

**OFFICE OF THE ELECTION COMMISSIONER FOR DISTRICT COUNCIL
TRIPURA; AGARTALA.**

NO.F.2(23)/EC/DC/GEN-ELEC/2020/17343-68

Date: 24/02/2021

MEMORANDUM

Subject: Use of Loudspeakers for election campaign.

After announcement of General- Election to TTAADC, the Political parties, candidates and their workers, supporters and sympathizers may be using loudspeakers for their electioneering campaigns. These loudspeakers are not only used from fixed rostrums but are also used mounted/fitted on vehicles like trucks, autos, cars, taxis, vans, three wheeler scooters, cycle rickshaws, etc. This type of use of loudspeakers results in serious 'noise pollution' and causes great inconvenience and disturbance to the peace and tranquility of the general public.

2. The student community, in particular, gets seriously disturbed due to unfettered use of loudspeakers. The aged, the infirm and the sick whether in institutions, hospitals, etc. or at home are also put to severe discomfort.

3. The Commission feels that indiscriminate and unfettered use of loudspeaker at odd hours and at odd places at very high volumes causes great annoyance and disturbance to general public and infringes their right to peaceful living. Such disturbance to public in general and sick, old and students in particular, cannot be allowed beyond permissible limits.

4. The Commission is also of the view that harmonious balance needs to be struck between the requirement of political parties regarding use of amplifiers/loudspeakers for campaigning and the right to peaceful living of the general public. Accordingly, the State Election Commission, directs that the use of loudspeakers shall be strictly regulated during the period of election campaign as follows:

(i) The use of loudspeakers, whether fitted on vehicles of any kind whatsoever, or in static position used for public meetings for electioneering purposes, 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 during period between 6 AM to 10 PM.**

(ii) Under no circumstances the loudspeakers shall be used during night time between **10 PM to 6 AM** in the morning.

(iii) The restriction imposed by Hon'ble High Court of Agartala in its order and judgment in WP(C)(PIL) 03 of 2013 regarding use of microphone/loudspeakers shall be the overall guiding principle and prevail, over the above directives and under no circumstances those (of the Hon'ble Court) instruction shall be violated.

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(iii) All loudspeaker being used in violation of instruction as above shall be confiscated along with all apparatus connected with the use of these loudspeakers.

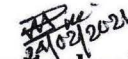
(iv) All political parties, candidates and any other persons using any loudspeakers on moving vehicles including mounted / fitted on vehicles like trucks, autos, cars, taxis, vans, three wheeler scooters, cycle rickshaws, etc. shall intimate the registration number of those vehicles to the Local Police authorities for granting permission to use the loudspeakers and such permission with registration number of the vehicle should be displayed on the windscreen of the vehicle.

(v) Any vehicle on which a loudspeaker is used without the said written permission shall be confiscated forthwith along with the loudspeakers and all the apparatus used along with it.

(vi) All political parties, Candidates and even other persons using loudspeakers either on a moving vehicles or at a fixed place shall intimate the local police authorities, in writing, the full details of the permits obtained by them before using any of those loudspeakers.

6. The above directions of the Commission, which will check noise pollution and disturbance of public peace and tranquillity must be scrupulously implemented and strictly enforced by the District Administration and concerned Police authorities.

By Order of the Election Commissioner for District Council.


(P.Bhattacharjee)
Secretary to the
Election Commissioner for
District Council

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3. All DEOs (District Magistrates & Collectors) for information.
5. All Returning Officers (SDMs) for information & necessary action.

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The President/Secretary of.....Political party.


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