

**GOVERNMENT OF NAGALAND
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY
NAGALAND, KOHIMA**

No. CSO/GAB-I/COM/GEN-1/2020

Dated Kohima, the 14th October, 2020

ORDER

WHEREAS, Election Commission of India has announced holding of Bye-Elections in two Assembly Constituencies in the State of Nagaland, namely; 14 Southern Angami-I (ST), and 60 Pungro-Kiphire (ST);

AND WHEREAS in exercise of the powers, conferred under section 10 (2) (l) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the Union Home Secretary and Chairperson, NEC, has vide Order No 40-3/2020-DM-I (A) dated 8th October, 2020, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India decided that the State Government may permit political gatherings, outside the Containment Zones, beyond the existing limit of 100 persons with immediate effect in those assembly constituencies, where elections are to be held; subject to certain conditions and strict adherence to detailed Standard Operating Procedures to be issued by the State Government;

Now THEREFORE, the undersigned in pursuance of the aforesaid order of MHA, GoI, and in exercise of the powers, conferred under Section 22 (2) (b) and section 22 (2) (h) of the Disaster Management Act 2005, in the capacity of Chairperson, State Executive Committee, hereby permits political gatherings, outside the Containment Zones, beyond the existing limit of 100 persons with immediate effect in those assembly constituencies, where bye-elections are to be held in the State, subject to strict compliance to the conditions and provisions as contained in the Standard Operating Procedure annexed to this Order.



**(J. ALAM) IAS
Chief Secretary, Nagaland**

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3. The Sr. PS to Deputy Chief Minister, Nagaland for information.
4. The Sr. PS to all Ministers/Advisors for information.
5. The Home Commissioner, Nagaland for information.
6. The Director General of Police for information.
7. The Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland for information.
8. The Commissioner, Nagaland for information.
9. All AHoDs/HoDs for information.
10. The Director, IPR for wide publicity.
11. All DCs/CP/SPs for information and necessary action.



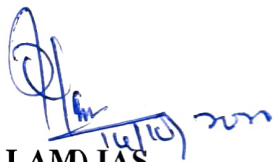
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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR REGULATION OF POLITICAL GATHERINGS OUTSIDE CONTAINMENT ZONES

The following Standard Operating Procedure shall be in force in the two Assembly Constituencies, namely; 14 Southern Angami-I (ST) and 60 Pungro-Kiphire (ST) going for bye-elections, till the permissible campaigning period:

1. Political gatherings, outside the Containment Zones, beyond the limit of 100 persons is permitted subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) In closed spaces, a **maximum of 50% of the hall capacity** will be allowed, with a **ceiling of 200 persons**. Wearing of face masks, maintaining social distancing, provision for thermal scanning and use of hand wash or hand sanitizer will be mandatory.
 - (b) In open spaces, keeping the size of the ground/space view, and with strict observance of social distancing, mandatory wearing of face masks, provision for thermal scanning and hand wash or sanitizer.
2. Public gatherings/ rallies may be conducted subject to strict adherence to extant COVID-19 guidelines. Deputy Commissioner should take following steps for this purpose:
 - a) Deputy Commissioner should, in advance, identify dedicated grounds for public gathering with clearly marked Entry/Exit points.
 - b) In all such identified grounds, the Deputy Commissioner should, in advance, put markers to ensure social distancing norms by the attendees.
 - c) Chief Medical Officer/District Health Officials should be involved in the process to ensure that all COVID-19 related guidelines are adhered to by all concerned in the district.
 - d) Deputy Commissioner and Superintendent of Police should ensure that the number of attendees does not exceed the limit prescribed in Point No.1 above.
 - e) The Deputy Commissioner should depute District Health Officials to oversee that COVID-19 instructions/guidelines are being followed during these meetings.
 - f) The Deputy Commissioner should give suitable instructions and strictly monitor for ensuring that all COVID-19 related requirements like face masks, sanitizers, thermal scanning etc. are fulfilled by the political parties and candidates concerned during each of the these activities.

3. **Door to Door Campaign:** Subject to any other restriction(s) including extant COVID-19 guidelines, a group of 5 (five) persons including candidates, excluding security personnel, if any, is allowed to do door to door campaigning.
4. **Road Shows:** The convoy of vehicles should be broken after every 5 (five) vehicles instead of 10 vehicles (excluding the security vehicles, if any). The interval between two sets of convoy of vehicles should be half an hour instead of gap of 100 meters.
5. **Non-compliance of Instructions** - Anybody violating the above provisions and the instructions on COVID-19 measures shall be liable to proceeded against as per the provisions of Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, besides legal action under Section 188 of the IPC, and other legal provisions as applicable, as specified in Order No.CSO/GAB-I/COM/GEN-1/2020(B), dated 31st August, 2020 of Govt of Nagaland. The Deputy Commissioner should bring this to the notice of all concerned.


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Chief Secretary, Nagaland