



GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER(ELECTION)
SOUTH WEST GARO HILLS
AMPATI

No. SWGHA/Gnl-EI/L&O-Cell/2/2018/22

Dated Ampati, the 18th January, 2018.

From : The Deputy Commissioner & District Election Officer,
South West Garo Hills, Ampati.

To : 1. All Political Parties,
South West Garo Hills, Ampati.

2. All Heads of Departments,
South West Garo Hills, Ampati.

Sub : Conduct of General Election 2018 – Announcement of Election – Operation of Model
Code of Conduct – regarding.

Sir/Madam,

With reference to the subject cited above, I am to inform you that the Election Commission of India has announced the Election to the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly, 2018 today, the 18th January, 2018 and Model Code of Conduct comes into operation with immediate effect.

In this connection, I am to request you to kindly observe the Model Code of Conduct in letter and spirit.

This is for favour of your kind information and necessary action.

Encl: 1. Schedule of Election.
2. Model Code of Conduct.

Yours faithfully,


The Deputy Commissioner & District Election Officer,
South West Garo Hills, Ampati.

Memo No. SWGHA/Gnl-EI/L&O-Cell/2/2018/22-A Dated Ampati, the 18th January, 2018.
Copy to:-

1. The Superintendent of Police, South West Garo Hills, Ampati for favour of kind information.


The Deputy Commissioner & District Election Officer,
South West Garo Hills, Ampati.

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE POLITICAL
PARTIES AND CANDIDATES

1. General Conduct

- (1) No party or candidate shall indulge in any activity which may aggravate existing differences or create mutual hatred or cause tension between different castes and communities, religious or linguistic.
- (2) Criticism of other political parties, when made, shall be confined to their policies and programme, past record and work. Parties and Candidates shall refrain from criticism of all aspects of private life, not connected with the public activities of the leaders or workers of other parties. Criticism of other parties or their workers based on unverified allegations or distortion shall be avoided.
- (3) There shall be no appeal to caste or communal feelings for securing votes. Mosques, Churches, Temples or other places of worship shall not be used as forum for election propaganda.
- (4) All parties and candidates shall avoid scrupulously all activities which are "corrupt practices" and offences under the election law, such as bribing of voters, intimidation of voters, impersonation of voters, canvassing within 100 metres of polling stations, holding public meetings during the period of 48 hours ending with the hour fixed for the close of the poll, and the transport and conveyance of voters to and from polling station.
- (5) The right of every individual for peaceful and undisturbed home-life shall be respected, however much the political parties or candidates may resent his political opinions or activities. Organising demonstrations or picketing

candidate shall apply to the authority concerned well in advance and obtain such permission or licence.

- (4) Organisers of a meeting shall invariably seek the assistance of the police on duty for dealing with persons disturbing a meeting or otherwise attempting to create disorder. Organisers themselves shall not take action against such persons.

III. Processions

- (1) A Party or candidate organising a procession shall decide beforehand the time and place of the starting of the procession, the route to be followed and the time and place at which the procession will terminate. There shall ordinarily be no deviation from the programme.
- (2) The organisers shall give advance intimation to the local police authorities of the programme so as to enable the latter to make necessary arrangements.
- (3) The organisers shall ascertain if any restrictive orders are in force in the localities through which the procession has to pass, and shall comply with the restrictions unless exempted specially by the competent authority. Any traffic regulations or restrictions shall also be carefully adhered to.
- (4) The organisers shall take steps in advance to arrange for passage of the procession so that there is no block or hindrance to traffic. If the procession is very long, it shall be organised in segments of suitable lengths, so that at convenient intervals, especially at points where the procession has to pass road junctions, the passage of held up traffic could be allowed by stages thus avoiding heavy traffic congestion.

- (iii) agree that the identity slips supplied by them to voters shall be on plain (white) paper and shall not contain any symbol, name of the candidate or the name of the Party;
- (iv) refrain from serving or distributing liquor on polling day and during the twenty-four hours preceding it;
- (v) not allow unnecessary crowd to be collected near the camps set up by the political parties and candidates near the polling booths so as to avoid confrontation and tension among workers and sympathisers of the parties and the candidate;
- (vi) ensure that the candidate's camps shall be simple. They shall not display any posters, flags, symbols or any other propaganda material. No eatables shall be served or crowd allowed at the camps; and
- (vii) co-operate with the authorities in complying with the restrictions to be imposed on the plying of vehicles on the polling day and obtain permits for them which should be displayed prominently on those vehicles.

V. Polling Booth:

Excepting the voters, no one without a valid pass from the Election Commission shall enter the polling booths.

VI Observers.

The Election Commission is appointing Observers. If the candidates or their agents have any specific complaint or problem regarding the conduct of elections they may bring the same to the notice of the Observer.

election period for partisan coverage of political news and publicity regarding achievements with a view to furthering the prospects of the party in power shall be scrupulously avoided.

- (v) Ministers and other authorities shall not sanction grants/payments out of discretionary funds from the time elections are announced by the Commission; and
- (vi) From the time elections are announced by the Commission, Ministers and other authorities shall not –
 - (a) announce any financial grants in any form or promises thereof, or
 - (b) (except civil servants) lay foundation stones etc. of projects or schemes of any kind; or
 - (c) make any promise of construction of roads, provision of drinking water facilities etc.; or
 - (d) make any ad-hoc appointments in Government, Public Undertakings etc.

which may have the effect of influencing the voters in favour of the party in power.

Note : The Commission shall announce the date of any election which shall be a date ordinarily not more than three weeks prior to the date on which the notification is likely to be issued in respect of such elections.

- (vii) ministers of Central or State Government shall not enter any polling station or place of counting except in their capacity as a candidate or voter or authorised agent.
