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SECTION 144 Cr. PC PROMULGATED

Shillong, April 13, 2004: With a view to maintain peace and tranquility during the ensuing 14 Lok Sabha Election, Section 144 Cr. PC has been promulgated in East Garo Hills District and Ri Bhoi District, prohibiting any person or group of persons from causing obstruction to the movement of people and vehicular traffic, carrying of arms of any description and other lethal weapons by members of the public throughout the two Districts with the exemption of security and paramilitary personnel on duty.

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ALTERNATIVE DOCUMENTS FOR IDENTIFICATION

Shillong, April 13, 2004: In view of the ensuing Lok Sabha Election scheduled for April 20, 2004, the Election Commission of India has notified that voters who do not possess Electors Photo Identity Card, can produce as forms of identification Passports; Driving Licenses; Income Tax Identity (PAN) Card; Service Identity Cards issued to its employees by State/Central Government, Public Sector undertakings, Local bodies or other Private Industrial Houses; Bank/Kisan/Post Office Passbooks (accounts open on or before 31st March 2004); Property documents such as Pattas, registered Deeds etc; Ration Cards issued on or before 31st March 2004; SC/ST/OBC Certificates issued by competent authority on or before 31st March; Pension documents such as ex-serviceman's Pension Book/ Pension Payment Order, ex-servicemen's Widow/Dependent Certificates. Old Age Pension Order, Widow Pension Order' Railway Identification cards; Freedom Fighter Identify Cards, Arms License and certificate of physical Handicap by competent Authority issued on or before March 31, 2004.

Any other persons who fail to produce the EPIC or any of the above mentioned documents will not be entitled to cast their vote in the ensuing Parliamentary Elections.

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19TH APRIL DECLARED A HOLIDAY

Shillong, April 13, 2004: The Government Of Meghalaya has declared that all State Government Offices, Revenue and Magisterial Courts and Educational Institutions in East Khasi Hills District will remain closed on Monday, the 19th of April 2004 on account of "Shad Suk Mynsiem".

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20TH APRIL DECLARED A HOLIDAY

Shillong, April 13, 2004: To enable voters to exercise their right to franchise the Government Of Meghalaya has declared that all State Government Offices, Revenue and Magisterial Courts, Educational Institutions and those Government establishments etc governed by the NI Act shall remain closed on Tuesday, the 20th of April 2004 being the date of poll for the Lok Sabha Election 2004.

MAHILA GOSTHI-CUM-EXHIBITION INAUGURATED

Shillong, April 13, 2004: A two day Mahila Goshti-cum-Exhibition was inaugurated on April 18, 2004 at the Chutwakhu Indoor Stadium, Jowai by Mr P Gogoi, Director of Agriculture. The Mahila Goshti-Cum-Exhibition was organised by the Office of the District Agriculture Officer, Jaintia Hills, Jowai. Altogether 30 farmer groups from different parts of the District participated in the exhibition. In this context, a public meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Mr W Nongsiej, ADM, Jaintia Hills District.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr Gogoi lauded the efforts rendered by the District Agricultural Office and the facilitators in bringing farmer groups together as manifested by the different stalls set up by women consisting of agricultural products, handicrafts and allied agricultural products. Stating that the Mahila Gosthi-cum-Exhibition is a Central scheme, he added that Jaintia Hills was lucky to receive this scheme in the State, which will promote agriculture in the Jaintia Hills. He further urged the women to come forward and avail the different schemes offered by the Government for their benefit.

Mr. Gogoi also said that environmental protection is needed in the coal mining areas of the District, where the soil is badly affected so that in the future when coal is exhausted, the people will not suffer.