



**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER
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PRESS NOTE

Subject : General Elections to the Lok Sabha, 2024 - reg.

Aizawl, 16th March, 2024: The Election Commission of India through its Press Note No. ECI/PN/23/2024 dated 16th March, 2024 has announced the schedule for the conduct of the General Elections to the Lok Sabha, 2024. The schedule for the General Election to the Lok Sabha, 2024 with particular reference to **1-Mizoram Parliamentary Constituency** is as follows :

Poll Events	Schedule
Date of Issue of Gazette Notification	20.03.2024 (Wednesday)
Last date of making Nominations	27.03.2024 (Wednesday)
Date for Scrutiny of Nominations	28.03.2024 (Thursday)
Last date for the Withdrawal of Candidatures	30.03.2024 (Saturday)
Date of Poll	19.04.2024 (Friday)
Date of Counting	04.06.2024 (Tuesday)
Date before which election shall be completed	06.06.2024 (Thursday)

Pursuant to the various instructions of the Commission, the Chief Electoral Officer, Mizoram has undertaken a series of preparatory exercise/activities in line with the standard established by the Commission as under:-

1. Electoral Rolls: The Special Summary Revision of Photo Electoral Roll with reference to 01.01.2024 as the qualifying date was conducted and the final publication of electoral roll has been done on 8th February, 2024. As per the finally published electoral roll, there are **4,14,777** male electors, **4,41,520** female electors, **4,980** service electors and the total electors in the State of Mizoram is **8,61,277**. The Electoral Data as on today may be analyzed as under:-

- 1) District with highest number of Electors : **Aizawl (2,88,268)**
- 2) District with lowest number of Electors : **Hnahthial (16,257)**
- 3) Assembly Constituency with highest number of Electors : 36-Tuichawng (Lawngtlai District) – **36,493**
- 4) Assembly Constituency with lowest number of Electors : **34-Thorang (15,152)**
- 5) Gender Ratio of 2024 (SSR 2024) : **1,064**

- 6) District where male electors are more than female electors : **Mamit District (Gender Ratio - 982, i.e. Male - 32,842 & Female - 32,259)**
- 7) Assembly Constituencies where male electors are more than female electors : **2-Dampa, 3-Mamit, 25-East Tuipui, 34-Thorang, 35-West Tuipui, 36-Tuichawng, 37-Lawngtlai West, 8-Chalfilh & 21-Lengteng.**
- 8) Number of Young Voters (18-19 age group) : **36,214**
- 9) Number of Senior Citizen Voters (85+ age) : **4,758**
- 10) Number of Persons with Disability (PwD) Electors marked in Electoral Roll : **3,399 (Male - 1,877 & Female - 1,522)**
- 11) Total number of Polling Stations: **1,276 (Urban - 525 & Rural - 751)**
- 12) Number of Polling Stations in Lok Sabha Elections, 2019 : **1,175 (Urban - 454 & Rural - 721)**
- 13) Increase in number of Polling Stations : **101 (Urban - 71 & Rural - 30)**
- 14) Part/Polling Station with highest number of Electors : **13/24-Zemabawk VIII : 1,483**
- 15) Part/Polling Station with lowest number of Electors : **34/24-Thehlep : 25**

2. **Polling Stations:** There are 1276 polling stations in Mizoram where Election will be conducted. As mandated by the Commission, Assured Minimum Facilities (AMF) will be provided in each and every polling station. At least one polling station, each managed exclusively by women and Persons with Disabilities will be set up in every Assembly Constituency / Segment. Minimum of one Model Polling Station per Assembly Constituency-Segment will also be set up using and depicting local material and art forms to enhance voter experience while in the meantime to showcase local identity and unique feature. Moreover, as a new initiative, at least one Polling Station per district will be managed by the Polling teams consisting of available youngest eligible employee of that District to promote greater participation of youth in the electoral process. As directed by the Commission, arrangements for webcasting will be made in at least 50% of total polling stations including all critical polling stations.
3. **Postal ballot/home voting facility:** This will be extended to categories of voters like PwD Voters and Senior Citizens (85 years and above).
4. **Eco-friendly elections:** Election Commission of India has issued advisories urging political parties and candidates to avoid single-use plastic and non-biodegradable material and to use only environment-friendly material for campaign purposes. All political parties should take adequate steps and measures not to use single-use plastic as campaign materials *viz.* posters, banners etc. during the elections in the interest of human health and environment.
5. **Law and Order, Security Arrangements and Deployment of Forces:** Elaborate security arrangement based on the assessment of the ground situation has been put into place wherein around 15 Coys of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) in addition to the 3000 odd State

Police personnel will be deployed throughout the State during the upcoming elections.

