

**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
DISTRICT COUNCIL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT**

ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR

NOTIFICATION

Dated Shillong, the 10th February, 2019.

No.DCA.52/98/314:- Whereas a situation has arisen rendering the Returning Officer unable to make a fair and judicious decision in allocation of symbols under sub-rule (4) of Rule 135 of the Assam and Meghalaya Autonomous Districts (Constitution of District Councils) Rules, 1951 as amended in certain cases;

now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under Rule 4 of the Assam and Meghalaya Autonomous Districts (Constitution of District Councils) Rules, 1951 and all other powers enabling him in this behalf, the Governor of Meghalaya, is pleased to order that in such cases the following procedure shall be followed by the Returning Officer in respect of the allocation of symbols for the conduct of Elections to the 3 (three) Autonomous District Councils in the State:-

Where the same symbol other than the symbol reserved by the Election Commission of India for a National Party or a State recognized party of Meghalaya has been chosen by two or several candidates at such election in a constituency, then -

- (i) if of those two or several candidates, only one is a candidate set up by an unrecognized political party and the other or the rest is or are independent candidate(s), the Returning Officer shall allot that symbol to the candidate set up by the unrecognized political party, and to no one else;
- (ii) if, of those several candidates, two or more are set up by different unrecognized political parties and the rest are independent candidates, the Returning Officer shall decide by lot to which of the two or more candidates set up by the different unrecognized political parties that symbol shall be allotted, and allot that symbol to the candidate on whom the lot falls and to no one else.
- (iii) and, if of those two or several candidates, being all independent candidates, the returning officer shall decide by lot to which of those independent candidates that symbol shall be allotted, and allot that symbol to the candidate on whom the lot falls, and to no one else.

The above orders shall come into force at once and shall remain in force till further orders or till the relevant rules are amended by the respective Autonomous District Councils whichever is earlier.

Sd/- T. Dkhar
Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
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1. The Private Secretary to Chief Minister for kind information of the Chief Minister.
2. The Private Secretary to Deputy Chief Ministers for kind information of the Deputy Chief Ministers.
3. The Private Secretary to Minister District Council Affairs Department for kind information of the Minister.
4. The Private Secretary to all Ministers for kind information of the Ministers.
5. The Private Secretary to Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya for kind information of the Chief Secretary.
6. The Secretary to the Governor, Raj Bhavan, Shillong.
7. The Deputy Commissioners and Returning Officers, East Khasi Hills District, Shillong/West Khasi Hills District, Nongstoin/South West Khasi Hills District, Mawkyrwat/Ri-Bhoi District, Nongpoh/ West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai/East Jaintia Hills District, Khliehriat for information and necessary action.
8. The Deputy Commissioners West Garo Hills District, Tura/East Garo Hills District, Williamnagar/South Garo Hills District, Baghmara/North Garo Hills District, Resubelpara and South West Garo Hills District, Ampati for information.
9. The Sub-Divisional Officers (Civil) & Returning Officer, Sohra / Mairang for information and necessary action.
10. The Secretary, Executive Committee, Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council, Shillong/Garo Hills Autonomous District Council/Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council for information.
11. The Director of Information and Public Relations, Meghalaya, Shillong to kindly cause widest possible publicity through the Press, D.D.K and A.I.R. in Khasi, Jaintia and English.
12. The Director of Printing and Stationery, Meghalaya, Shillong with a request for immediate publication of the above Notification in the Meghalaya Gazette Extra Ordinary of date and to supply this Department with 50 spare copies of the printed Notification.
13. All Administrative Departments.

By order etc.,



Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
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State Informatics Officer.

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