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NOTIFICATION

No.B. 14015/3/2015-SEC/VC/LC/LII, the 22nd September, 2015. WHEREAS, in exercise of the power conferred by Section 3 (7) of the Lushai Hills District (Village Councils) Amendment Act 2014 and Rule 3 (1) of the Mizoram (Election to Village Councils) Rules 2014, the State Election Commission called upon all the Village Council Constituencies, including MZ-VC 02/17 Chawngte 'L' Village Council Constituency, to elect members of Village Council on 30th April 2015 vide Notification No.B.12011/57/2014-SEC/VC dt 6th April 2015. Accordingly, election to 5 (five) members of Village Council under MZ-VC 02/17 Chawngte 'L' (4 (four) General seats and 1 (one) Reserved seat for woman) was held on the date fixed for poll alongwith other.

WHEREAS, counting of votes was held immediately after the poll is over, and in exercise of the power conferred by Rule 77 of The Mizoram (Election to Village Councils) Rules 2014, the Returning Officer of MZ-VC 02/17 Chawngte 'L' Village Council Constituency published an Election Result forthwith as under.

SI. No.	List of Elected	Name of Political	Total Votes Obtained
	Candidates	Parties	(Hmuh tam dan indawtin)
1.	K. Lalrammawia	INC	249
2.	Larchhuakmawia	INC	213
3.	Ngurthansanga	INC	174
4.	F. Lalsangluaia	IND	170
5.	Laltlangmawii 'R'	MNF	254

AND, WHEREAS, Pu LaIrintluanga Chawngte 'L' INC official candidate for General Election to Village Council - 2015 under MZ-VC 02/17 Chawngte 'L' Village Council Constituency having grievances, submitted an election petition under Rule 84 of the Mizoram (Election to Village Councils) Rule 2014 and paid Rs 300/- as petition fee on the following points.

Firstly, the Returning Officer allegedly disallowed the counting agents to be seated near the counting tables during counting of votes.

Secondly, after conclusion of counting, the Returning Officer turned down the request of the candidates to re-examine all the ballots and to recount the votes.

Thirdly, the petitioner claims that the sum total of votes obtained by each candidate varies from the total number of valid and invalid votes.

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Forthly, one counting official, namely, Mr. K.Lalengzauva was alleged to have made a derisive remark that whether Lalrintluanga would be elected in the election or not.

THEREFORE, in exercise of the power conferred by Rule 86 of The Mizoram (Election to Village Councils) Rules 2014, the State Election Commission vide No. B.14015/3/2015-SEC dt. 20.5.2015 constituted an Election Tribunal for Lunglei District to consider the aforesaid election petition.

AND WHEREAS, the Election Tribunal having heard of all responsible officials in connection with the election to MZ-VC 02/17 Chawngte 'L' Village Council Constituency election including the Petitioner and thoroughly examined all election documents by way of re-count of the ballot papers, the Election Tribunal, in exercising their power conferred by Rule 89 (2) of The Mizoram (Election to Village Councils) Rules, 2014, Dismissed the Election.

NOW, THEREFORE, the State Election Commission in exercise of the powers conferred by Rule 89 (4) of The Mizoram (Election to Village Councils) Rules, 2014 hereby notify the decision of the Election Tribunal that the result of MZ-VC 02/17 Chawngte 'L' Village Council Constituency declared by the Returning Officer is to be maintained as STATUS QUO.

L. Tochhong, State Election Commissioner, Mizoram : Aizawl.