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From : Shri. B.N.Lamare,
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✓ The Principals, *Liang Nangbal Govt. College, Jowai.*
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Sub : Recommendation of the J.M. Lyngdoh, Committee on
Students' body and Student Union in College/University
Election.

Sir/Madam,

On the subject cited above, I am directed to forward herewith
Extract of J.M. Lyngdoh Committee on Students Body and Students Union
Election accepted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court for implementation and strict
compliance.

This is for favour of your information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

B.N. Lamare

Encl: - As Stated.

Dy. Director of Higher & Technical Education,
Meghalaya:::Shillong.

Memo.No.CE/GC/MISC-1/2012/39, Dt, Shillong the 23rd May, 2012.

Copy to:-

1. The P.A. to Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya Education
Department for information of the Govt.

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Dy. Director of Higher & Technical Education,
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Extract of J.M. Lyngdoh Committee on Students' Body and Students' Union Elections
accepted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court for implementation.

The following extract of J.M. Lyngdoh Committee on Students' Body and Students' Union Elections accepted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court for implementation shall be strictly observed and complied with by all Students' Bodies/Students' Union of all colleges/Universities in the State of Meghalaya.

- 1) Universities and colleges across the country must ordinarily conduct elections for the appointment of students to student representative bodies. (Refer 6.1.1)
- 2) Subject to the autonomy of the universities in respect of the choice of the mode of election, all universities must institute an apex student representative body that represents all students, colleges, and departments coming under the particular university. In the event that the university is geographically widespread, individual colleges may constitute their own representative bodies, which would further elect representatives for the apex university body. (Refer 6.1.7)
- 3) The union/representative body so elected shall only comprise of regular students on the rolls of the institution. No faculty member, nor any member of the administration shall be permitted to hold any post on the executive of such representative body, nor shall be allowed to be a member of any such representative body. (Refer 6.1.8)
- 4) A system of direct election of the office bearers of the student body may be adopted whereby all students of the college vote directly for the office bearers. (Refer 6.2.1)
- 5) Disassociation of Student Elections and Student Representation from Political Parties should be strictly complied with. (Refer 6.3)
- 6) During the period of the elections no person, who is not a student on the rolls of the college/university, shall be permitted to take part in the election process in any capacity. Any person, candidate, or member of the student organisation, violating this rule shall be subject to disciplinary proceedings, in addition to the candidature, as the case may be, being revoked. (Refer 6.3.1)
- 7) It is recommended that the entire process of elections, commencing from the date of filing of nomination papers to the date of declaration of results, including the campaign period, should not exceed 10 days. (Refer 6.4.1)
- 8) It is further recommended that elections be held on a yearly basis and that the same should be held between 6 to 8 weeks from the date of commencement of the academic session. (Refer 6.4.2)
- 9) Eligibility Criteria for Candidates:
 - a. Under graduate students between the ages of 17 and 22 may contest elections. This age range may be appropriately relaxed in the case of professional colleges, where courses often range between 4 to 5 years. (refer 6.5.1)
 - b. Although, the Committee would refrain from prescribing any particular minimum marks to be attained by the candidate, the candidate should in on event have any academic arrears in the year of contesting the election. (Refer 6.5.4)

- c. The candidate should have attained the minimum percentage of attendance as prescribed by the university or 75% attendance, whichever is higher. (Refer 6.5.5)
 - d. The candidate shall not have a previous criminal record, that is to say he should not have tried and/or convicted of any criminal offence or misdemeanor. The candidate shall also not have been subject to any disciplinary action by the college/university authorities. (Refer 6.5.7)
 - e. The candidate must be a regular, full time student of the college/university and should not be a distance/proximate education student. That is to say that all eligible candidates must be enrolled in a full time course, the course duration being at least one year. (Refer 6.5.8)
- 10) No candidate shall indulge in, nor shall abet, any activity, which may aggravate existing differences or create mutual hatred or cause tension between different castes and communities, religious or linguistic, or between any group(s) of students. (Refer 6.7.1)
 - 11) Criticism of other candidates, when made, shall be confined to their policies and programs, past record and work. Candidates shall refrain from criticism of all aspects of private life, not connected with the public activities of the other candidates or supporters of such other candidates. Criticism of other candidates, or their supporters based on unverified allegations or distortion shall be avoided. (Refer 6.7.2)
 - 12) There shall be no appeal to caste or communal feelings for securing votes. Places of worship, within or without the campus shall not be used for election propaganda. (Refer 6.7.3)
 - 13) All candidates shall be prohibited from indulging or abetting, all activities which are considered to be "corrupt practices" and offences, such as bribing of voters, intimidation of voters, impersonation of voters, canvassing or the use of propaganda within 100 meters of polling stations, holding public meetings during the period of 24 hours ending with the hour fixed for the close of the poll, and the transport and conveyance of voters to and from polling station. (Refer 6.7.4)
 - 14) No candidate shall be permitted to make use of printed posters, printed pamphlets, or any other printed material for the purpose of canvassing. Candidates may only utilize hand-made posters for the purpose of canvassing. (Refer 6.7.5)
 - 15) No candidate shall be permitted to carry out processions, or public meetings, or in any way canvas or distribute propaganda outside the university/college campus. (Refer 6.7.7)
 - 16) No candidate shall, nor shall his/her supporters, deface or cause any destruction to any property to any property of the university/college campus, for any purpose whatsoever, without the prior written permission of the college/university authorities. All candidates shall be held jointly and severally liable for any destruction/defacing of any university/college property. (Refer 6.7.8)

- 17) During the election period the candidates may hold processions and/or public meetings, provided that such processions and/or public meetings do not, in any manner, disturb the classes and other academic and co curricular activities of the college/university. Further, such procession/public meeting may not be held without the prior written permission of the college/university authority. (Refer 6.7.9)
- 18) The use of loudspeakers, vehicles and animals for the purpose of canvassing shall be prohibited. (Refer 6.7.10)
- 19) On the day of polling, student organizations and candidates shall:-
 - i. Co-operate with the officers on election duty to ensure peaceful and orderly polling and complete freedom to the voters to exercise their franchise without being subjected to any annoyance or obstruction;
 - ii. Not serve or distribute any eatables, or other solid and liquid consumables, except water on polling day;
 - iii. Not hand out any propaganda on the polling day (Refer 6.7.11)
- 20) Excepting the voters, no one without a valid pass/letter of authority from the election commission or from the college/university authorities shall enter the polling booths. (Refer 6.7.12)
- 21) Any contravention of any of the above recommendations may make the candidate liable to be stripped of his candidature, or his elected post, as the case may be. The election commission/college/university authorities may also take appropriate disciplinary action against such a violator. (Refer 6.7.15)
- 22) In addition to the above-mentioned code of conduct, it is also recommended that certain provisions of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (Section 153A and Chapter IXA - "Offences Relating to Election"), may also be made applicable to student elections. (Refer 6.7.16)