

**ELECTION DEPARTMENT: MANIPUR  
ANNUAL ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT, 2004-2005.**

**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 Head of Office (HOO) and 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 Vijay Chhibber, I.A.S. He took charge of Chief Electoral Officer, Manipur from Shri V.K. Thakral on 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb, 2004. 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, Lamsang, Wangoi, Patsoi, Porompat, Sawombung, Keirao Bitra, Nambol, Bishnupur, Moirang, Thoubal, Lilong 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 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.

1.3. 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 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 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 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.
- (e) Appointment of statutory Officers like ROs, AROs, EROs, AEROs.
- (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 169 numbers including one post of Joint CEO, one post of Asst.CEO and 13 Election Officers. As on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2005, 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	2
Computer Operator	1	1
Sr/Acct.	1	0
Head Clerk	1	0
Draughtsman	1	1
UDC	13	9
LDC	10	8
ERC	78	69
Driver	3	1
Daftry	1	0
Grade IV	33	31
<b>Total</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>134</b>

#### 4. **ACHIEVEMENTS:**

The main achievements of the department during the financial year 2004-2005 are highlighted below:

(i) **Conduct of 14<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha Elections, 2004:** The 14<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha Elections, 2004 in respect of 2(two) Parliamentary Constituencies of Manipur State was held successfully. Poll for No.II-Outer Manipur (ST) P.C. and No.I-Inner Manipur P.C. were held on 20/04/2004 and 26/04/2004 respectively. Results for No.I-IMPC and No. II-OMPC (ST) were declared on 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2004 and 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2004 respectively. Dr. Thokchom Meinya (INC) and Shri Mani Charenamei (Independent) were declared elected for these two Parliamentary Constituencies. A sum of Rs.3.75 crore was spent for conduct of the election.

(ii) **Use of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) in 14<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha Elections, 2004:**

As per the directions of the Election Commission of India, EVMs was used in all Polling Stations of the State in the 14<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha Elections-2004. A total of 3652 EVMs i.e. 3000 Nos. of EVMs from West Bengal, 300 Nos. of EVMs from Sikkim and another 352 Nos. from Chhattisgarh were transported and brought to CEO's office, Lamphel between 14<sup>th</sup> –18<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2004. Engineers from Electronic Corporation of India Limited (ECIL), Kolkata have tested/checked and repaired the EVMs before the conduct of 14<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha Elections, 2004.

One State Level Training of ROs, AROs, Key district Level Officers, MANITRON Staff etc was held by CEO, Manipur on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2004 on the use of EVMs. Shri Standhope Yuhlung, Under Secretary, Election Commission of India, Shri Gautam Das Gupta, Section Officer, ECI and Shri S.S. Mukherjee, Sr. Technical Officer of ECIL (Kolkata) imparted the training.

(iii) **CEO's Official Website:** CEO's official website: **www.ceomanipur.nic.in** was officially launched by Shri V. Chhibber, IAS, Chief Electoral Officer, Manipur on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2004 at CEO's office, Lamphel in presence of all DCs, ADCs of Kangpokpi and Jiribam and SIO(NIC), Imphal. All important vital information such Electoral Rolls, Statutory Forms, Press Notes/Releases, Handbook for Lok Sabha, 2004, Affidavits etc. have been put up in CEO's website for information of general public and all concerned.

- (iv) **Introduction of e-mailing system:** With the help of NIC, Imphal, Internet facilities were made available at all offices of CEO, Joint CEO, DCs, ADCs/Kangpokpi and Jiribam w.e.f. 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2004. All important and time bound communications, letters, instructions, messages between CEO's office and that of DCs/ADCs were mainly communicated successfully during the 14<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha Elections, 2004 through e-mailing system.
- (v) **Visit of Shri N. Gopaldaswamy, Election Commissioner:** Shri N. Gopaldaswamy, Election Commissioner of ECI visited Manipur on 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2004 to oversee the preparations made for the 14<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha Elections, 2004. He held a meeting with the representatives of all Political Parties functioning in the State at 1200 hrs at Raj Bhawan, Imphal, which was followed by two rounds of meetings: (i) with the CEO, DCs and SPs and (ii) another with Chief Secretary, Director General of Police, Chief Electoral Officer and other officers related with security arrangements at 2.30 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. at Main Conference Hall, Old Secretariat and Mini Conference, Old Secretariat respectively.
- (vi) **Conduct of Bye-Election to 18-Konthoujam A.C., 2004:** Consequent upon the acceptance of the resignation from the membership of the Manipur Legislative Assembly by the Speaker, Manipur on 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2004, the seat of 18-Konthoujam Assembly Constituency was fallen vacant. Accordingly, a Bye-Election was held on 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2004 to fill a casual vacancy in Manipur Legislative Assembly caused by the resignation of Dr. Thokchom Meinya, MLA from 18-Konthoujam Assembly Constituency. Dr. Sapam Budhichandra Singh of Indian National Congress (INC) was the returned candidate. A sum of Rs.5,00,000/- was spent in the conduct of said election.
- (vii) **Intensive Revision of Electoral Rolls-2005:** As per the directions of the Election Commission of India, an Intensive Revision exercise of Electoral Rolls -2005 with reference to 01-01-2005 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. In view of abnormal growth of electors detected in some segments of some Assembly Constituencies, a team of 20 Officers (mostly SDOs) drawn from different districts have conducted spot/physical re-verification of these polling Stations from 11<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2005 to 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2005. Finally the draft electoral rolls, 2005 of all 60 (sixty) A.C.s were published on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2005 with the approval of the Commission. The final Electoral Rolls are to be published on 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2005 i.e. during the next reporting year, 2005-2006.

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

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