6. **Election Expenditure Monitoring:** For the purpose of effective monitoring of the election expenditure of the candidates, deployment of Assistant Expenditure Observers, Flying Squad (FS), Static Surveillance Teams (SST), Video Surveillance Teams (VST), Video Viewing Teams (VVT), Accounting Teams (AT), Media Certification & Monitoring Committee (MCMC), District Expenditure Monitoring Committee (DEMC) have all been put place. In addition, various enforcement agencies like State Police, State Excise, State Tax, Investigation Directorate of Income Tax Dept., CBIC, Enforcement Directorate, Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU-IND), DRI, RPF, BCAS, CISF, BSF, Assam Rifles, ITBP, ICG, Commercial Tax Department, Narcotics Control Bureau and Department of Post will be active with the announcement of election. State Excise Department has been asked to strictly enforce the Mizoram Liquor (Prohibition) Act, 2019. Various enforcement agencies are currently being onboarded in the Election Seizure Management System (ESMS) and all enforcement agencies, except FSs/SSTs, have been submitting their seizure reports since 1st March 2024.
7. **Use of Media:** State Level Media Cell has been established under the Chairmanship of Addl. Chief Electoral Officer, Mizoram and a state-of-the-art Media Centre is also established at CEO Office for a positive and progressive engagement and interaction with the media, and to facilitate optimum use of media platforms during elections. Authority letters will be issued to all accredited media for the polling day and day of counting. Media Certification and Monitoring Committees (MCMC) are in place at all the Districts and State level. All political advertisements proposed to be issued on electronic media shall require pre-certification from the MCMC concerned. Keeping in view increasing incidents of misuse of social media and menace of Paid News, an elaborate Social Media Cell, under the Chairmanship of Addl. Chief Electoral Officer is established and will be actively monitoring electronic, print and social media related activities from the announcement of election.
8. **Training :** In line with the prescribed training programme developed by India International Institute of Democracy and Election management (IIIDEM), training of District Level Master Trainers, Online Training on ESMS, EVM Management System 2.0, Certification Program for AROs, I.T application, SVP and ETPBMS have been completed. Moreover, training programmes will continue at the District Level up to the Poll Day which will ensure that all personnel and stakeholders involved in the election process are well versed with their respective domains.
9. **Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation(SVEEP)**

: In order to surpass Voter Turnout in General Election to Lok Sabha, 2019 i.e. **63.13%**, targeted interventions and efforts through SVEEP activities in the low voter turnout areas and identified vulnerable communities have been intensively taken up. All DEOs have formulated Turnout Implementation Plan (TIP) and this will be executed effectively in the identified areas and amongst the identified groups of people / communities.

- 10. EVMs and VVPATs** : The latest M3 model of EVMs/VVPATs manufactured by ECIL will be used for the forthcoming General Election to the Lok Sabha. The Commission has deployed sufficient quantity of Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) along with Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) for conduct of the Election. First Level Checking (FLC) of adequate EVMs/VVPATs have been completed, currently ballot **unit-2158 nos.**, Control Unit – **2195 nos.** and VVPAT – **2288 nos.** are securely stored in all the District's Strong Rooms.
- 11. Model Code of Conduct (MCC)** : Model Code of Conduct comes into effect immediately from the announcement of schedule and will apply to the whole of Mizoram with regard to all candidates, political parties and all Departments and public undertakings under the State Government. Any violation of these guidelines would be strictly dealt with and it is reiterated that the instructions issued in this regard from time to time should be read, understood and complied by all stakeholders.
- 12. Appeal** : The Chief Electoral Officer, Mizoram seeks the active cooperation, close collaboration and constructive partnership of all the esteemed stakeholders, especially the Media Community, in the electoral process and strives to employ the collective synergies towards delivering a smooth, free, fair, peaceful, inclusive, participative and festive General Election to the Lok Sabha, 2024 in Mizoram.



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