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ECI ANNOUNCES THE SUMMARY REVISION OF ELECTORAL ROLLS: CEO MANIPUR

Imphal, September 23, 2021: The Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Manipur Shri Rajesh Agrawal today informed that the Election Commission of India (ECI) has announced the schedule for Special Summary Revision with respect to 01.01.2022 as qualifying date. Any citizen of India who is born on or before 01.01.2004 shall be eligible to enrol in the Electoral Roll from 1st November, 2021.

This was stated by the CEO, Manipur during the Press Conference held in the presence of Joint Chief Electoral Officer, Manipur Shri Ramananda Nongmeikapam and Co-ordinator, Permanent Media Cell & State Nodal Officer for Media, Smt. Waikhom Phajatombi today at the Conference Hall of Chief Electoral Officer, Manipur, Lamphelpat.

The CEO, Manipur Shri Rajesh Agrawal highlighted the various activities taken up for the ensuing General Election, 2022. The Schedule of Special Summary Revision, 2022 includes Pre-Revision activities and Revision activities.

As part of the Pre-Revision activities, removal of all DSEs/multiples entries/logical errors etc, H2H verification through BLOs (as needed), Proper formation of sections; and Rationalization of polling stations from 9th August, 2021 to 31st October, 2021.

The Revision activities includes Publication of Integrated draft electoral roll on 1st November, 2021, Period for filing claims & objections from 1st November, 2021 to 30th November, 2021, Special campaign dates are 13th & 14th November, 2021 and 27th & 28th November, 2021, Disposal of claims and objections by 20th December, 2021 and final publication of electoral roll by 5th January, 2022.

Shri Agrawal also informed that in addition, as a part of continuous updation, any eligible citizen who attains the age of 18 as on 1st January, 2021 can enrol in the Electoral Roll before the Summary Revision. Any eligible citizen can also enrol in www.nvsp.in, www.voterportal.in, Voter Helpline Mobile App or submit application forms to the concerned Booth Level Officer (BLO) or Electoral Registration Officer (ERO).

During Continuous updation, about 80,365 forms were received from 15th January, 2021 till date wherein about 25% of the application forms are received online. The number of forms received from 15th January, 2021 till 22nd September, 2021 are Form 6 – 22438, Form 7 – 7316, Form 8 – 49689 and Form 8A – 1192.

CEO, Manipur also stated that proposal for rationalisation of polling stations have been received from the District Election Officers. A consolidated proposal has been sent to Election Commission on 22nd September, 2021. He asserted that maximum efforts have been put into to shift the old and dilapidated polling stations to good condition polling stations by making field visits by the DEOs and EROs and in consultation with the political parties.

As per ECI Instruction, new polling stations have been proposed for those polling stations having more than 1200 electors. In order to make polling stations more accessible to the voters, polling stations are also proposed in such a way that a voter does not have to walk for more than 2 Kms. In total, an additional 64 polling stations are proposed and sent to ECI for approval.

Shri Rajesh Agrawal informed that EVMs have been distributed to all the districts. First Level Checking of EVMs will start from 4th October, 2021 in all the districts. For this, 32 engineers will be deputed from Electronics Corporation of India Ltd (ECIL).

For the first time in the country, an additional Pre-FLC shall be conducted with the help of FLCU machine in Manipur and Goa. In addition, the usual manual FLC shall also be conducted. The entire process of FLC shall be webcasted for monitoring by CEO and ECI. All necessary arrangements have been made. All DEOs and DyDEOs have attended a workshop on FLC organised by ECI on 17th September, 2021. Training for FLC Supervisors will be held on 25th September, 2021 at CEO's office.

He briefed that the first batch of training for Assistant Returning Officers (AROs) was held from 14th -17th September, 2021. Second batch of training for AROs shall commence from 9th – 12th November, 2021. Intensive training for Returning Officers (ROs) shall start from 26th October till 29th October, 2021. Training for District Level Master Trainers (1 each from District) and Assembly Level Master Trainers (2 each from Assembly Constituency) exclusively for EVMs will start from 3rd week of October, 2021. A sensitization programme on EVMs for political parties will also be conducted after the completion of FLC.

A meeting with all recognised political parties was held on 9th September, 2021 wherein they have been briefed about the schedule of Special Summary Revision, 2022. The meeting was also continued today for non attendees in the last meeting. Cooperation was sought from all political parties to make efforts in enrolling all eligible citizens and to take adequate steps for free and fair election. Meeting Agenda for Political Parties includes Pre-revision Activities, Rationalisation of polling stations, Special Summary Revision, FLC of EVMs, IT Apps for candidates, Postal Ballots for PwDs and 80+ electors, Online nomination and online payment facilities, COVID SOPs in Campaigning etc.

Three rounds of meeting were held with District Election Officers and Electoral Registration Officers and they have been advised to give adequate emphasis on inclusion of eligible citizens in the electoral roll and purification of electoral rolls by removing ineligible electors and making correction of wrongful entries. They have also been advised to plan in advance about the preparations for the ensuing General Election to Manipur Legislative Assembly in various aspects including Polling stations, Security Planning, Vulnerability Mapping, Transport Management, Training etc.

For smooth coordination, State Nodal Officers have also been identified and a round of meeting was held on 7th September, 2021.

With the sole objective giving maximum awareness to the electors, SVEEP Programme has been launched from 3rd September, 2021. In order to create more awareness, 12 State Icons from diverse fields have been identified at the State level and have started engaging them for various activities, CEO informed.

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