

January 5, 2004

Press Release No. 004 /04

FINAL PUBLICATION OF ELECTORAL ROLLS

Shillong, January 5, 2004: The Returning Officer, Ri Bhoi District has informed that the list of amendments to the Raft Electoral Roll for 1-Jirang, 2-Nongpoh, 3-Mawhati and 4-Umroi District Council Constituencies has been prepared with reference to January 1, 2004 as the qualifying date and in accordance with the provision laid down in the Assam and Meghalaya Autonomous District (Constitution of District) Rules.

A copy of the said Roll together with the said list of amendments has been published and will be available for inspection at the Office of the Returning Officer concerned or in the office of the Block Development Officer Umling/Umsning/Jirang C&RD Blocks.

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Shillong, January 5, 2004: The Office of the Deputy Commissioner (Election), West Garo Hills, has notified that the Draft Electoral Roll for the 6-Barengapara, 7-Babelapara, 8-Amongpara, 9-Tura, 10-Dengnakpara, 11-Boldamgre, 12-Nogorpara, 13-Zikzak, 14-Betasing, 15-Rochonpara, 16-Asanang, 17-Balachanda, 18-Batabari, 19-Syamnagar, 20-Raksamgre, 21-Naguapara and 22-Jengjal constituencies have been prepared with reference to 1st January 2004 as qualifying date and in accordance with the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960 of Manual of Election Law (Reprint 1999).

A copy of the said rolls together with the said list of amendments has been published and will be available for inspection at the Office of the Electoral Registration Officer concerned and the office of the concerned Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil) and Block Development Officer's offices.

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The Commissioner and Secretary, Government of Meghalaya, District Council Affairs Department, has issued a notification informing that the Schedule of dates for publication of draft electoral rolls, filling of claims and objections, disposal of claims and objections and for publication of final electoral rolls for every constituency of the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council, the Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council and the Garo Hills Autonomous District Council has been scheduled as follows;

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| 1. Last, date for filing Nomination
(See Rule 133(2)(a)) | - Upto 3:00 PM on Thursday, the 15 th January, 2004. |
| 2. Date of scrutiny of Nomination
(See Rule 135(1)) | - After 3:00PM onwards on Thursday, the 15 th January, 2004. |
| 3. Last Date for withdrawal of Nomination
(See Rule 133(9)) | - Upto 3:00 PM on Monday, the 19 th January 2004. |
| 4. Date of finalisation and Publication of valid nomination
(See Rule 135(4)) | - Wednesday, the 21 st January 2004. |
| 5. Date of Poll | - Thursday, the 12 th February 2004. |
| 6. Date of counting | - Saturday, the 14 th February 2004. |

FOUNDATION STONE FOR INDOOR STADIUM LAID

Shillong, January 5, 2004: Mr. P R Kyndiah, MP Lok Sabha of Shillong Constituency, on Saturday last, laid a foundation stone of the Mawlai Phudmuri Indoor Sports Hall at Mawlai Phudmuri, Shillong. Also present on the occasion as the Guest of Honour was Mr. F S Cajee, MDC of Mawlai Constituency.

Speaking as the Chief Guest at the public function, Mr. Kyndiah expressed his gratitude to the local Durbar Shnong for inviting him to be a part of this auspicious occasion. He said that the democratic way of functioning and team work is important in the all-round development of the locality and Mawlai Phudmuri has shown an example by giving him only a one-point agenda and that is regarding the Indoor Sports Hall. Regarding financial assistance, Mr. Kyndiah assured the public that he will work together with the Durbar Shnong for the smooth functioning of the work so that it can be finished on time. He also called upon the public, especially the youth to begin the new year with a 'chest out and chin out' attitude and to take pride in themselves, in their locality and the State as a whole for all round development.

Mr. F S Cajee, in his speech, urged upon the gathering to fully utilise the Indoor Sports Hall and expressed hope that the youth would reap multifarious benefits from it. He also appealed to Mr. Kyndiah to find ways and means in bringing employment opportunities to the youth. While expressing gratitude to the MP for sanctioning Rs. 5.35 lakhs from the MP Scheme to the Greater Mawlai Peoples' Union (GMPU), which was utilised for purchasing an Ambulance, he also assured him that with the active participation of the local Durbar and the public in general, the money sanctioned for the Indoor Hall will be properly utilised for the said purpose.

It may be mentioned that the building was started on a paltry sum of Rs. 3 lakhs sanctioned by the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council through the local MDC.

Also speaking on the occasion include Mrs. P Garod, President Seng Longkmie Mawlai Phudmuri, Mr. P Warlarpih, Chairman Seng Samla Mawlai Phudmuri (Kjat Shnong Unit) and Mr. R R Myllemngap. The meeting was presided over by Mr. D Lyngkot, local Headman and vote of thanks was delivered by Mr. L Nengnong, General Secretary Durbar Shnong.

R G LYNGDOH ATTENDED THE OPEN MAWLAI BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Shillong, January 5, 2004: The Open Mawlai Basketball Tournament organised by the Greater Mawlai Peoples' Union (GMPU) came to a close on Saturday last at Nongkwar Basic School, Mawlai, Shillong. At the closing function, Mr. R G Lyngdoh, Meghalaya Home Minister was the Chief Guest and Mr. F S Cajee, MDC of Mawlai was the Guest of Honour.

Speaking at the function, Mr. Lyngdoh expressed his gratitude to the MDC and the GMPU for giving him a chance to be a part of the function. He stressed upon the youth to take part in sports and games so that they can develop themselves physically, mentally and spiritually and be free of all evil deeds. While wishing the public a very happy and prosperous New Year, he also expressed hope that the year will bring peace and security to the State and stressed if peace prevails, employment opportunities will come and called upon the youth to find ways and means to stand on their own feet and not depend on Government jobs. He further hoped that he would get a chance to be involved with the people of Mawlai in future.

Mr. F S Cajee, in his speech, expressed his hope that this Tournament will continue in years to come so that the youth will get a chance to prove their talents not only in the State level but the National level as well.

In the final matches witnessed by the Minister, Seng Samla Mawlai Nongkwar defeated the Excaliber SC in the Women's group while Seng Samla Mawlai Nongpdeng defeated Seng Samla Mawlai Nonglum in the Men's group.

Others speaking on the occasion included Mr. A L Lyndem, Adviser GMPU Central Body, Mr. D Kharpran, Headman, Mawlai Nongkwar and Mr. M Lyngdoh, General Secretary, GMPU Central Body.