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NOTIFICATION

No. B.12011/1/55/2014-SEC/VC/LADC, the 27th March, 2014. WHEREAS, the State Election Commission vide its Notification No.B.12011/46/2012-SEC/LADC/VC, dt. 24.2.2014 issued the Schedule for holding General Election to 63-Tuisentlang Village Council Constituency under Lai Autonomous District Council along with others wherein 10th March, 2014 was fixed as the last date for Withdrawal of Nominations and 25th March, 2014 (Tuesday) as the Date of Poll; and

WHEREAS, the Election Observer and Sector Officer concerned brought to the notice of the Commission that following the belated withdrawals of candidature by Independent Candidates on 24th March, 2014, the Returning Officer of 63-Tuisentlang Village Council Constituency declared candidates of one party elected 'unopposed' without following the procedures laid down in Rule 12 of the Lai Autonomous District Council (Election to Village Councils) Rules, 2011 and without obtaining prior permission of the State Election Commission; and

WHEREAS, on the basis of the unauthorized decision taken by the said Returning Officer, no election was conducted by the appointed Presiding Officer of the 63- Tuisentlang Polling Station without obtaining prior permission of the State Election Commission; and

WHEREAS, the State Election Commission, after taking the aforementioned facts and circumstances into consideration, is of the view that the said Returning Officer and Presiding Officer performed their duties without following the procedures laid down in the Rules ibid and in disregard of the directions of the State Election Commission and the decision of the said Returning Officer is liable to be declared null and void; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the State Election Commission, in exercise of the powers conferred under sub-rule (5) of Rule 3 of the Lai Autonomous District Council (Election to Village Councils) Rules, 2011 and other powers enabling in this behalf, hereby orders that election process in respect of 63-Tuisentlang Village Council Constituency should be initiated afresh and the said Returning Officer and Presiding Officer should also be replaced forthwith in the interest of free and fair elections. Accordingly, the Schedule of Election in respect of 63-Tuisentlang Village Council Constituency is hereby revised as follows and the process of filing of nominations shall be commenced with immediate effect :-

1	Last date for filing of Nominations	2 nd April, 2014(Wednesday) (upto 3:00 PM)
2	Scrutiny of Nominations	3 rd April, 2014(Thursday)
3	Date & time for Withdrawal of Nominations	4 th April, 2014(Friday) (upto 12:00 Noon)
4	Date and time for allotment of symbols to candidates and display of list of candidates	4 th April, 2014(Friday) (1:00 PM – 4:00 PM)
5	Date of Poll, if required	11th April, 2014(Friday) (7:00 AM – 4:00 PM)
6	Date of Re-poll, if any	12 th April, 2014(Saturday)
7	Counting of Votes	12 th April, 2014(Saturday) (9:30 AM onwards)
8	Date on which election process shall be completed	17 th April, 2014(Thursday)

By order, etc

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Mizoram.