

Minutes of the review meeting held on 5th April, 2017 (at 11:30 AM) in connection with Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council Election, 2017.

Venue: Office chamber of the State Election Commissioner, Assam

List of Officials attending the meeting at Annexure- 1.

While welcoming all officials attending the meeting, the State Election Commissioner conveyed that the meeting had been convened to review preparedness and discuss relevant issues relating to conduct of the ensuing general Election to the Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council. After detail deliberation and interactions on the issues including Law & Order, availability of Police forces, Election rules and procedures etc., following decisions were arrived at.

1. Both SP Karbi Anglong and SP West Karbi Anglong will prepare Police plan on similar scale and pattern of the last general Assembly Election held in 2016. Regarding additional requirement of forces if necessary, proposal will be initiated by the DIG of Police (Range) Diphu in consultation with both the SPs and take up with the Police H.Q immediately. Police H. Qtr. will thereafter liaise with the Home Department, for necessary actions.

(Actions: DIG (Range) of Police Diphu/ SP Karbi Anglong, Diphu/Sp West Karbi Anglong, Hamren)

2. Both the SPs submitted that the fund sanctioned to them by the State Govt. (Hill Area Department) for conduct of this Election is quite inadequate and requested additional funds at least at the same scale of the last Assembly Election (2016) for conduct of this Election. The State Election Commissioner advised both the SPs to work out the actual requirement of fund based on reasonable and practical considerations and taking into account such expenditure in the last Council Election(2012) and communicate their additional requirement with such estimate, duly authenticated by Police Head Quarters, immediately to the DC, Diphu. DC, Diphu will take up the matter with the Hill Areas Deptt. urgently. The State Election Commissioner also requested the Joint Secretary Hill Areas Deptt. attending the meeting to take needful action on this matter on urgent basis.

(Actions: SP, Karbi Anglong, Diphu/ West Karbi Anglong, Hamren, DC Diphu, Joint Secretary, Hill Areas Deptt., DC, Diphu)

3. As regards deployment of Police forces for law & order duties as well as in Polling stations according to the sensitivity status viz. very sensitive, sensitive and comparatively safe, the State Election Commissioner suggested that Police authority would take appropriate decision for such deployment of forces based on the situation and circumstances to ensure safe and peaceful Poll. As a general principle, the deployment pattern of the last Assembly Election may be considered.

IGP (HQ) conveyed in response to SEC's query that effort will be made for making availability of Central Para Military Force (CPMF) for use in Law & Order and other duties. However, in case of such CPMF are not available, situation will be met by utilizing the state forces.