OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER AIZAWL DISTRICT: AIZAWL

ORDER

The Election Commission of India has issued PRESS NOTE vide No. ECI/PN/57/2023 Dated 09.10.2023 for General Election to the Mizoram Legislative Assembly, 2023 and the date of Poll is on 07.11.2023.

Model Code of Conduct issued by Election Commission of India has become enforceable and as such citizens are to ensure strict compliance of the following points:

- Defacement of Property: The Commission's standing instructions are as follows:
 - a) Defacement of Government Property: For this purpose, a government premise would include any government office and the campus wherein the office building is situated. All wall writing, posters/paper or defacement in any other form, cutouts/hoardings, banners, flags, etc. on Government property shall be removed within 24 hours from the announcement of elections.
 - b) Defacement of Public Property and Misuse of unauthorised political advertisements, in the writings/posters/papers or defacement in any other form, cutouts/hoardings, banners, flags etc. at public property and in public spaces like bus stands, airports, roadways, government buses, electric/telephone poles, municipal/local bodies buildings, etc. shall be removed within 48 hours from the announcement of elections by the Commission.
 - c) **Defacement of Private Property**: All unauthorised political advertisements displayed within private property and subject to local law and Court's directions, if any, shall be removed **within 72 hours** from the announcement of elections.
- 2. **Misuse of Official Vehicle** There shall be a total ban on the use of official vehicle by any political party, candidate or any other person connected with election (except 'officials' performing any election related official duty) for campaigning, electioneering, election-related travel during elections (subject to certain exceptions mentioned therein). The expression 'official vehicle' means and shall include, any vehicle used or capable of being used for the purpose of transport, whether propelled by mechanical power or otherwise and will include trucks, lorries, tempos, jeeps, cars, auto rickshaws, e-rickshaws, buses belonging to Central Government/State Government, Local Bodies, Municipal Corporations, Marketing Boards, Cooperative Societies or any other body in which public funds, however small a portion of the total, are invested.

- 3. **Photograph of political functionary at official website** All references of Ministers, Politicians or Political Parties available on Central/ State Government's official website, shall be removed. A report in this regard will be submitted to CEO after announcement of poll.
- 4. **Development/Construction related activities** Within 72 hours of announcement of elections, a list of works for reference in case of validating any complaint on violation of MCC will be submitted to the DEO:
 - i) List of work which has already been started on ground.
 - ii) List of fresh work which has not started on ground.

Compliance is solicited from everyone to ensure a free and fair election to the upcoming Mizoram Legislative Assembly, 2023

Sd/-NAZUK KUMAR

District Election Officer, Aizawl District, Aizawl.

Memo No. H.11011/27/2023-DEO(A)/

Aizawl, the 9th October, 2023.

Copy to:

- 1. The Jt. CEO, Mizoram for information
- 2. Superintendent of Police, Aizawl for information and necessary action.
- 3. The Director, I & PR, Aizawl for information with a request to publish the same in local newspaper as news item.
- 4. All ROs/AROs for information and necessary action.
- 5. Nodal Officers, MCC & EEM for information and necessary action.
- 6. Secretary i/c Election, all Political Parties, Aizawl for information and necessary action.

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