

PARTICULARS OF ANY ARRANGEMENT THAT EXISTS FOR CONSULTATION WITH OR REPRESENTATION BY THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN RELATION TO THE FORMULATION OF ITS POLICY OF IMPLEMENTATION

All the officers engaged in the election related activities work under the direction, superintendence and control of Election Commission of India. They discharge their duties in accordance with the procedure and Election laws contained in the Manuals/Booklet provided by Election Commission of India and no policy for conduct of election or for any other election related activity is framed at the level of Chief Electoral Officer, Manipur so consultation with members of the public in relation to the formulation of policy is not required. However, as per Election law, some of the following areas call for interaction / consultation with the representatives of Recognized National/State Political parties:

1. Under section 25 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, the District Election Officer is required with the previous approval of the Election Commission to provide list of polling stations for every constituency lying within his/her jurisdiction. During this process, he calls the meeting of party representatives and Legislatures to discuss the draft list of Polling stations and to receive their suggestions. Similarly, for setting up of a polling station at a particular location or shifting of a polling station to any other location, he/she consults the representatives of Recognized National/State political parties.
2. During elections, Chief Electoral Officer convenes the meeting of the representatives of the recognized national political parties to appraise them about the Commission's instructions / provisions of Model Code of Conduct for their observance to ensure free and fair elections.
3. During the conduct of Annual Revision exercise of Electoral Rolls at the direction of Election Commission of India, the Chief Electoral Officer holds detailed consultations with political parties at State level to apprise them about the broad strategy and action plan. During the revision exercise, the representatives of the election department hold meetings for verification of Electoral Rolls.