



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER MIZORAM

PRESS NOTE

No. H. 12014/1/2021-CEO Mizoram

Aizawl, the 25th Oct, 2023

Subject: General Election to Mizoram Legislative Assembly, 2023 - regarding

Pursuant to the various instructions of the Commission, the Chief Electoral Officer, Mizoram has undertaken a series of preparatory exercise/activities in line with the standard established by the Commission for conduct of General Election to Mizoram legislative Assembly 2023 as under -

- 1. ELECTORAL ROLL :** As per Final Electoral Roll, there are 4,13,062 male electors, 4,39,026 female electors and 4,975 Service electors and the total electors in the state of Mizoram is 8,57,063.
- 2. POLLING STATIONS:** The final list of 1276 Polling Stations where election will be conducted have already been shared to the Election Commission of India and all Districts Election Officers are instructed to publish the final list of Polling Stations within their respective District by not later than 3 days after last date of withdrawal of nominations as mandated by the Commission, which will be shared with all contesting candidates. All the District Election Officers are installing the Assured Minimum Facilities (AMF) and are ensuring accessibility for Persons with Disability (PwD) in all the polling stations.
- 3. TRAINING OF POLLING PERSONNEL :** 1st Training for Polling Parties comprising of 1470 each of Presiding Officers, Ist, 2nd and 3rd Polling Officers have been conducted by all District Election Officers and 2nd Training is ongoing in some of the districts too. As per latest report from all the district, there is no deficiency on the required manpower.
- 4. WEBCASTING OF POLL :** Arrangements have been put in place for installation and implementation of webcasting in 765 out of the 1276 polling stations which is 60% of all polling stations in the whole of Mizoram. The service will be provided by Multi Computer Services, West Bengal for which all codal formalities have been finalized and work to commence from 27.10.2023.

5. EVMs/VVPATs :

- i) 1st Randomisation : Allocation of EVMs/VVPATs to various Assembly constituencies to be used for Poll Day through 1st Randomisation was completed on 18th October 2023.
- ii) 2nd Randomisation : Allocation of EVMs/VVPATs to various Polling Stations under each Assembly constituencies was successfully completed on 23rd October 2023 by all 11 Districts in the presence of respective General Observers deployed by ECI.
- iii) ECI has approved increasing the percentage of EVM/VVPAT assigned for training purpose from 10% to 15% of the total number of polling stations. This will increase the number of EVM/VVPAT available for imparting adequate hands-on training to Polling Officials who will be conducting elections on Poll Day at 1276 Polling Stations across the State.
- iv) Commissioning (preparation of EVMs/VVPATs for Poll) will commence from 27th October, 2023. Forty-eight (48) Engineers from Electronic Corporation of India Limited (ECIL) will be deployed for the purpose.
- v) List of EVMs/VVPATs to be used for Poll have been duly shared to all contesting candidates.
- vi) All EVMs/VVPATs have been stored securely in the District Strong-rooms guarded round the clock by armed security personnel and under CCTV coverage.

6. BALLOT PAPERS: Printing of Ballot papers for use in the Control Unit is done at Government Press as per ECI protocol and have been completed. All Districts have collected their Ballot Papers on 25th October, 2023 from the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer.

7. POSTAL BALLOT : There will be 4 categories of electors who will be availing postal ballot facility:

- i) Senior citizens (80+)
- ii) PwD mapped in E-Roll with benchmark disability
- iii) Notified Essential Services
- iv) Voters on election duty

Concerned ROs have issued relevant forms and a number of applications have been received. This will be followed up to ensure that all eligible applications are able to avail this facility.

e-Postal Ballot have been generated and transmitted to all 4,975 service voters through Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballot Management System (ETPBMS).

