

Writing, pasting of posters prohibited

Shillong, September 24, 2019: Upon announcement of the poll date for holding Bye Elections to the 26-Shella (ST) Assembly Constituency by the Election Commission of India to be held on 21.10.2019, it is necessary to take preventive action and ensure peaceful conduct of Bye Elections by implementing the Model Code of Conduct. Therefore, the District Magistrate and District Election Officer, East Khasi Hills District, Shillong, has promulgated an Order under Section 144 CrPC prohibiting all contesting candidates or their agents or the Political Parties from wall writing, pasting of posters, papers or defacement in any other form, or erecting, displaying of cut-outs, hoarding, banners etc, on any public property, public premises. Political parties or candidates are also prohibited from putting up of banners on all roads, thoroughfares.

Further, no wall writing, pasting of posters, papers or defacement in any other form or erecting, displaying of cut-outs, hoardings, banners etc shall be permitted on any private property, private walls without written permission from the house-owners and final approval from the office of the Returning Officer, 26-Shella (ST) Assembly Constituency.

Election meeting would not be allowed without taking permission from the office of the Returning Officer, 26-Shella (ST) Assembly Constituency and subsequently local headmen regarding the venue of the meeting. No P.A System will be allowed to be used between 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM. In case of PA System/Loud Speakers which are used without permission from the District Magistrate and District Election Officer, East Khasi Hills District, Shillong, the same would be seized immediately by the local authorities. Rallies and procession will not be allowed without the permission from the Returning Officer, 26-Shella (ST) Assembly Constituency.

This order will extend throughout the East Khasi Hills District and will come into force with immediate effect and shall remain in force till the election process is over.