

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

NO.F.2(23)/EC/DC/GEN-ELEC/2020/17466-89

Date 28/02/2021.

**MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Restrictions on Printing of Pamphlets, Poster etc.**

The Printing and publication of Election Pamphlets, Poster etc. is governed by the provisions of Rule- 113 of the Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council (Constitution, Election and Conduct of Business) Rules, 1985. The said Rules provide as follows:-

- (1) No person shall print or publish or cause to be printed or publish any election pamphlet or poster which does not bear on its face names and addresses of the printer and the publisher thereof.
- (2) No person shall print or cause to be printed any election pamphlet or poster-
  - (a) unless a declaration as to the identity of the publisher thereof signed by him and attested by two persons to whom he is personally known, is delivered by him to the printer in duplicate ; and
  - (b) unless, within a reasonable time after the printing of the document, one copy of the declaration is sent by the Printer, together with one copy of the document,-
    - (i) Where it is printed in at Agartala, to the Election Commissioner for District Council, and
    - (ii) in any other case, to the District Magistrate of the District in which it is printed.
- (3) For the purpose of this rule,-
  - (a) any process for multiplying copies of a document, other than copying in by hand, shall be deemed to be printing and the expression 'printer' shall be construed accordingly ; and
  - (b) 'election pamphlet or poster' means any printed pamphlet, hand-bill or other document distributed for the purpose of promoting or prejudicing the election of a candidate or group of candidates or any placard or poster having reference to an election, but does not include any hand-bill, placard or poster merely announcing the date, time, place and other particulars or an election meeting or routine instructions to election agents or workers.

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- (4) Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of sub rule (1) or sub rule (2) shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to two thousand rupees, or with both.

As per above provision or Rules, as soon as election for District Council is announced by the Election Commissioner for District Council, the DEOs (D.M & Collectors) shall, within announcement of Election, write to all printing presses in their districts.

- (a) Pointing out to them the requirements of above mentioned Rule-113 and specifically instructing them to indicate clearly in the print line the names and addresses of printer and publisher of any election pamphlets or posters and such other material printed by them.
- (b) Asking the printing press to send the copies of the printed material (along with three extra copies of such printed material) and the declaration obtained from the publisher as required under Rule-113 within three days of its printing.
- (5) Before undertaking the printing of any election pamphlets or poster, etc. printer shall obtain from the publisher a declaration in terms of Rule-113 in the proforma prescribed by the Election Commission for District Council in Appendix-A hereto. This declaration shall be duly signed by the publisher and attested by to whom the publisher is personally known. It should also be authenticated by the printer when it is forwarded to the District Election Officer (D.M & Collector) or Election Commissioner for District Council.
- (6) As directed above, they shall furnish 4 (four) copies of the printed material, along with the declaration of the publisher, within 3 (three) days of the printing thereof. Along with such printed material and the declaration, the printer shall also furnish the information regarding number of copies of document printed and the price charged for such printing job, in the proforma prescribed by the Commission in Appendix-B hereto. Such information shall be furnished by the printer, not collectively but separately in respect of each election pamphlets, documents.
- (7) As soon as District Election Officer (D.M & Collector) receives any Election pamphlets or poster, etc. from a printing press, he shall examine whether the publisher and printer have complied with requirements of law and the above directions of the Commission. If necessary, action may be taken as per Rule.

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- (8) The candidates, political parties and other concerned should be informed properly regarding the provision of Rule in this connection.

**By Order of the Election Commissioner for District Council.**

*P.Bhattacharjee*  
28/02/2021  
**(P.Bhattacharjee)**  
Secretary to the  
Election Commissioner for  
District Council

To:-

- 1-8) The DEO (D.M & Collector), North / Unakoti /Dhalai / Khowai / West / Sepahijala / Gomati & South Tripura District for information  
9-24) All Returning Officer(s) (SDMs) ..... for information and necessary action.

**Copy to:-**

The President / Secretary ..... Party for information.

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28/02/2021  
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Secretary to the  
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**APPENDIX-A**

*Performa for declaration to be submitted by the publisher of Election Posters, Pamphlets etc.*

I, ..... Son / Daughter / Wife of .....

(Name) resident of ..... (Village / Town) .....

Publisher of .....(State), hereby declare that I am the

Publisher of .....(give brief particulars of Election  
Poster, Pamphlet etc.)

Being printed by .....

(Name of the Printing Press)

Place.....

Date.....

Full Address .....

**(Signature of Publishers)**

Attested by (person personally known to publisher) (1)

(2)

Signature (name and address) Countersigned by  
Signature (Name and address of Printer)

**APPENDIX-B**

**PROFORMA FOR SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION REGARDING PRINTING OF ELECTION  
POSTERS, PAMPHLETS ETC.**

1. Name and address of Printer .....
2. Name and address of Publisher .....  
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3. Date of Printing Order of the Publisher .....
4. Date of declaration of the Publisher .....
5. Brief Particulars of Election Poster, Pamphlet etc.....
6. Number of copies of the above document printed .....  
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7. Date of Printing .....
8. Printing charges (including cost of paper) being charged from the publisher in respect of  
the above document .....  
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Place.....

Date.....

(Signature of Printer)

Seal of the Printer