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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject : Creating facilities for casting votes by persons deployed on Election Duty.

No.H.11014/1/93-GAD, the 9th November, 1993. In connection with the ensuing General Elections to the State Legislative Assembly a large number of Govt. servants will be drafted for election duties and it is quite probable that the officers/staff may not be in a position to exercise their franchise on the day of poll as they might be engaged on election duty in places other than the Assembly Constituency in which they normally reside. The Conduct of Elections Rule, 1961 provides for such category of persons casting their votes either by applying for an ELECTION DUTY CERTIFICATE or through 'POSTAL BALLOT', as the case may be. Rule 17 defines 'Voter on Election Duty' as any Polling Agent, Polling Officer, Presiding Officer or other public servant who is an elector in a constituency and by reason of his being on election duty unable to vote at the polling station where he is entitled to vote. Rule 18 of the said Rules list the persons who are to vote by post, which inter-alia includes voters on election duty. All officers and staff of the Govt. of Mizoram, and Govt. of India who are registered voters in the Assembly Constituencies of Mizoram and who have been drafted for election duties may therefore apply to the Returning Officer of the Assembly Constituency in which their names are registered and obtain either an election duty certificate which will enable them to cast their vote in any of the polling stations within their own constituency or a postal ballot paper in case they are required to perform election duty outside their Assembly constituency.

All Heads of Departments are requested to bring the contents of this circular to all the staff members of their Depts.

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