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CEO, MANIPUR HELD MEETING WITH RECOGNISED POLITICAL PARTIES

Imphal, October 30, 2021 (PMC): The Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Manipur Shri Rajesh Agrawal today held a meeting with the representatives of Recognised National and State political parties functioning in Manipur at the Conference Hall of the CEO, Office Lamphelpat.

CEO, Manipur briefed the representatives of Recognised National and State political parties about the programme of Special Summary Revision with respect to 1st January, 2022 as qualifying date wherein the Draft Electoral Rolls will be published on 1st November, 2021.

Shri Rajesh Agrawal requested the representatives of the political parties to make timely claims and objections from 1st November, 2021 till 30th November, 2021 and further informed that the list of claims and objections will be made available in CEO's website. Stating that Special Camps will be held on 13th, 14th, 27th & 28th November, 2021 where Booth Level Officers will be present at their respective polling stations, he also appealed to all the representatives of political parties to appoint Booth Level Agents and participate in the Special Camps to ensure enrolment of eligible electors.

He also stated that 65 additional polling stations have been approved by the Election Commission of India (ECI) and permission for shifting of 86 polling stations has been granted. Auxiliary Polling stations, if required, will also be considered. He also suggested the advantage of converging multiple polling stations into a suitable location or campus, especially in urban areas.

Pointing out the unfortunate pre poll violence occurred recently in some parts of the state, Shri Rajesh Agrawal said that the ECI is keeping a close eye and concerned administrative authorities have been instructed to take necessary precautions and actions. He appealed to all the stakeholders and political parties to cooperate in maintaining normalcy.

The CEO also sought support from the political parties to ensure conduct of smooth, free and fair election in the state. He also mentioned that the officials of the ECI had recently visited the state to monitor the preparedness of the conduct of the upcoming State Assembly Election, 2022.

Representatives of Political Parties expressed views concerning the provision for availing voting facility by the eligible voters staying outside the state.

The programme was also attended by Additional CEO, Manipur, Shri Naorem Praveen Singh, Joint CEO, Manipur, Shri Ramananda Nongmeikapam, Database Administrator (CEO), L. Sujata Devi and Coordinator, Permanent Media Cell & State Nodal Officer for Media, Smt. W. Phajatombi and official concerned.

It may be mentioned that the schedule of Special Summary Revision 2022 had already been issued by CEO, Manipur – the Publication of Integrated Draft Electoral Roll is scheduled on 1st November 2021; Period of filing claims and objections is from 1st November 2021 to 30th November, 2021; Special Campaign at all polling station locations are to be held on 13th & 14th and 27th & 28th November, 2021. The disposal of claims and objections will be done by 20th December, 2021. The final electoral roll will be published on 5th January, 2022. (**PMC**)