

GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR
SECRETARIAT: ELECTION DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

Imphal, the 2nd March, 2009.

Sub: General Elections to Lok Sabha-2009 - Application of Model Code of Conduct.

No.6/1/LS/Election-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. The schedule of election in respect of Manipur State is as follows:

Sl.No.	POLL DAY	1(16 th April, 2009) for No.2-Outer Manipur (ST) P.C.	2 (22 nd April, 2009) for No.1-Inner Manipur P.C.
	Event in election process	Dates	Dates
1.	Announcement and issue of Press Note	2 nd March, 2009 (Monday)	2 nd March, 2009 (Monday)
2.	Issue of Notification.	23 rd March, 2009(Monday)	28 th March, 2009 (Saturday)
3.	Last date for filing Nominations	30 th March, 2009 (Monday)	4 th April, 2009 (Saturday)
4.	Scrutiny of Nominations	31 st March, 2009 (Tuesday)	6 th April, 2009 (Monday)
5.	Last date for withdrawal of Candidature	2 nd April, 2009 (Thursday)	8 th April, 2009 (Wednesday)
6.	Date of Poll	16 th April, 2009 (Thursday)	22 nd April, 2009 (Wednesday)
7.	Date of Counting	16 th May, 2009 (Saturday)	16 th May, 2009 (Saturday)
8.	Date before which the election shall be completed	28 th May, 2009 (Thursday)	28 th May, 2009 (Thursday)

2. With the announcement of Election Schedule by the Election Commission, the provision of the Model Code of Conduct for the guidance of the Political Parties and Candidates have come into effect with immediate effect w.e.f. 2nd March, 2009 and will be in force till the completion of the General Elections and shall be applicable to all candidates, political parties, the State and Union Government. The Model Code of Conduct covers the general conduct of the Political Parties & Candidates, manner of holding meetings, processions, conduct on the polling day, and in the polling booth, and the conduct of the party in power. The details of the Code of Conduct and the list of “DOs” and “DON’Ts” are available on the websites of the Election Commission of India and the Chief Electoral Officer, Manipur at www.eci.gov.in and ceomanipur.nic.in respectively and have been separately circulated for general information and strict observance.

3. In view of the enforcement of Model Code of Conduct, attention of the authorities of all Departments, offices, public sector undertakings and institutions receiving grant-in-aid from the State and Union Government is particularly invited to the clause VII (vi) of the revised Model Code of Conduct which states as follows:

“From the time elections are announced by the Commission, Ministers and other authorities shall not:

- (a) Announce any financial grant in any form or promise thereof or***
- (b) (except civil servants) lay foundation stones etc. of projects or schemes of any kinds or***
- (c) Make any promise of construction of roads, provisions of drinking water facilities etc. or***
- (d) Make any ad-hoc appointment in Govt., Public Sector Undertakings etc. which may have the effect of influencing the voters in favour of the party in power.”***

Contd. Next page:

4. The Commission has also directed that there shall be a total ban on the transfer of all officers/officials connected with the conduct of the elections. These include but are not restricted to:-

- i) The Chief Electoral Officer and Additional/Joint/Deputy Chief Electoral Officers,
- ii) The District Election Officers/Returning Officers and Assistant Returning Officers and other Revenue Officers connected with the conduct of Elections,
- iii) Officers of the Police Department connected with the management of Elections like Range IGs and DIGs, Senior Superintendents of Police and Superintendent of Police, Sub-Divisional Police Officers like Deputy Superintendents of Police and other Police Officers who are deputed to the Commission under Section 28A of the Representation of People Act, 1951.
- iv) The transfer orders issued in respect of the above categories of officers prior to the date of announcement but not implemented till date should not be given effect to without obtaining specific permission from the Commission in this regard.
- v) This ban shall be effective till completion of the elections. The Commission further directs that the State Govt. should refrain from making transfers of senior officers who have a role in the management of elections in the State.
- vi) In those cases where the transfer of an officer is absolutely necessary on account of administrative exigencies, the concerned State Govt. may with full justification approach the Commission for prior clearance.

5. All Departments of the Govt. of Manipur, Public Sector Undertakings and quasi-Govt. Bodies are advised again to ensure strict compliance of the Model Code of Conduct w.e.f. 2nd March, 2009 and till completion of the General Elections-2009. In case of any doubt on any point, specific references giving the details may be made by FAX to Shri R.K. Srivastava, Secretary, Election Commission of India, New Delhi on his fax No.(011) 23716617 with a copy endorsed to the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Manipur and Chief Electoral Officer, Manipur.

Sd/-

(Shambhu Singh)

Commissioner (Election) &
Chief Electoral Officer, Manipur,
Government of Manipur

Memo No. No.6/1/LS/Election-2009:

Imphal, the 3rd March, 2009.

Copy to:-

1. Secretary to His Excellency, the Governor of Manipur, Raj Bhawan, Manipur, Imphal.
2. Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Manipur.
3. P.S.s to all Ministers, Manipur.
4. P.S. to the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Manipur.
5. Director General of Police, Manipur.
6. Addl. Chief Secretary (Home), Govt. of Manipur.
7. All Principal Secretaries, Govt. of Manipur.
8. All Commissioners/Secretaries, Govt. of Manipur.
9. Secretary, Manipur Legislative Assembly, Imphal.
10. All Deputy Commissioners/DEOs, Manipur.
11. All Addl. DCs/SDOs/ROs/AROs, Manipur.
12. All Heads of Department, Manipur.
13. Registrar, Manipur University, Canchipur.
14. Registrar, Central Agriculture University, Iroisemba.
15. Director, Regional Institute of Medical Sciences, Imphal.
16. Director, Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences, Imphal.
17. All Recognized Political Parties in Manipur.
18. Notice Board.
19. Guard File.

Copy for information:-

Shri J.P. Prakash, Deputy Election Commissioner, Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001 (Fax No.011-23355623).

Sd/-

(T. Ranjit Singh)

Joint Secretary (Election),
Govt. of Manipur