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NOTIFICATION

No. B. 12011/48/2012-SEC/VC/Vol-II, the 16th July, 2013. WHEREAS, the State Election Commission has issued the schedule for By-Election to 13 (thirteen) Village Council Constituencies in Aizawl District and 2 (two) Village Council Constituencies in Kolasib District thereby fixing 23rd July, 2013 for the date of poll vide Notification of even No, Dt. 10.7.2013 and accordingly, the process of filing of nominations draws to a close at 3:00 p.m on 15th July, 2013; and

WHEREAS, as per special reports received from intelligence sources, a group of people called Hmar Welfare Committee had visited various villages with a slogan of having common or public candidates rather than each party fielding their respective candidates, which they insisted would be a sign of showing solidarity and support towards certain insurgent group; and

WHEREAS, it is learnt that out of 13 (thirteen) Village Council Constituencies in Aizawl District, 5 (five) Village Council Constituencies have complied with the appeal made by Hmar Welfare Committee and the no. of persons who have filed nominations in 4 (four) Village Council Constituencies, viz, Khawpuar, North Tinghmun, Mauchar and Zokhawthiang is equal to the no. of seats to be filled and only independent candidates filed their nominations in Palsang Village Council Constituency; and

WHEREAS, the State Election Commission, as a Constitutional body, is committed to ensure impartial elections free from any kind of threat and intimidation in order to guarantee the true mandate of the electors which can only be achieved through greater participation of all stake-holders without fear or favour. However, a strong apprehension exists that the various political parties and intending candidates abstained from filing their nominations under duress thereby resulting in unhealthy outcome and a sense of fear psychosis in the minds of the intending candidates, which is not acceptable to the State Election Commission. After taking all the intelligent inputs and various reports available with the Commission into consideration, the State Election Commission is of the view that the said appeal of Hmar Welfare Committee, which was rather imposed on various political parties and intending candidates against their sincere will, has apparently impeded the process of free and fair elections; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the State Election Commission, after taking all relevant factors as aforementioned and in exercise of the powers conferred under Rule 3 (1) of the Mizoram (Constitution of State Election Commission) Rules, 2008 read with Rule 5 of the Mizoram (Election to Village Councils) Rules, 1974 as amended, hereby issues the Revised Schedule for filing of Nominations, etc, in respect of **Khawpuar, North Tinghmun, Mauchar, Zokhawthiang and Palsang** Village Council Constituencies as shown below:-

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(1)	Last date for filing of nominations	17.07.2013 (Wednesday) (Upto 2:00 p.m)
(2)	Scrutiny of nominations	17.07.2013 (Wednesday) (2:00 p.m to 3:00 p.m)
(3)	Last date for withdrawal of nominations	17.07.2013 (Wednesday) (3:00 p.m to 4:00 p.m)
(4)	Date for allotment of symbols to Candidates and display of list of Candidates	18.07.2013 (Thursday) (10:00 a.m. onwards)
(5)	Submission of list of Contesting Candidates to the State Election Commission & District Election Officers	19.07.2013 (Friday)

The Commission further orders that date of poll, etc, shall remain the same and fresh nominations will not be required for those persons who have already filed their nominations within the previous stipulated time.

C.Ropianga, State Election Commissioner, Mizoram.