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**PRESS NOTE**

Imphal, the 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2022

No.COE-101/1/2021-ELEC-ED: With the announcement of elections by Election Commission of India on 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2022, the Model Code of Conduct came into effect and steps have been taken to comply with the Model Code of Conduct in letter and spirit.

- a) Defacement of government, public properties and unauthorized defacement in private property complied within specified timelines.
- b) Number of defacement removed so far (till 19-01-2022).

Type of Property	Wall writing	Posters	Banners	Flags & Others	Total
Govt/Public	3068	18529	4635	23331	49563
Private	487	1707	316	2248	4758
Total	3555	20263	4951	25579	54321

- c) Control Rooms/MCMC/Complaint Monitoring System activated in all districts.
- d) List of works (ongoing and not started) collected.
- e) Photographs of political functionaries removed from government websites.

2. Seizure/ Law & Order/ Preventive Actions:

Number of hamlets identified as vulnerable	588
Number of trouble mongers	1011
Number of persons bound down under sections	1430
Number of nakas operational	260
Arms deposition	15240 out of 25299 (58.65%)
Seizure	Cash (0.50 cr) Liquor (0.1474961 cr) Drugs (26.558 cr) Others ( 1.41cr)

3. COVID Norms

- a) No road show, Pad-yatra, cycle/bike/vehicle rally and procession shall be allowed till 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2022.

- b) Indoor Meeting allowed with a maximum participants of 50 (as fixed by SDMA)
- c) Each political party/candidate shall furnish an undertaking in the application form (under Suvidha) that it shall abide by all the extant instructions/guidelines in this regard.
- d) Between 8 pm and 8 am, no rallies and public meetings (akin to campaign curfew) shall be allowed on any campaign day.
- e) Nukkad Sabhas (meeting) will not be allowed on public roads, round abouts or public streets or corners.
- f) Further, Political parties and candidates are advised to conduct their campaign as much as possible through digital/virtual/ media platforms /mobile based mode instead of physical mode ensuring strict compliance of Covid safety norms.
- g) Door to Door Campaign- A maximum of 5 (five) persons including candidate, excluding security personnel, if any, shall be allowed to do door to door campaigning.
- h) The convoy of vehicles shall be broken after every 5 (five) vehicles and interval between two sets of convoys of vehicles should be half an hour instead of gap of 100 meters.
- i) The maximum number of star campaigners for recognized National/State political parties has been fixed 30 in place of 40, for unrecognized political parties 15 in place of 20. Request for permission for campaign by star campaigners may be given at least 48 hours before the start of campaign to make all necessary safety arrangements.
- j) No victory procession after the counting shall be allowed and not more than two persons shall be allowed to accompany the winning candidate or his/her authorized representative to receive the certificate of election from Returning Officer.
- k) If a candidate or political party violates any of the above guidelines, no further permission shall be given to the concerned candidate/party for rallies, meetings etc.
- l) Election Agents/ Polling Agents/ Counting Agents without double dose vaccination shall not be allowed.

#### 4. Postal Ballots for Essential Services

ECI has extended the facilities of postal ballots as Absentee Voters to the following essential services:

- a) Electricity Department
- b) BSNL
- c) Railways
- d) Post & Telegram
- e) Doordharshan
- f) All India Radio
- g) Health Department in connection with COVID-19
- h) Aviation
- i) Fire Services
- j) Ambulance Services
- k) Media Persons authorised by ECI for poll day coverage

#### 5. Criminal Antecedents

- a) Format C1 to be published by candidates having criminal antecedents & Format C2 to be published by political parties selecting such candidates on three occasions in the one of the following newspapers **AND** one of the TV channels:

Newspapers	TV Channels
a) Sangai Express (Manipuri) b) Poknapham c) Manipur Chronicle d) Manipur Express e) Sangai Express (English) f) Hueiyen Lanpao (Manipuri) g) Lamka Post	a) ISTV b) Impact TV c) TOM TV

- b) Political parties shall also publish information regarding individuals with pending criminal cases, who have been selected as candidates, along with reasons for such selection, as also to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates in **Format C7** in the one of national papers (Hindu or Times of India) **in addition** to publication in local newspapers indicated in Para 2, websites and social media accounts of political parties.

#### 6. Revised Abstract Statement of Election Expenses

- a) ECI has revised the Abstract Statement of Election Expenses due to increasing trend of virtual campaigning.
- b) Candidates are required to lodge Abstract Statement of Election Expenses along with their day to day Account Register within 30 days of declaration of results.
- c) **Recognised Political Parties** to submit their Abstract Statement of Election Expenditure to **ECI** within 75 days of completion of Assembly.
- d) **Unrecognised Political Parties** to submit their Abstract Statement of Election Expenditure to **CEO** within 75 days of completion of Assembly

#### 7. Identity Proof for voting

- a) ECI has discontinued Photo Voter Slip as an identity proof with effect from 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2019. Photo Voter Slip is no longer a Standalone Identity Proof.
- b) For identification at Polling Station, voter shall present her/his EPIC or any of the following identification documents approved by the Commission along with the Voter Information Slips:
- i. Aadhaar Card,
  - ii. MNREGA Job Card,
  - iii. Passbooks with photograph issued by Bank/Post Office,
  - iv. Health Insurance Smart Card issued under the scheme of Ministry of Labour,
  - v. Driving License,
  - vi. PAN Card,
  - vii. Smart Card issued by RGI under NPR,
  - viii. Indian Passport,

- ix. Pension document with photograph,
- x. Service Identity Cards with photograph issued to employees by Central/State Govt./PSUs/Public Limited Companies, and
- xi. Official identity cards issued to MPs/MLAs/MLCs.

Sd/-

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Imphal, the 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2021

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**Copy to:**

1. The Director (IPR), Manipur, Imphal for causing wide publicity.
2. The Station Director, AIR-Imphal/ DDK; News Editor, ISTV/Impact TV/TOM TV with a request to announce the Press Note as news item.
3. All District Election Officers/Returning Officers
4. All Recognised National/State Political Parties.
5. All registered unrecognised parties
6. Smt.Sujata Salam, DBA for uploading in CEO's website.
7. Notice Board

 Ramananda Nongmeikapam 20/01/2021

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