
SEC withheld election to Nyapin Zilla Parishad

ITANAGAR, Apr 29: State Election Commission has withheld the election for 6 Nyapin Zilla Parishad constituency till May 20 next.

The decision was taken following a complaint lodged by Gyamar Deriang to the District Election Officer, Kurung Kumey that the candidate for the Zilla Parishad member was actually a government employee.

According to the complaint, the candidate Tadar Yarang alias Tarak Yarang is a government employee in the Kurung Kumey Electrical Division, Sangram in the department of Power.

'If the candidate Tadar Yarang alias Tarak Yarang is the same person and actually a government employee, who is the only candidate for the 6-Nyapin Zilla Parishad constituency for the general election of Panchayati Raj Institutions, she will be returned uncontested after the time for withdrawal of nominations, thus completely vitiating the election process, State Election Commissioner, KD Singh observed.

Meanwhile, the State Election Commission has directed the District Election Officer, Kurung Kumey to establish thorough and impartial enquiry to ascertain the veracity of the complaint.

SEC directs RO to review nomination papers

ITANAGAR, Apr 29: In order to prevent the abuse of the election process and to promote ends of justice, State Election Commission has directed Returning Officer for II Doimukh Anchal Samiti from the II

Doimukh Zilla Parishad Constituency, M Padung Doke to review her decision to reject the nomination of Chukhu Nake for not mentioning sub-part of the electoral roll.

'During the scrutiny of the nomination papers, it was found that Chukhu Nake (Independent) had not mentioned sub-part number of her proposer, whereas Tana Yayo had filled her sub-part number of her proposer. Therefore, the nomination paper of Chukhu Nake was rejected,' informed Doke.

Maintaining that no substantial defect or reasonable ground for rejection of nomination has been mentioned, the commission has directed the Returning Officer to review the decision.

'This ground is not tenable in rules because there is no column for providing such information in the nomination form and therefore, the rejection in arbitrary and cannot be justified,' the commission observed.

After examining the explanation of the Returning Officer, the commission concluded that, 'the explanation is not defensible in law and the nomination papers have been rejected incorrectly, which amounts to miscarriage of justice by the quasi-judicial power vested in the Returning Officer.'

Earlier, Nake and Tana Yayo had filed their nominations for contesting the election for the reserved constituency for women.

Meanwhile, the commission also directed the Returning Officer to review the decision to reject the nomination papers of Teri Jiri and Tarak Mepa who are contesting the elections from 8 Doimukh Anchal Samiti reserved for women.
