

MINUTES OF MEETING WITH RECOGNIZED NATIONAL & STATE POLITICAL PARTIES HELD ON 13th JANUARY, 2022 AT THE CONFERENCE HALL OF CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, MANIPUR AT LAMPHELPAT, IMPHAL CHAIRED BY SHRI RAJESH AGRAWAL, CEO MANIPUR.

List of participants is enclosed as Annexure.

2. At the outset, the Chief Electoral Officer, Manipur welcomed all the representatives of political parties present in the meeting and placed that the meeting was taken specially to brief on **12th General Elections to Manipur Legislative Assembly 2022.**

3. The following points were shared in the meeting:

I. Model Code of Conduct

- a) CEO, Manipur apprised that the defacement of government, public properties and unauthorized defacement in private property was complied to within the specified timelines.
- b) The number of defacement removed so far are as follows:

	Wall writing	Posters	Banners	Flags & Others	Total
Public	3063	18452	4481	23016	49012
Private	426	1611	219	1984	4240
Total	3489	20063	4700	25000	53252

- c) It was also informed that the Control Rooms/MCMC/Complaint Monitoring System are all activated in all the districts.
- d) CEO, Manipur apprised that the list of works (ongoing and not started) is collected and compiled.
- e) CEO, Manipur also informed that photographs of political functionaries has been removed from government websites.

II. COVID Norms

- a) CEO, Manipur instructed that there shall be no road show, Pad-yatra, cycle/bike/vehicle rally and procession till 15th January, 2022.
- b) He also informed that no physical rally of Political parties or probable candidates or any other group related to election shall be allowed till 15th January, 2022.
- c) CEO, Manipur stated that rallies and meeting, when permitted, shall be allowed only in earmarked places and with prior permissions of district administration.
- d) CEO, Manipur informed that 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.
- e) He also informed that between 8 pm and 8 am, no rallies and public meetings (akin to campaign curfew) shall be allowed on any campaign day.
- f) CEO, Manipur stated that Nukkad Sabhas (meeting) will not be allowed on public roads, roundabouts or public streets or corners.
- g) 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.
- h) 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.
- i) 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.

- j) 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.
- k) 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.
- l) 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.
- m) Election Agents/ Polling Agents/ Counting Agents without double dose vaccination shall not be allowed. The political parties can identify the list of persons who need vaccination and share with DEOs for needful.**

III. Criminal Antecedents

CEO, Manipur appraised that as per Supreme Court Order, political parties/candidates should publish criminal antecedents in newspapers/TV on three occasions. The tentative dates for publication of criminal antecedents were provided. A booklet, entitled "Guidelines of Election Commission of India on publicity of criminal antecedents by political parties & candidates" was also distributed to all the representatives of political parties. It was indicated that the list of newspapers and TV channels for publication will be provided during next meeting.

IV. Election Expenditure

- a) CEO, Manipur appraised that the candidate expenditure amount has been enhanced upto Rs.28 lakh. He also requested the candidates to appoint Election Expenditure Agent.
- b) The tentative dates of filing of expenditure statements were also shared. CEO, Manipur requested the candidates to ensure timely filing of expenditure statements/accounts.

V. EVMs & VVPATs

- a) CEO, Manipur appraised the number of EVMs available in the districts:

Total Number of Polling Stations : 2959			
FLC Status	BU	CU	VVPAT
Available FLC OK Machines	4713	4557	4945
% No. of Polling Stations	159%	154%	167%

- b) He informed that EVM Demonstration Centres were set up in all offices of DEO and RO for familiarization. EVM Demonstration Vans have covered all polling station locations and over 1 lakh mock polled votes casted.
- c) CEO, Manipur informed that the EVMs for awareness purposes have been deposited and stored in strong rooms. However, training on EVMs for polling personnel is going on.
- d) CEO, Manipur appraised that intermediate strong rooms has been identified for P-2 & P-3 polling stations and will be notified to all candidates & political parties by DEOs.

VI. Identity Proof for voting

- a) CEO, Manipur appraised that ECI has discontinued Photo Voter Slip as an identity proof with effect from 28th 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.

5. The representatives of political parties also raised issues and concerns in the meeting. The representative of BJP requested to enable Suidha applications for online permission. CEO, Manipur assured that the application will be made available by 15th January, 2022.

6. Representative of CPI while expressing satisfaction on the prompt actions taken by CEO, Manipur in removal of defacement from government and public properties also noted that defacements are still noticed along inter village roads. He also requested to take adequate actions for deposition of licensed arms which is a cause of concern in the conduct of free and fair election. CEO, Manipur took note of the concerns and stated that District Election Officers and Superintendents of Police have started taking preventive actions including identification of vulnerable hamlets, trouble mongers, history sheeters and binding down under Cr.P.C. He also noted that the deposition of licensed arms has crossed 50% till date and will be expedited. For any existing defacement, CEO advised the political parties to use c-Vigil for reporting MCC violations.

7. The representatives of NPF while noting that along with three other valley districts, two hill districts, Churachandpur and Kangpokpi which are largely inhabited by Christian community, will go to polls in the First Phase and stated that the poll date falls on Sunday and requested to place before ECI to reschedule the poll date. CEO, Manipur clarified that the Election Commission had announced the schedule of elections keeping examination dates, local festivals and other significant days into account and further clarified that elections were held on Sundays too in the past. It was also clarified that any day is a day of worship for one community or the other and rescheduling of elections on the basis of day of worship is not advisable. However, it was decided to place the matter before the Commission to take a final decision in this regard.

8. The meeting concluded with thanks from the Chair.

Sd/-
(Rajesh Agrawal)
Chief Electoral Officer, Manipur
Imphal, the 14th January, 2022

Memo No. COE-101/1/2021-ELEC-ED

Copy to:

1. All District Election Officers/Returning Officers
2. All recognised National/State political parties
3. Relevant File.


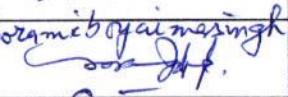
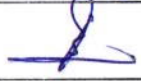
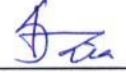





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Joint Chief Electoral Officer, Manipur

Attendance Sheet

Date: 13/01/2022

Meeting with Recognised National & State Political Parties
CEO Lamphel, Manipur.

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