

MINUTES OF MEETING WITH POLITICAL PARTIES ON GENERAL ELECTIONS TO LOK SABHA, 2024 HELD ON 19th MARCH, 2024 AT THE CONFERENCE HALL OF CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, MANIPUR AT LAMPHELPAT, IMPHAL CHAIRED BY SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR JHA, CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER MANIPUR.

List of participants is enclosed as Annexure.

2. At the outset, the Chief Electoral Officer, Manipur welcomed all the representatives of the political parties present in the meeting and placed that the meeting was taken specially to apprise them on preparations for the ensuing General Elections to Lok Sabha, 2024. He highlighted that the political parties are an important stakeholder and hence their suggestions and feedback are very crucial.

3. Shri Pradeep Kumar Jha, Chief Electoral Officer, Manipur deliberated the following points in the meeting regarding preparedness for the forthcoming General Election to Lok Sabha, 2024:

i. Election Notification:

Chief Electoral Officer, Manipur shared that Returning Officers of both 1-Inner Manipur and 2-Outer Manipur (ST) Parliamentary Constituencies shall be issuing Notice of Elections in Form-1 on 20th March 2024. It was shared that the voting will take place in 2 phases, with 1-Inner Manipur voting on 19th April 2024 along with Assembly Segments of 2-Outer Manipur (ST) PC falling under Thoubal, Kakching, Chandel, Kangpokpi and Churachandpur districts. Rest of the Assembly Segments of 2-Outer Manipur (ST) PC will go for polls on 26th April 2024.

ii. Model Code of Conduct:

Chief Electoral Officer, Manipur appraised that with the announcement of Elections by the Election Commission on 16th March 2024, enforcement of MCC comes into immediate effect. CEO Manipur requested the Political Parties to observe the general guidelines and other Dos and Don'ts prescribed by the Commission. The Manual on Model Code of Conduct, 2019 was also provided to the representatives of political parties present in the meeting for their reference.

iii. Arrangement of alternative Voting for Displaced Voters:

Chief Electoral Officer, Manipur shared that Commission had approved setting up of 94 Special Polling Stations. He highlighted that ID-FORMS will be widely circulated in the relief camps. Copies of ID Forms along with the List of approved Special Polling Stations and designated AROs appointed for the purpose shall be uploaded in the website of CEO and DEOs. A copy of the Scheme has already be notified and made available in the websites. He also informed that Facilitation centres for issuing and receiving ID-FORMS will be set up. It was clarified that voters staying outside the relief camps can choose either any of the Special Polling Stations or original polling station

to exercise his/her franchise. He emphasised that the last date of submission of ID Forms will be 10 days before the date of poll.

iv. Nomination:

It was informed that provisions will be made for receiving Nomination Forms from Candidates who are not in a position to travel across districts. However, scrutiny of nomination will be done by Returning Officer only. He requested the political parties to advise their candidates to file their nomination papers in time as per schedule notified by the concerned Returning Officers.

v. Criminal Antecedents:

Joint CEO, Shri Ramananda Nongmeikapam highlighted that the Candidates having criminal antecedents shall publish their criminal antecedents in Format C1 in Newspapers and TV in three instances from the day following the last date for withdrawal of candidature and upto two days before the date of poll and submit report to DEO in Format C4. Furthermore, political parties shall also publish information pertaining to candidates having criminal antecedents in Format C2 in Newspapers and TV in three instances from the day following the last date for withdrawal of candidature and upto two days before the date of poll. The same is also to be uploaded in the website of the party. A report in this regard shall be submitted to CEO in Format C-5. Further, political parties shall also publish information in Format C-8 regarding individuals with pending criminal cases, who have been selected as candidates, along with reasons for such selection, as also as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates within 48 hours of selection of the candidate. The political party shall then submit a report of compliance to CEO in Format C-8 within 72 hours.

Copies of “Guidelines of Election Commission of India on publicity of criminal antecedents by political parties & candidates” was also circulated to all representatives of political parties present in the meeting.

4. The meeting concluded with thanks from the Chair.


Sd/-
(Pradeep Kumar Jha)
Chief Electoral Officer, Manipur

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Imphal, the 21st March, 2024

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1. Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Election), Government of Manipur.
2. All District Election Officers/ Returning Officers
3. Relevant File.


(Ramananda Nongmeikapam)
Joint Chief Electoral Officer, Manipur
21/03/2024

ATTENDANCE SHEET

Meeting of Recognised National & State Political Parties

Lok Sabha Election 2024

19-3-2024- (Tuesday)

Sl. No.	Party Name	Name	Contact Number	Signature
1.	Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)	Jaiganta Sonanda	8974561848	Jaiganta
2.				
3.	Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP)			
4.				
5.	Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)	Bikram Kaur	8974674112	
6.				
7.	Communist Party of India (Marxist)	KSHATRIMAYAM SAKTA	8731856209	A. L. Sak
8.		Ph. Tokubores	8974702386	Ph. Tokubores
9.	Indian National Congress (INC)			
10.				
11.	National People's Party (NPP)	K. S. S. S.	9612130348	S. S.
12.				
13.	Communist Party of India (CPI)	M. Suresh	909651492	
14.				
15.	Naga Peoples Front (NPF)	Honviki Koting ST. ESA	9862458437 8974902515	
16.		TUITHUNG MENVAREN	9612017272	
17.	Janata Dal (United)	Ch. Nabachandra	9856180895	
18.		Gen. Secy.		