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NOTIFICATION

Imphal, the 18th January 2012

No.4/ELEC-EPIC/SAE-2012: The order No.3/4/ID/2011/SDR/(Manipur) dated 13.1.2012 of the Election Commission of India regarding compulsory identification of electors is hereby republished for general information.

**P. C. LAWMKUNGA,
Chief Electoral Officer, Manipur.**

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-11001.

No. 3/4/ID/2011/SDR/(Manipur)

Dated : 13th January, 2012

ORDER

1. Whereas Section 61 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 provides that with a view to preventing impersonation of electors, so as to make the right of genuine electors to vote under section 62 of that Act more effective, provisions may be made by rules under that Act for use of Electors Photo Identity Card for electors by the means of establishing their identity at the time of polling; and
2. Whereas, Rule 28 of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960, empowers the Election Commission to direct, with a view to preventing impersonation of electors and facilitating their identification at the time of poll, the issue of Electors Photo Identity Card to electors bearing their photographs at State cost; and
3. Whereas, Rules 49H(3) and 49K (2) (b) of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, stipulate that where the electors of a constituency have been supplied with Electors Photo Identity Cards under the said provisions of Rule 28 of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960, the electors shall produce their Electors Photo Identity Card at the polling station and failure or refusal on their part to produce those Electors Photo Identity Card may result in the denial of permission to vote; and
4. Whereas, a combined and harmonious reading of the aforesaid provisions of the said Act and the Rules makes it clear that although the right to make a miss by the existence of the name in the electoral roll, it is also dependent upon the use of the Electors Photo Identity Card, 'where provided by the Election Commission at State cost, and that both are to be used together; and
5. Whereas, the Election Commission made an Order on the 28th August, 1993, directing the issue of Electors Photo Identity Card (EPIC) to all electors, according to a time bound programme; and
6. Whereas, the Commission has taken note of the fact that over the last few years since the implementation of the programme of issue of EPIC was taken up, the election machinery of Manipur. have issued these cards to a substantially high number of electors and made all possible efforts, by way of repeated rounds of the constituencies and areas, with a view to issuing cards to the left-out electors: and
7. Whereas, at the general election to the Legislative Assembly of Haryana held in January - March, 2000, and at all general and bye-elections held since then, the Commission had directed

that all electors who were issued with EPIC should produce those cards to exercise their franchise at the said elections, and that it would permit the electors who do not have EPIC to vote at the said election, provided their identity is otherwise established by production of one of the alternative documents prescribed by the Commission; and

8. Whereas, the Commission has introduced distribution of authenticated 'Photo voters' slip to the electors in Manipur.

9. Now, therefore, after taking into account all relevant factors and the legal and factual position, the Election Commission hereby directs that all electors in each of the 60 Assembly Constituencies, in Manipur, for the general election notified on 4th January, 2012, shall produce their EPIC for establishing their identity before casting their votes. Electors who do not have EPIC shall have to produce any of the following alternative photo documents for establishing their identity:-

- (i) Passport,
- (ii) Driving Licence,
- (iii) Income Tax Identity (PAN) Card,
- (iv) Service Identity Cards having: photograph, issued to its employees by State/Central Government, Public Sector Undertakings, Local Bodies Or Public Limited Companies,
- (v) Passbook with Photograph issued by Public Sector Banks/Post Office and Kisan Passbook (Accounts opened on or before 31-12-2011),
- (vi) SC/ST/OBC certificate issued by competent authority with photograph issued on or before 31-12-2011,
- (vii) Pension Documents such as ex-servicemen's Pension Book/Pension Payment Order, ex-servicemen's Widow/Dependent Certificates, Old Age Pension Order, Widow Pension Order with photograph (issued on or before 31-12-2011),
- (viii) Freedom Fighter Identity Card with photograph.
- (ix) Arms Licenses with photograph, issued on or before 31-12-2011,
- (x) Certificate of Physical Handicap with photograph issued by the Competent Authority on or before 31-12-2011,
- (xi) Health Insurance Scheme Smart Card with photograph (Ministry of Labour's Scheme) issued up to 31-12-2011,
- (xii) Property Document with Photograph such as pattas, Registered Deeds, etc.

(xiii) Job Cards with photograph under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme issued on or before 31-12- 2011,

(xiv) Aauthenticated 'Photo Voter Slip' issued by Election Machinery.

10. Any of the above mentioned documents that is available only to head of the family may other' members of the family provided all members come together and are identified by the head of the family.

11. Notwithstanding anything in Para 9 above, Overseas electors who are registered in the electoral rolls under Section 20A of the Representation of the People Act, 1950 based on tile particulars in their passport, shall be identified on the basis of their original passport only (and no other identity document) in the polling station.

By Order

ASHISH CHAKRABORTY
SECRETARY