OFFICE OF THE ELECTION COMMISSION FOR DISTRICT COUNCIL TRIPURA : AGARTALA

NO.F.2(1)/EC/DC/GEN-ELEC/2020/ (8004

Date:-18/03/2021.

Sub: Restrictions regarding use of mobile phones.

In the interest of maintaining secrecy of voting, proper order and discipline inside polling station and to provide free and enabling environment to electors and also to secure voters from any direct or indirect outside influence or interference which could vitiate poll, the Election Commissioner for District Council has imposed following restrictions regarding use of mobile/cellular/cordless phones inside the polling stations:

i. Cellular phones, cordless phone, mobile phones etc., <u>shall not be allowed to be</u> <u>used inside the Polling Station</u> except by officers as authorized by the Election Commissioner for District Council.

ii. All the Polling Officers other than the Presiding Officer shall keep their mobile phones **in switch off mode**.

iii. Only Presiding Officer shall be allowed to use mobile phone for sending SMS messages to Sector Officer regarding polling.

iv. No Officer other than Presiding officer shall use his mobile phone inside the polling station without permission of the Presiding Officer. This permission shall be **given only in rare and extraordinary** circumstances and proper record shall be maintained in this regard by the Presiding Officer.

This restriction shall be given wide publicity.

By order of the Election Commissioner for District Council, Tripura.

[**P.Bhattacharjee**] Secretary to the Election Commission for District Council Tripura

To,

1) All Returning Officers (SDMs) for information & necessary action.

2) All District Election Officers, for information.

Copy for information to,

The President/Chairman/General Secretary/ Secretary...... Political party.

Secretary to the Election Commission for District Council Tripura