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PRESS RELEASE

The Election Commission of India through its Press Note No. ECI/PN/3/2018 dated 18th January 2018 has announced the following schedule for the conduct of General Election to the 13th Nagaland Legislative Assembly.

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| 1. Announcement & Issue of Press Note | : 18/01/2018 (Thursday) |
| 2. Issue of Notification | : 31/01/2018 (Wednesday) |
| 3. Last date for filing of Nominations | : 07/02/2018 (Wednesday) |
| 4. Scrutiny of Nominations | : 08/02/2018 (Thursday) |
| 5. Last date for withdrawal of Candidature | : 12/02/2018 (Monday) |
| 6. Date of Poll | : 27/02/2018 (Tuesday) |
| 7. Counting of Votes | : 03/03/2018 (Saturday) |
| 8. Date before which the election shall be completed | : 05/03/2018 (Monday) |

Consequent upon the announcement of General Election, the Model Code of Conduct comes into operation from the 18th January, 2018 and will be, in force till the completion of the General Election. This will be applicable to all Political Parties and ~~to~~ the Union and State Governments. Among others, the following directives issued by the Commission are reiterated for strict compliance by the Political Parties, Candidates and the State Government.

I. Party in Power:

The party in power whether at the Centre or in the State or States concerned, shall ensure that no cause is given for any complaint that it has used its official position for the purposes of its election campaign and in particular-

- (i) (a) The Ministers shall not combine their official visit with electioneering work and shall not also make use of official machinery or personnel during the electioneering work;
(b) Government transport including official aircrafts, vehicles, machinery and personnel shall not be used for furtherance of the interest of the party in power;
- (ii) Public places such as maidans etc. for holding election meetings, and use of helipads for air- flights in connection with elections shall not be monopolized by itself. Other parties and candidates shall be allowed the use of such places facilitates on the same terms and conditions on which they are used by the party in power;
- (iii) Rest houses, Dak Bungalows or other Government accommodation shall not be monopolized by the party in power or its candidates and such accommodation shall be allowed to be used by other parties and candidates in a fair manner but no party or candidate shall use or be allowed to use such accommodation (including premises appertaining thereto) as a campaign office or for holding any public meeting for the purpose of election propaganda;
- (iv) Issue of advertisement at the cost of public exchequer in the newspapers and other media and the misuse of official mass media during the 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;



- (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 ad-hoc appointments in Government, public undertakings etc. which may have the effect of influencing the voters in favour of the party in power.
- (vii) No advertisements shall be issued in electronic and print media highlighting the achievement of the Govt. at the cost of public exchequer. If any advertisement has already been released for telecast/broadcast or publication in the print media, it must be ensured that telecast/broadcast of such ads. on electronic media is stopped forthwith and that no such ads. ~~is~~ published in any newspaper, magazine etc., ie. in print media from today itself and it should be immediately withdrawn.

The Commission directs that there shall be a total ban on the transfer of all officers/officials connected with the conduct of the election. These include but are not restricted to:-

- i) The Chief Electoral Officer and Additional/ Joint/ Deputy Chief Electoral Officers;
- ii) Divisional Commissioners;
- iii) The District Election Officers, Returning Officers, Assistant Returning Officers and other Revenue Officers connected with the Conduct of Election;
- iv) Officers of the Police Department connected with the management of election like range IGs and DIGs, Senior Superintendents of Police and Superintendents of Police, Sub- Divisional Police Officers like Deputy Superintendents of Police and other Police Officers who are deputed to the Commission under section 28A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951;
- v) The transfer orders issued in respect of the above categories of officers prior to the date of announcement but not implemented till date should not be given effect to without obtaining specific permission from the Commission in this regard;
- vi) This ban shall be effective till the due Constitution Notification constituting the new Houses is issued in the respective States. The Commission further directs that the State Government should refrain from making transfer of Senior Officers who have a role, in the management of election in the State.
- vii) In those cases where transfer of an officer is necessary on account of administrative exigencies, the State Government may with full jurisdiction approach the Commission for prior clearance.

II Release of funds under Local Area Development Schemes:

- (a) No fresh release of funds under MP including Rajya Sabha members- Local Area Development Fund shall be made in any part of the State where election is in progress. Similarly no fresh release of funds under the MPs/ MLAs Local Area Development Fund shall be made, if any such is in operation, till the completion of election process.
- (b) No work may be started for which the work order had been issued, but where the work has actually not started in the field. Such works can be started after the completion of the election process. However, where the work has already started, the work can continue.
- (c) There shall be no bar to the release of payments for completed work(s) subject to the full satisfaction of the concerned officials.



III Use of Vehicles:

Officials vehicles cannot be used for electioneering work. 'Official Vehicles' include all vehicles belonging to the-

- Central Government,
- State Government,
- Public Undertakings of the Central and State Government,
- Joint Sector Undertakings of the Central and State Government,
- Local Bodies, Municipal Corporations, Municipalities,
- Marketing Boards (by whatever name known),
- Cooperative Societies,
- Autonomous District Councils, or
- Any other body in which public funds, howsoever small a portion of the total, are invested and also
- Vehicles belonging to the Ministry of Defense and the Central Police Organizations under the Ministry of Home Affairs and State Commission.

These directives are illustrative but not exhaustive and are not intended to substitute any other details orders/ directions issued by the Election Commission.

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Dated: 18th January, 2018.

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Copy to:-

1. The Principal Secretary to the Governor of Nagaland, Raj Bhavan.
2. Secretary to Chief Minister, Nagaland
3. All P.S. to Minister .
4. The OSD to Chief Secretary.
5. Addl. Chief Secretary & Financial Commissioner.
6. Director General of Police, Nagaland
7. The Principal Secretary & Commissioner, Nagaland.
8. The Principal Secretaries/ Commissioner & Secretaries/Secretary of all Departments.
9. Commissioner & Secretary, Nagaland Legislative Assembly.
10. All Heads of Departments.
11. The Deputy Commissioners & District Election Officers.
12. The Director, Information & Public Relation for Publicity.
13. The Station Director, AIR / Doordarshan.
14. All Local Newspapers.


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