8. **HOME VOTING** : Home voting facility will be provided to a total of 2092 Senior Citizens (80+) and Persons with Disability (PwD) in the 40 Assembly Constituencies of Mizoram. Number of valid applications for home-voting is at Annexure - I
9. **ELECTION EXPENDITURE MONITORING** : All expenditure monitoring teams have been deployed and worked under the direct supervision of the Expenditure Observer deployed by ECI for all Assembly Constituencies. All Enforcement Agencies have been actively involved in monitoring of elections expenditure. Seizures Reports have been received on daily basis from all Nodal Departments. Seizures made so far, since announcement of election by ECI on 9th October 2023 is enclosed as Annexure-II.
10. **MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT** : Model Code of Conduct have been strictly enforced throughout the State. A number of cases have been referred by respective departments to the Screening Committee of MCC constituted under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Mizoram and one or two cases sent to the Commission for its consideration.
11. **NOMINATION** : There are 174 contesting candidates who will be vying for a seat in the 40-seat Mizoram Legislative Assembly. Details enclosed as Annexure - III.
12. **OBSERVERS** : 21 (twenty-one) General Observers, 14 (fourteen) Expenditure Observers and 11 (eleven) Police Observers deployed by ECI have all reported to their designated constituencies and have held meetings with stakeholders and discharging their duties without hindrance.
13. **CRIMINAL ANTECEDENTS** : The Commission, in pursuance of the directions in the Judgement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, has given directions to be followed by candidates at elections to the Parliament and State Legislatures who have criminal cases against them, either pending cases or cases of conviction in the past and to the political parties that set up such candidates to publish the records of criminal antecedents. Candidates who have published their records are at Annexure - IV.
14. **POLL DAY ARRANGEMENT** : After a series of consultation and examination of available technology for pre and Poll Day reporting by officials for seamless transmission of reports, including voter turnout reports, it is decided that POLLSTAR app will be most suitable and effective, hence will be utilized for reporting.

15. **FORCE DEPLOYMENT** : Apart from the 3000 odd state police personnel and out of the 450 sections of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF), 10 Coys of BSF, 5 Coys of CRPF & SSB have reached Mizoram and are already in their places of deployment. Detailed list is at Annexure – V.
16. **AIR AMBULANCE** : Arrangements have been made to deploy 1 (one) Pawan Hans Helicopter at Mualpui Helipad to be on standby on Poll Day from 7 AM to 4 PM.
17. **SVEEP AND MEDIA** : State and district SVEEP teams are organising Young Voters' Festival, Cycling Rallies, EVM Demonstration camps and have also taken various innovative activities including dissemination of awareness on public transport through flyers and jingles on social media platforms. Discussion and talk shows on various topics are being organized in DDK, Local Cable TV channel and FM Radio channels.

State Media Cell has been taking proactive role as per mandate and have conducted regular media briefing and also training for Information and Public Relations Officers of all districts. Press clippings are compiled and forwarded to ECI on a daily basis and is constantly monitoring media activities in the state. It has conducted a sensitization workshop for media person covering elections and is organizing a competition for print media-houses on voter awareness.

Media Certification Monitoring Committee (MCMC) meetings have also been held at the state and district levels and the committees have carefully scrutinized advertisement contents to be published by political parties to ensure level playing field and a fair build-up to the election.

'Young Voters Club/Social Media Influencers Club' is being formed by Media Cell of CEO Office which shall make use of social media platforms on voter awareness.

18. **Appeal** : **The CEO Mizoram seeks the active cooperation, close collaboration and constructive partnership of all the esteemed stakeholders especially the Media Community in the electoral process and strives to employ the collective synergies towards delivering a smooth, free, fair, peaceful, inclusive, participative and festive General Assembly Election, 2023 in Mizoram.**

sd/- MADHUP VYAS, IAS
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Mizoram

HOME VOTING (AVSC & AVPD) APPLICATION

AC NO	NAME OF AC	VALID APPLICATION
1	HACHHEK	11
2	DAMPA	25
3	MAMIT	10
4	TUIRIAL	31
5	KOLASIB	20
6	SERLUI	38
7	TUIVAWL	68
8	CHALFILH	33
9	TAWI	69
10	AIZAWL NORTH I	103
11	AIZAWL NORTH II	79
12	AIZAWL NORTH III	115
13	AIZAWL EAST 1	54
14	AIZAWL EAST II	68
15	AIZAWL WEST I	65
16	AIZAWL WEST II	83
17	AIZAWL WEST III	51
18	AIZAWL SOUTH I	83
19	AIZAWL SOUTH II	88
20	AIZAWL SOUTH III	59
21	LENGTENG	54
22	TUICHANG	112
23	CHAMPHAI NORTH	52
24	CHAMPHAI SOUTH	30
25	EAST TUIPUI	11
26	SERCHHIP	119
27	TUIKUM	30
28	HRANGTURZO	25
29	SOUTH TUIPUI	53
30	LUNGLEI NORTH	63
31	LUNGLEI EAST	29
32	LUNGLEI WEST	33
33	LUNGLEI SOUTH	65
34	THORANG	5
35	WEST TUIPUI	3
36	TUICHAWNG	15
37	LAWNGTLAI WEST	11
38	LAWNGTLAI EAST	79
39	SIAHA	69
40	PALAK	84
	GRAND TOTAL	2095

SEIZURE REPORT
(up to 24.10.2023)

