

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: MANIPUR STATE POPULATION COMMISSION

Due to increasing demand of updating NRC (National Register of Citizen) in the wake of skewed demographic profile in the State and in view of mounted public pressure, Manipur Legislative Assembly also took resolution for enforcement of NRC in the State 2 times [Resolution No 129 dated 05-08-2022 & Resolution No.5 dated 01-03-2024].

2. In pursuance of resolution No. 129 dated 5-08-2022 of Manipur Legislative Assembly and State Cabinet decision dated 18-01-2023, State Government under the power conferred under Article 162 of the Constitution of India under Entries 20, 20A, 30 & 45 of List-III of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India, constituted the Manipur State Population Commission with defined mandates vide Government orders No. 35/1/2019(MSPC)Pt dated 17-02-2023 .

Reproduction of Article 126 & relevant entries referred above:

"162. Extent of executive power of State:

Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the executive power of a State shall extend to the matters with respect to which the Legislature of the State has power to make laws;

Provided that in any matter with respect to which the Legislature of a State and Parliament have power to make laws, the executive power of the State shall be subject to, and limited by, the executive power expressly conferred by the Constitution or by any law made by Parliament upon the Union or authorities thereof."

List III-Concurrent List (Concurrent List):

20. Economic and social planning.

20A. Population control and family planning.

30. Vital statistics including registration of births and deaths.

45. Inquiries and statistics for the purposes of any of the matters specified in List II or List III.

3. Dr. Moirangthem Manimohon Meetei was appointed as State Population Commissioner vide Orders No. 35/1/2019(MSPC)Pt dated 06-03-2023 of Home Department **for a term of six (6) years**, with effect from the date of taking charge of the said office.

4. Chairman of the Commission is yet to be appointed.

5. Officers and Staff of the Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Lamphelpat had been attached to the Manpur State Population Commission. The Office space for the Commission had been identified at the present complex of the Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Lamphelpat.

6. Dr. Mayengbam Veto Singh, MCS was appointed as Secretary of the Commission vide orders No. TP-4/1/2023 dated 19-04-2023

7. The Commission had one panel of experts for consultation. 2 (Two) rounds of consultations already held. One draft report on the demographic profile of the State is ready for submission to the Government after taking consent of the experts.

8. Mode of appointment and Essential Qualification is defined in the constitution orders as:

"5. The State Population Commissioner shall be persons appointed by way of nomination by the Chief Minister. The member shall possess the following qualifications and experience:

(i) Master's Degree in Geography or Population Science or Demography from recognized University or Institute, preferably with a PhD in any of these subjects;

(ii) At least 20 yrs of experience in statistical data collection on population and/ or related subjects.

(iii) At least 20 yrs of experience in planning, organization, conduct of census or surveys, tabulation, dissemination of data, mapping, drafting and analysis of population data and other related subjects for publication."

9. Method of removal is defined in the constitution orders as:

"3.2. The Chairperson or Member can be removed by the Chief Minister at any time before the expiry of tenure of office, for reasons to be recorded in writing, after following due procedure of law on the grounds as may be specified by the State Government."

10. The Manipur State Population Commission so constituted by an executive order is neither Constitutional nor Statutory body.

11. As per mandate of the Commission, MSPC submitted a proposal for conducting State wide Household Demographic Survey to study about the imbalance population growth among the inhabitants on 4.4.2023 and Home Dept. also agreed the proposal. First seating with the Hon'ble CM was made on 24.04.2023, Secy. to CM, Commissioner (Home), Member/Commissioner, MSPC & Secy. MSPC were present in the meeting and resolved to conduct the Survey in 5 Districts as the first phase. The second meeting was fixed on 03.05.2023 but postponed due to the arising conflicts between the communities of the state and Demographic Household Survey is also not yet started.

12. An own panel of experts was formed with 6 (six) University Professors and 1 (one) renowned Historian and conducted the first "Consultative Meeting" on **04-09-2023** (at Hotel Imphal). The main themes/topics of the first consultative meeting are as follows.

- No.1: Evolution of Settlements and their inhabitants,
- No.2: Administrative setup/divisions,
- No.3: Estimated/hypothetical calculation of population before actual Census.
- No.4: Caste, Tribe, Race or/and Nationality population as per Census of India and their Decadal Growths,
- No.5: Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes Population,
- No.6: Migration Data, and
- No.7: Ethnological Survey and its questionnaires.

13. The Second Consultative Meeting was held at the Conference Hall of Manipur State Guest House, Sanjenthong on 16-10-2023 on the topic of "Know Your Census Data". As a matter of facts and figures, a report on **"Demographic Profiles of Manipur State"** based on the Census Data and supported relevant documents was made available in the MSPC and draft reports is ready to submit for vetting and approval.

14. A deep analysis on available "Electoral Rolls" received from the Election Dept., Govt. of Manipur was also made in this Commission particularly "Additional Electors" having no any link up information from where they migrated into the units/polling station/electoral village. In the finding, Churachandpur District recorded highest number of additional electors having no information in 2019. Similar exercise

was also continued for 2020, 2021 and 2022 for all polling villages of the state. Complete finding data is available in the Commission.

15. 10 DAYS Inhouse Training on ArcGIS Pro & Virtual Consultancy on GIS & Remote Sensing from 17th to 26th January 2025 was also held at the office chamber of the Member/ Commissioner, MSCP, Eco. & Stats. Directorate, Lamphelpat, Imphal. A scientist namely Shri Shubham from the NeoGeo Info Technologies Pvt.Ltd, Kolkata was deputed in this training. A land use mapping of the State of Manipur was also made from 2017 to 2022 as per available Satellite Imagery provided by the NeoGeo Info Technologies Pvt.Ltd, Kolkata. This data is also ready to submit to the competent authority for further vetting and approval.