

**ELECTION DEPARTMENT: MANIPUR
ANNUAL ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: 2010-2011**

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 January, 2011, 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 2010-2011 are highlighted below:

(A). CONDUCT OF SUMMARY OF ELECTORAL ROLLS SUMMARY REVISION-2010:

The Summary Revision of Photo Rolls with reference to 01-01-2010 as the qualifying date was conducted in respect of Manipur State with the following schedule:

Sl.No.	Stages of Revision	Period for each stage
1.	Draft Publication of Rolls	02-07-2010 (Friday)
2.	Period of filing claims and objections including receipt of photographs	02-07-2010 (Friday) to 16-07-2010 (Friday)
3.	Disposal of claims and objections	17-07-2010(Saturday) to 31-07-2010(Saturday)
4.	Updating the database, merging of photographs, updating the control tables and preparation and printing of supplementary list	02-08-2010(Monday) to 31-08-2010 (Tuesday)
5.	Final Publication of Electoral Rolls	10-09-2010 (Friday)

The Election Department, Manipur conducted above Summary Revision of Photo Rolls smoothly. The Department strives hard to achieve the Election Commission of India's target to achieve 100% Photo Electoral Rolls by end of the year 2010. Out of total electors of **16,80,674** in the state, images of **14,68,392 electors** i.e. **87.37%**, have been captured and incorporated in the photo rolls till 10.9.2010.

(B). CONDUCT OF SPL. SUMMARY REVISION OF ELECTORAL ROLLS-2011:

The Election Department, Manipur conducted a Special Summary Revision of Electoral Rolls with reference to 01-01-2011 as the qualifying date with the following pre-revision activities schedule:

Sl.No.	Pre-revision Activities	Time Frame
1.	2	3
(i)	De-duplication campaign to remove duplicate entries of same voter	4 th October, 2010 (Monday) to 19 th October, 2010 (Tuesday)
(ii)	Photography campaign for non-photo electors in the roll	4 th October, 2010 (Monday) to 19 th October, 2010 (Tuesday)
(iii)	Preparation of CEO's Website for draft publication of integrated rolls and providing search facility.	By 24 th October 2010 (Sunday)
(iv)	Standardization of search facility at website	By 24 th October 2010 (Sunday)
(v)	Updation of Control Tables (including polling station updation) & database	By 27 th October 2010 (Wednesday)
(vi)	Preparation of supplement of continuous revision and integration of rolls	By 27 th October 2010 (Wednesday)
(vii)	Proving of the electors information in Format 1- 8	By 27 th October 2010 (Wednesday)

The Schedule of the Special Summary Revision of Electoral Rolls w.r.t 01.01.2011 is as below:

Sl.No.	Stages of Revision	Period for each stage
1.	Draft Publication of Rolls	30-10-2010 (Saturday)
2.	Period of filing claims and objections including receipt of photographs	30-10-2010 (Saturday) to 23-11-2010 (Tuesday)
3.	Reading of relevant part/section of photo electoral rolls in gram Sabha/ Local Bodies and RWA meetings etc & verification of names	06-11-2010(Saturday) and 09-11-2010(Tuesday)
4.	Special Campaign dates with Booth Level Agents of political parties for receiving Claims and Objections	07-11-2010(Sunday) 13-11-2010(Saturday) and 21-11-2010(Sunday)
5.	Disposal of claims and objections	By 23-12-2010 (Thursday)
6.	Updating the database, merging of photographs, updating the Control Tables and preparation and printing of supplementary list	23-12-2010 (Thursday) to 03-01-2011(Monday)
7.	Final Publication of Electoral Rolls	05-01-2011(Wednesday)

The Election Department, Manipur conducted above Special Summary Revision of Photo Rolls smoothly. The total electors in the state now is **16,93,147**, out of which, images of **15,45,335 electors** i.e. **91.27%**, have been captured and incorporated in the photo rolls till 05.01.2011.

(C). PHOTO EXHIBITION:

A Photo exhibition has been organized from 13th to 15th September, 2010 as part of the year long Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the Election Commission of India in Manipur State at the Tribal Research Institute, Imphal. One Ministry of External Affairs film titled '**Indian Elections – a Mammoth Exercise**' of 30 minutes duration was also screened every hour on the sideline of the photo exhibition. The said exhibition was inaugurated by His Excellency, the Governor of Manipur.

(D). NATIONAL VOTERS DAY:

The National Voters' Day, the foundation day of Election Commission of India was observed on 25th January 2011 in Manipur State in a befitting manner. The State level function was observed at Gandhi Memorial Hall, Imphal with the State Election Commissioner as the Chief Guest. The Day was also observed at all 9(nine) District Headquarters, Kangpokpi & Jiribam. The day was observed at 1534 Polling Booths also.

26987 new electors were felicitated with a badge with ECI's logo with the slogan '**Proud to be a voter – Ready to vote**' alongwith with their EPIC. A State level Essay Competition was held on the theme "**Importance of Universal Adult Franchise/Suffrage in Indian Democracy**" and Quiz Competitions were conducted at District and State levels on the theme '**Democracy & Elections in India**'.

(E). CONDUCT OF BYE-ELECTION TO 18-KONTHOUJAM AC:

The Bye-Election to 18-Konthoujam Assembly Constituency was conducted as per programme given below:

Sl. No.	Event	Date
1.	Issue of Notification	21.01.211 (Friday)
2.	Last date for making Nominations	28.01.2011 (Friday)
3.	Scrutiny of Nominations	29.01.2011 (Saturday)
4.	Last date for withdrawal of candidatures	31.01.2011 (Monday)
5.	Date of Poll	14.02.2011 (Monday)
6.	Counting of Votes	17.02.2011 (Thursday)
7.	Date of completion	21.02.2011 (Monday)
8.	Hours of Poll	7.00 AM to 3.00 PM

Shri Konthoujam Sharat Singh sponsored by All India Trinamool Congress was declared elected. The voter turn was **90.66%**.