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ORDER

No. B. 12021/1/2012-SEC/CADC, the 13th March, 2013.

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 Elector's Photo Identity Card (EPIC) for electors as 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 of India to direct, with a view to preventing impersonation of electors and facilitating their identification at the time of poll, the issue of EPIC 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 EPIC 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 vote arises by the existence of the name in the electoral roll, it is also dependent upon the use of the EPIC where provided by the Election Commission of India at State cost, as the means of establishing their identity at the time of polling and that both are to be used together; and
5. **WHEREAS**, the Election Commission of India made an Order on the 28th August, 1993, directing the issue of EPIC to all electors, according to a time bound programme and the State Election Commission, Mizoram has taken note that the election machinery of Lawngtlai District, Mizoram have issued the EPIC to all electors in the Chakma Autonomous District Council area under 36 - Tuichawng Assembly Constituency; and
6. **WHEREAS**, as provided under Rule 147 of the Chakma Autonomous District Council (Constitution, Conduct of Business, etc) Rules, 2002 as amended in 2012, the State Election Commission has adopted the Electoral Rolls of a Constituency of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly prepared in accordance with the provisions of Section 23 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950 (No.43 of 1950) in as much as it relates to the areas comprised within the constituencies of the District Council

of Chakma Autonomous District as the electoral roll for the purposes of the forthcoming General Election to the Chakma Autonomous District Council, 2013; and

7. **WHEREAS**, the State Election Commission is of the view that the triumph of democracy can best be achieved through greater participation of the electors as well as free and fair elections and the State Election Commission, as a Constitutional Body, has also to make this turn around possible through a well-thought-out strategy in the forthcoming General Election to Chakma Autonomous District Council, 2013;
8. **NOW, THEREFORE**, after taking into account all relevant factors as aforementioned and in exercise of the powers conferred under Article 243ZA of the Constitution of India read with sub-rule (5) of Rule 7 of the Chakma Autonomous District Council (Constitution, Conduct of Business, etc) Rules, 2002 as amended in 2012, the State Election Commission hereby orders that the **Voter Slip with Photograph(VSP)** should be issued to each and every elector to facilitate the voter to know where he is enrolled as a voter at a given location of polling station and what is his voter's serial number in the said Roll. Accordingly, the EPIC and the VSP will be the only documents permitted as an identity proof of the voter and all electors of MDC Constituencies in Chakma Autonomous District Council area shall produce their EPIC or VSP for establishing their identity before casting their votes in the forthcoming General Election to Chakma Autonomous District Council, 2013.
9. The Commission further issues the following instructions for effective implementation of the above orders -
 - 1) The VSP should not be used as an alternative to the EPIC as it is to be issued only as convenience to electors;
 - 2) If an elector produces an EPIC, which has been issued by the Electoral Registration Officer of another Assembly Constituency, other than 36 -Tuichawng Assembly Constituency, such EPIC shall also be taken into account provided the name of that elector finds place in the electoral roll pertaining to the polling station where the elector has turned up for voting. Minor discrepancies in the entries in the EPIC should be ignored and the elector allowed to vote provided the identity of the elector can be established by means of the EPIC or VSP;
 - 3) If any of the photo in the EPIC and the photo in the VSP does not match, the elector shall have to produce any other identity proof with photograph issued by the competent authority of the Central or State Government for establishing his/her identity;
 - 4) The RO/ARO concerned shall issue VSP only after proper authentication as per the format enclosed;
 - 5) The DEO shall appoint a Station Officer, who is well conversant with preparation of Electoral Rolls, for each Polling Station to distribute VSP to all the electors and look after a VSP Facilitation Desk outside the Polling Booth on Poll day, and to render necessary assistance to the Polling Party;
 - 6) The VSP be distributed to all enrolled voters by District election machinery through Station Officers positively one day ahead of poll day.
10. Notwithstanding anything contained in Para 9 above, there may, however, be instances, that the voter might have misplaced EPIC and VSP. Since the Commission's endeavour is not to deprive any voter from casting his vote, the Commission has directed that an additional copy of VSP would be kept at a Facilitation Centre out side the Polling Booth so that those voters who have misplaced their VSP and EPIC can collect it at the polling booth itself.

By order and in the name of the State Election Commissioner,

H. Darzika,
Secretary,
State Election Commission, Mizoram

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