

**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
DISTRICT COUNCIL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT**

ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR

NOTIFICATION

Dated Shillong, the 31st January, 2019.

No.DCA.46/2017/Pt/8 :- 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 make the following orders in respect of the conduct of Elections to the 3(three) Autonomous District Councils in the State:-

1. That the security deposit prescribed under Rules 134(1) of the Assam and Meghalaya Autonomous Districts (Constitution of District Councils) Rules, 1951 as amended is raised to ₹.3,000/- (Rupees Three Thousand) only;
2. That the maximum scale of election expense which may be incurred by the candidate for election in a constituency as provided in Rules 176 of the Assam and Meghalaya Autonomous Districts (Constitution of District Councils) Rules, 1951 is raised to ₹.5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs).
3. That the **'None of the Above' (NOTA)** option is introduced in the elections to the 3(three) Autonomous District Council in the State subject to the condition that even if, in any extreme case, the number of voters against NOTA is more than the number of voters secured by the candidates, the candidate who secures the largest number of votes among the contesting candidates shall be declared to be elected.

After the panel containing the name and particulars of the last candidate on the ballot paper, there shall be a panel below the said last panel with the words **"None of the Above"** written therein for the benefit of those electors who may wish to exercise the option of not voting for any of the candidates in the fray. These words shall be written in the same language or languages as used in the case of names of candidates. The size of the panel shall be the same as in the case of the candidates.

The symbol and other procedures in respect of **NOTA** shall be as prescribed by the Election Commission of India from time to time.

The above orders shall come into force with effect from the date of publication of this Notification in the Gazette of Meghalaya and remain in force till the relevant rules are amended by the respective Autonomous District Councils.

**Sd/-
T. Dkhar**

Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
District Council Affairs Department

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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,
District Council Affairs Department.