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Use of loudspeakers for electioneering in Ri Bhoi District

Shillong, February 15th, 2019 : The District Magistrate, Ri Bhoi District has regulated the use of loudspeakers within the District with immediate effect until further orders.

The use of loudspeakers, whether fitted on vehicles of any kind or in static position for public meetings for electioneering during the entire election period starting from the date of announcement of election and ending with the date of declaration of results shall be permitted only between 6:00 AM and 10:00 PM and all loudspeakers whether used for general propaganda or for public meetings or processions, and whether used on moving vehicles or otherwise, shall be used only between 6:00 AM and 10:00 PM. All loudspeakers being used beyond the hours as prescribed above shall be confiscated along with all the apparatus connected with the use of these loudspeakers.

All political parties, candidates and any other persons using any loudspeakers on moving vehicles including but not restricted to trucks, tempos, cars, taxis, vans, three wheeler scooters, cycle rickshaws, etc., shall intimate the

registration identification number of those vehicle to the authorities granting permission to use the loudspeakers and such registration identification numbers of the vehicles shall be indicated on the permits granted by the authorities concerned. Any vehicle on which a loudspeaker is used without the said written permission shall be confiscated along with loudspeaker and all the apparatus used along with it. No loudspeakers fitted on vehicles of any kind or in any manner shall be permitted to be used during the period of 48 hours ending with the hour fixed for the conclusion of the poll in the state.

All political parties, candidates and even other person using a loudspeaker either on moving vehicle or at a fixed place shall intimate to the Returning Officer of the Constituency and local police authorities in writing.