

No.H.17031/2/2023-DEO(C)
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER
CHAMPHAI DISTRICT : CHAMPHAI

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Dated 9th Oct, 2023

NOTICE

Subj: Prevention of Defacement of Property and other Election related instructions.

In view of General Election to the Mizoram Legislative Assembly 2018 announced by the Election Commission of India on the 9th Oct, 2013, and enclosing herewith the Commission's instructions No.437/6/INST/FUNCT/MNN/20222012-CC&BE dated 11th Oct, 2022, the following are notified to all concerned for smooth and effective conduct of the Election:

1. **DEFACEMENT OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY:** For this purpose, a Government premise would include any Government office and the campus wherein the office building is situated. No wall writing, pasting of posters/papers or defacement in any other form, or erecting/displaying of cutouts, hoardings, banners flags etc. shall be permitted on any Government premise (including civil structures therein).
All such, as mentioned above and if any, shall be removed within **24 hours** from the announcement of election.
2. **DEFACEMENT OF PUBLIC PLACES:** All unauthorized writing of slogans, displaying posters, etc., or erecting cut-outs, hoardings, banners, political advertisement, etc., in any public place, (as against a Govt. premise) shall be removed within **48 hours** from the announcement of election. If local laws permit or approval are obtained on payment or otherwise, this may be allowed strictly in accordance with the relevant provisions of the law and subject to Court orders, if any on this subject. It should be ensured that any such place is not dominated/monopolized by any particular party(ies) or candidate(s). All parties and candidates should be provided equal opportunity in this regard.
3. **DEFACEMENT OF PRIVATE PLACES:** In the States where there is no local law on the subject, and subject to the restrictions under the law where there is a law, temporary and easily removable advertisement materials, such as flags and banners may be put up in private premises with the voluntary permission of the occupant. The permission should be an act of free will and not extracted by any pressure or threat. Such banner or flag should not create any nuisance to others. Photo-copy of the voluntary permission in writing obtained in this connection should be submitted to the Returning Officer within 3 days of putting up the flags and banners in such cases in the manner prescribed.

Otherwise, all unauthorized political advertisements displayed at private property shall be removed within **72 hours** from the announcement of election.

4. **DEFACEMENT / MISUSE OF VEHICLES:**

- (a) In private vehicles, subject to the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act, Rules

there under and subject to court orders in force, if any, flags and stickers may be put on the vehicles by the owner of the vehicle on his own volition, in such a manner that they do not cause any inconvenience or distraction to other road users. If such display of flags and stickers aims to solicit vote for any particular candidate, then the provisions of Section 171H of the IPC would be attracted and would have to be followed.

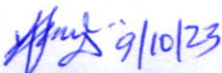
(b) On commercial vehicles, display of any flag, sticker etc. shall not be permitted, unless such vehicle is a vehicle validly used for election campaign after obtaining the requisite permit from the District Election Officer/Returning Officer and the display thereof in original on the wind screen.

(c) External modification of vehicles including fitting of Loudspeaker thereon, would be subject to the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act/Rules and any other Local Act/Rules. Vehicles with modifications and special campaign vehicles like Video Rath etc., can be used only after obtaining the requisite permission from the competent authorities under the Motor Vehicles Act.

5. **OTHER CAMPAIGN RELATED ITEMS:** Subject to accounting for the expenditure, the following may be permitted:-

- (a) In processions and rallies etc., flags, banners, cutouts etc. can be carried subject to local laws and prohibitory orders in force;
- (b) In such procession, wearing of party/candidate supplied special accessories like caps, mask, scarf etc. may be permitted. However, supply of main apparels like saree, shirt, etc. by party/candidate is not permitted.
- (c) Educational institutions including their grounds {whether Govt. aided, private or Govt.} shall not be used for political campaigns and rallies.

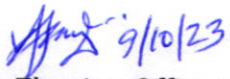
All political parties in the District, including State units of recognized National and State parties, and all registered un-recognized parties based in the State, and also the contesting candidates (at the time of elections) are herewith notified for information and compliance.


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District Election Officer
Champhai District, Champhai

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Copy to:-

1. The Chief Electoral Officer, Mizoram for information.
2. All ROs/AROs, Champhai District for information.
3. All Head of Offices, within Champhai District for information.
4. All Political Parties within Champhai District for information.


District Election Officer,
Champhai District, Champhai