugural function was held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on 25th January, 2010. It was presided by the President of India and attended by the Vice President, the Prime Minister and several dignitaries from India and abroad. CEO, Manipur and Jt.CEO, Manipur participated in the above function.
- iv) **Participation in CEO's Conference at Jaisalmer:** A Conference of the Chief Electoral Officers of all States in India was held in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan on 4th and 5th February 2010. CEO, Manipur also attended the said conference.
- 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.