

**GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT
DISPUR:: GUWAHATI-781006**

No.HLA.515/2021/98

Dated Dispur, the 15th September, 2021

**SOP FOR THE RAJYA SABHA ELECTION PROCESS STARTING FROM 15TH OF
SEPTEMBER, 2021 AND POLL ON 04TH OCTOBER, 2021.**

Whereas, the election process for vacant Rajya Sabha seat from Assam shall commence from 15th of September as notified by Election Commission of India Notification no. ECI/PN/79/2021 dtd. 9th September, 2021; and

Whereas, the above mentioned election process culminating with poll on 4th October 2021 shall have to be conducted in a COVID appropriate environment ensuring safety of all participants; and

Whereas, a large number of officers, visitors, media persons and others come to the Assembly during various steps of elections; and

Whereas, the crowding of more persons in a confined place may lead to serious spread of COVID-19 infection;

In order to contain the same, the following guidelines are hereby issued by the Health & Family Welfare Department:

1. All the officers and staff of the Assam Legislative Assembly, involved with Rajya Sabha Election shall be tested with RAT kit on 2nd / 3rd of October, 2021. Two numbers of testing teams shall be deployed for the purpose.
2. Each Officer/staff who tests RAT negative will be issued a certificate after testing and only such staff shall be eligible for getting the entry pass to the Assembly premises for election related activities.
3. If an officer or staff is found RAT positive, he /she shall be immediately isolated at a COVID Hospital or COVID Care Centre or at home as per existing guidelines.
4. Only the RAT negative and vaccinated staff/ officers should be allowed in the Assembly premises. Staff and Officers with at least one dose of vaccination and preferably two doses may only be engaged for election duty.
5. It is advisable that the Hon'ble members of the Assembly may also get themselves vaccinated and tested.



6. There will be two testing teams placed in the building opposite to Assam Legislative Assembly building on 4th October, 2021, 08.00 AM onwards throughout the day for testing of any persons having symptoms related to COVID.
7. The thermal screening of all the persons entering into the Assam Legislative Assembly premises shall be carried out at the outer gate of the premises and entry should be allowed only as per COVID protocol.
8. Similarly, entry should also be restricted for Electronic media and members of the press so that COVID protocol is not violated. Only limited number of media persons should be issued entry passes, preferably those who have completed two doses of Vaccination.
9. The Assam Legislative Assembly authority shall carry out sanitization of the place of casting of votes as well as outer premises before and after the election process. Joint Director, Health Services, Kamrup (M) shall extend all necessary help in this regard.
10. If a member of the Assembly is symptomatic on the day of election, he/she should be made to sit in a separate isolated room and shall be allowed to vote only towards the end of the voting process when everyone else has already voted.
11. Director Health Services, Assam (Shri Ratindra Bhuyan) Mobile No. 9435100090 shall be the Nodal Officer and Joint Director, Kamrup (M) (Sri Ganesh Saikia), Mobile No. 9435181846 shall be the Assistant Nodal Officer for any issue in this regard.

This SOP will be applicable for the Rajya Sabha election as mentioned above only.



Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,
Health & Family Welfare Department

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1. PS to Hon'ble Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly, Dispur.
2. PS to Hon'ble Minister, Health & Family Welfare etc.
3. PS to Principal Secretary, Assam Legislative Assembly, Dispur.
4. PS to Principal Secretary, Hon'ble CM, Assam, Dispur.
5. PS to Principal Secretary, Parliamentary Affairs Department.
6. PS to Commissioner & Secretary, Home & Political Department, Dispur.
7. The Chief Electoral Officer, Assam.
8. The Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (M).
9. PS to Commissioner of Police.
10. SO to Chief Secretary, Assam,
11. PS to Director General of Police, Assam
12. Chief Executive Officer, ASDMA, Dispur, Guwahati.
13. Mission Director, NHM, Assam.
14. The Director of Health Services, Assam.
15. The Director of Medical Education, Assam.
16. The Joint Director of Health Services, Kamrup (M).

By order etc.,

15/9/21
Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,
Health & FW Department