

**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, MANIPUR
& COMMISSIONER (ELECTION), GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR**



ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR: MANIPUR
Imphal, the 12th June, 2017

No.1/22/ELEC/Case No.7 of 2017: Whereas a requisition letter to Additional Director (Employment) was issued by the Election Department more than three years ago on 26.02.2014 seeking sponsoring of eligible candidates for 12 posts of Assistant Election Supervisors (AES) in Election Department, Manipur within two weeks i.e. by 12.03.2014.

2. Whereas in pursuance of requisition by Election Department, Employment Exchanges sponsored 1,998 candidates, out of which 1,007 candidates submitted their applications in the prescribed format. While examining the applications submitted by the candidates, 920 candidates were found to be eligible for the post of AES. Accordingly, as per Recruitment Rules (RR) of the post of AES, a written test was held on 20.07.2014 for 12 notified posts of AES in which 744 candidates appeared out of 920 eligible candidates. However, the results of the written test were not declared immediately which led to speculation of likely manipulation and consequent delay. Ideally keeping in view tenets of transparency and fair play, the results of the written test should have been declared in July, 2014 itself, however, after more than one year of dilly dallying, results of written test was declared on 26.09.2015 in which 414 candidates cleared the test out of 744 who had appeared in the test. The list of shortlisted candidates (414) was not in proportion to 12 notified vacant posts, which should have been limited to only five times of the vacancies. Thereafter, a Typing test was held on 5-6th Oct, 2015 wherein 327 candidates appeared and 325 candidates qualified in the Typing Test vide Notification dated 13.10.2015. The Oral test/ Personal interview was held on 19th, 20th, 22nd and 23rd October, 2015 for all 325 candidates without restricting it to 5 times of vacancies notified. However, the results were not declared in October, 2015 giving rise to speculation of more manipulation and opaque procedure against the norms of transparency and principles of natural justice. After more than nine months with allegation of change of merit list multiple times, the selection committee meeting held on 01.08.2016 (while backdating the proceedings) had recommended 67 candidates against 12 notified posts in the public domain without seeking fresh applications for additional 55 posts created after written test held on 20.07.2014 for 12 posts only. The allegation of manipulation during selection process got credence since none of OBC or ST candidates were recommended in the Unreserved list.

3. Whereas a complaint was lodged to the Election Commission of India (ECI) on 18.08.2016 regarding alleged corruption and irregularities in respect of appointment of Assistant Election Supervisors in the Election Department and after examination of the matter, the ECI vide its letter No. 61/ECI/LET/TERR/NE2-MAN/2016 dated 19.09.2016 directed the State Government to withhold the final selection process till the completion of election in the State.

4. However, before completion of the election process in the State, 16 candidates filed a Writ Petition (C) No. 7 of 2017 in the High Court of Manipur and Hon'ble High Court directed the respondents to dispose off the matter within a month of the completion of the election process for the Manipur Legislative Assembly, 2017 and this time line was further extended by two more months vide MC[WP(C)] No.92 of 2017 Orders dated 03.05.2017 giving time to the State Authorities to do the needful. After completion of elections and formation of new Government, whereas as per Orders No. 23//89/2015-Misc/DP dated 28th March, 2017, the State Government

ordered to discontinue the stage of interview in direct recruitment for junior level posts (Grade-III & IV) in all Departments under Government of Manipur and the existing recruitment rules for Grade-III & IV posts have been deemed to be amended accordingly.

5. Whereas keeping in view all material facts in respect of recruitment of Assistant Election Supervisors (AES) in the Election Department, the Governor of Manipur is pleased to declare null & void the earlier selection process initiated in 2014 for Assistant Election Supervisors in the public interest and allow all the 744 Candidates (who had appeared in the written test held on 20.07.2014) with requisite relaxation of age to also appear in the fresh test to be conducted along with fresh interested Candidates (who may also apply) for selection of AES after duly notifying all available 67 vacancies along with reservation status seeking fresh applications from all the eligible candidates through Employment Exchanges. The selection process shall comprise a written test of total 100 marks- General English (50 marks) & General Knowledge (50 marks) followed by Computer Typing Test (50 marks). As AES is a Grade III post, it has been decided to do away with the Oral Test/ Personal interview as per decision of the State Government.



By orders & in the name of Governor,

(Vivek K Dewangan)

Commissioner (Election), Government of Manipur

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1. Secretary to the Governor of Manipur, Raj Bhawan, Manipur
2. Secretary to the Chief Minister, Manipur
3. PS to the Deputy Chief Minister, Manipur
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7. Staff Officer to Director General of Police, Manipur
8. PS to Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Manipur
9. All Principal Secretaries/ Commissioners/ Secretaries, Government of Manipur
10. Chief Electoral Officer, Manipur
11. Registrar, Hon'ble High Court, Manipur for kind information please.
12. The Advocate General, Manipur
13. State Government Counsel in the High Court of Manipur .
14. All Deputy Commissioners/ District Election Officers, Manipur
15. Joint Chief Electoral Officer/ Assistant Chief Electoral Officers, Manipur
16. All Returning Officers (ROs)/ Electoral Registration Officers (EROs)/SDOs, Government of Manipur
17. All Assistant Returning Officers (AROs)/ Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (AEROs)/SDCs, Government of Manipur
18. Computer Programmer in the office of CEO, Manipur with a request to upload in the website.
19. Election Officers in all Districts of Manipur
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