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NOTIFICATION

No. B.14015/3/2015-SEC/VC/LC/Cpi, the 6th October, 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 04/74 Ruantlang 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 04/74 Ruantlang 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 04/74 Ruantlang Village Council Constituency published an Election Result forthwith as under.

<u>SI. No.</u>	List of Elected Candidates	Name of Political Parties	Total Votes Obtained (Hmuh tam dan indawtin)
1.	KT Vanlalchhuana	INC	427
2.	C. Thanngura	INC	390
3.	Lalramluaha	MNF	390
4.	C. Lalrivunga	INC	316
5.	Rinthangpuii 'R'	ZNP	404

AND, WHEREAS, Pu C. Kungliana & other official candidates for General Election to Village Council - 2015 under MZ-VC 04/74 Ruantlang 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.

- 1. Counting of votes were done by 7 (seven) personnels without cross checking and the results were submitted.
- 2. The invalid votes declared by the Returning Officer is not acceptable as it was declared without the presence of candidates and Counting Agents.
- 3. The valid votes do not tally with the no. of votes obtained by the candidates.
- 4. There were some voters who did not give their signature in the Ballot Book/Register of vote.

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 Champhai District** to consider the aforesaid election petition.

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AND WHEREAS, the Election Tribunal having heard of all responsible officials in connection with the election to MZ-VC 04/74 Ruantlang Village Council Constituency including the **Petitioner** and thoroughly examined all election documents by way of rechecking all ballot papers alongwith Form 30 submitted by the Returning Officer. The Election Tribunal, in exercising their power conferred by Rule 89 (3) of The Mizoram (Election to Village Councils) Rules, 2014, declared that the election of the returned candidate Pu Lalramluaha, MNF, according to Form 30 submitted by Pu J. Ringzuala, Returning Officer MZ-VC 04/74 Ruantlang is void and stands cancelled.

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 for Champhai District declared Pu C. Kungliana, INC to have been duly elected to fill the seat in the Village Council of MZ-VC 04/74 Ruantlang.

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