

GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR
SECRETARIAT: ELECTION DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

Imphal, the 4th January, 2017.

Sub: State Assembly Elections, 2017- Application of Model Code of Conduct.

No.4/1/MLA/Election-2017: The Election Commission of India vide its Press Note No. No.ECI/PN/1/2017 dated 04/01/2017 has announced a two phase polling schedule for the 11th Manipur Legislative Assembly Elections, 2017. With the announcement of Election Schedule by the Election Commission, the Model Code of Conduct comes into effect w.e.f. 4th January 2017 and will apply to the whole of Manipur State and will be applicable to all candidates, political parties, the State and Union Government as far as Manipur State is concerned. 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, the conduct of the party in power and other instructions of the ECI including those on transfers and use of discretionary funds like MPLADS. 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.

2. 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 Government of Manipur 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."

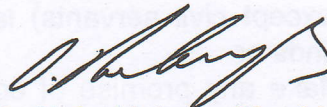
3. **Misuse of Official Vehicles:** The ECI's consolidated instructions contained in letter No.464/INST/2014/EPS dated 10.4.2014, among other things provides that **there shall be a total and absolute ban on the use of official vehicles for campaigning, electioneering or election related travel during elections** (subject to exceptions mentioned therein). The expression "official vehicle" means and shall include, any vehicle used or capable of being used for the purpose of transport whether propelled by mechanical power or otherwise and will include trucks, lorries, tempos, jeeps, cars, auto rickshaws, e-rickshaws, buses

belonging to central government, state government / UT Administrations, Public Undertakings of Central/ State Government, Joint Sector Undertakings of Central/ State Govts., Local bodies, Municipal Corporations, Marketing Boards, Cooperative Societies or any other body in which public funds, however small a portion of the total, are invested.

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) Divisional Commissioners;
- (iii) The District Election Officers, Returning Officers, Assistant Returning Officers and other Revenue Officers connected with the Conduct of Elections;
- (iv) Officers of the Police Department connected with the management of elections like range IGs and DIGs, Senior Superintendents of Police and Superintendents of Police, Sub-divisional level Police Officers like Deputy Superintendents of Police and other Police officers who are deputed to the Commission under section 28A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951;
- (v) 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.
- (vi) This ban shall be effective till the completion of the election. The Commission further directs that the State Government should refrain from making transfers of senior officers who have a role in the management of election in the State.
- (vii) In those cases where transfer of an officer is necessary on account of administrative exigencies, the State Government 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 to ensure strict compliance of the Model Code of Conduct w.e.f. 4th January 2017 and till completion of the 11th Manipur Legislative Assembly Elections, 2017. In case of any doubt on any point, specific references giving the details may be made by FAX to **Shri N.N. Butolia, Secretary**, Election Commission of India, New Delhi on his fax No.(011) 23052050 with a copy endorsed to the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Manipur and Chief Electoral Officer, Manipur.


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1. Secretary to His Excellency, the Governor of Manipur, Raj Bhawan, Manipur.
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. Addl. Chief Secretary, Govt. of Manipur.
6. All Principal Secretaries, Govt. of Manipur.
7. All Commissioners/Secretaries, Govt. of Manipur.

8. Secretary, Manipur Legislative Assembly, Imphal.
9. All Deputy Commissioners/DEOs, Manipur.
10. All Addl. DCs/SDOs/ROs/AROs, Manipur.
11. All Heads of Department, Manipur.
12. Registrar, Manipur University, Canchipur.
13. Registrar, Central Agriculture University, Iroisemba.
14. Director, RIMS/JNIMS, Imphal.
15. All Recognized Political Parties in Manipur.
16. Notice Board.
17. Guard File.

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