

Election Urgent.

**STATE ELECTION COMMISSION
TRIPURA : AGRATALA**

No.F.1(36)-SEC/MUNC/GEN-ELEC/2021/1074

Date:-11/11/2021

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 voters and also to secure voters from any direct or indirect outside influence or interference, which could vitiate Poll, the State Election Commissioner has imposed the following restrictions regarding carrying & use of mobile/cellular/cordless phones inside the Polling Stations in connection with the ensuing General Election to Municipalities, 2021.

- i. Cellular phones, cordless phone, mobile phones etc., shall not be allowed to be carried and used inside the Polling Station except by Officers authorized by the State Election Commission.
- ii. All the Polling Officers, other than the Presiding Officer shall keep their mobile phones **in switch off mode.**
- iii. Only Presiding Officer is allowed to use mobile phone for sending SMS / messages to Sector Officer and Returning Officer regarding polling.
- iv. No Officer, other than the 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 State Election Commissioner.

11/11/2021
[P.Bhattacharjee]

Secretary
State Election Commission
Tripura

Copy to:-

- 1) The Director General of Police, Govt. of Tripura, Agartala for information and with a request to communicate the same to the field functionaries.
- 2) The District Municipal Election Officer, North / Unakoti / Dhalai / Khowai / West / Sepahijala / Gomati & South Tripura District for information.
- 3) All Returning Officer(s) for information & necessary action.

Copy forwarded to,

President/Chairman/General Secretary/ Secretary..... Political Party.

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