Sl No.	Description	Quantity	Value (in Rs.)
1	Cash	-	8110
2	Liquor	44,011.465 ltrs	116,00,932
3	Heroin	4,468.03 grams	1928,33,030
4	Ganja	4,713.278 grams	17006
5	Methamphetamine	4.040 + 3,91,800 tabs	428,00,000
6	Poppy seeds	7100 kgs	56,80,000
7	Cigarettes	202949000 sticks	884,58,000
8	Cough Syrup	10.7 ltrs	21,400
9	Orangutan	1 no.	10,00,000
10	Teak block; timber	1108.60 cft	22,65,718
11	Honda City Car	1 no.	2,00,000
12	Tub	3nos.	2,500
13	Gelatin & Cortex	70 box & 1500 mtrs	38,00,000
TOTAL			3632,47,415

(Note: Though Gelatin & Cortex are to be under Daily Law & Order report. However, it was included in ESMS by the Police and hence has to be reflected in the progressive total.)

1. Total No of candidates (Male, Female & Others):

Candidates	Total Number
Male	156
Female	18
Others	0
Total	174

Two male candidates & two female candidates contested from two Assembly Constituencies

2. No. and Name of AC with Maximum and Minimum Number of Candidates

1	No & Name of Assembly Constituency with Maximum number of candidates	12-Aizawl North III (ST) AC	6
		18-Aizawl South I (ST) AC	6
		26-Serchhip (ST) AC	6
		32-Lunglei West (ST) AC	6
2	No & Name of Assembly Constituency with minimum number of candidates	9-Tawi (ST) AC	3
		24-Champhai South (ST) AC	3
		25-East Tuipui (ST) AC	3
		29-South Tuipui (ST) AC	3

3. Party wise list of Candidates:

Sl. No	Party	Number
1	Aam Aadmi Party	4
2	Bharatiya Janata Party	23
3	Indian National Congress	40
4	Mizo National Front	40
5	Zoram People's Movement	40
6	Independent	27
TOTAL		174

**CANDIDATES WHO HAVE PUBLISHED
CRIMINAL ANTECEDENTS REPORT**

Sl. No.	Candidate Name	Nomination ID	AC Name & No.	Party Affiliation
1	Lalnghinglova Hmar	253	16-Aizawl West-II (ST) AC	ZPM
2	P.S Zatluanga	444	23- Champhai North (ST) AC	BJP
3	Shanti Jiban Chakma	245	36- Tuichawng (ST) AC	ZPM
4	V. Zirsanga	177	37-Lawngtlai West (ST) AC	MNF
5	K. Sapdanga	286	12-Aizawl North-III (ST) AC	ZPM
6	V. Malsawmtluanga	360	30-Lunglei North (ST) AC	ZPM

STATUS REPORT ON CAPF MOVEMENT/DEPLOYMENT

Sl. No.	Name of Orgn.	Coy No. / BN. No.	Arrival Place/ Origin from	Dt. & Time of Arrival of Destination	Destination/ Deployment District
1	CRPF	F/ 128 Coy	Bairabi	14.10.2023	Champhai
2	CRPF	G/ 129 Coy	Bairabi	15.10.2023	Champhai
3	CRPF	B/ 156 Coy	Bairabi	14.10.2023	Khawzawl
4	CRPF	F/ 20 Coy	Silchar / Vairengte	15.10.2023	Aizawl
5	CRPF	B/ 68 Coy	Silchar / Vairengte	15.10.2023	Saitual
6	BSF	C/ Coy 75 BN	Bairabi	16.10.2023	Lawngtlai
7	BSF	E/ Coy 157 BN	Bairabi	16.10.2023	Lawngtlai
8	BSF	F/ Coy 129 BN	Bairabi	15.10.2023	Lunglei
9	BSF	C/ Coy 169 BN	Bairabi	16.10.2023	Lunglei
10	BSF	E/ Coy 90 BN	Bairabi	16.10.2023	Siaha
11	BSF	G/ Coy 138 BN	Bairabi	16.10.2023	Siaha
12	BSF	C/ Coy 134 BN	Silchar / Vairengte	15.10.2023	Aizawl
13	BSF	E/ Coy 38 BN	Sakawrtuichhun	14.10.2023	Aizawl
14	BSF	G/ Coy 163 BN	Lunglei	15.10.2023	Serchhip
15	BSF	C/ Coy 184 BN	Lunglei	16.10.2023	Hnahthial
16	SSB	CC/ 54 BN	Bairabi	15.10.2023	Mamit
17	SSB	CC/ 27 BN	Bairabi	15.10.2023	Mamit
18	SSB	CC/ 64 BN	Bairabi	15.10.2023	Aizawl
19	SSB	D Coy CC/ 24 BN	Bairabi	15.10.2023	Kolasib
20	SSB	E Coy A/ 1 BN	Bairabi	15.10.2023	Kolasib