

# GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRAL HOJAI ::: SRIMANTA SANKARDEV NAGAR (MAGISTRACY BRANCH)

eCF No. 73317/1272

Date:03<sup>rd</sup> May, 2025

## PROHIBITORY ORDER (U/S 163 of BNSS)

Whereas, I am of the opinion that issue of prohibitory order under section 163 of BNSS is felt necessary with a view to maintain peace, security and tranquillity of peaceful voting by voters in Hojai district during the Panchayat Election, 2025 to be held on 07/05/2025 and in continuation of this office earlier order vide eCF No. 73317/1105, dated 03/04/2025.

Therefore, I, Sri Bidyut Bikash Bhagawati, ACS, District Magistrate, Hojai in exercise of power conferred upon me u/s 163 of BNSS do hereby promulgate prohibitory order banning the following in the interest of the maintaining public peace and tranquillity in the Hojai District area during the election to uphold the spirit of Model Code of Conduct enforced in connection with free & fair Panchayat Election, 2025:

- 1. Assembly of five or more persons in the public place except in the vicinity of Polling Stations.
- 2. Holding of election campaign, rallies & public meetings from 04:30 PM on 05/05/2025 i.e. from period of 48 hours ending with hour fixed for conclusion of poll till 04:30 PM on 07/05/2025.
- 3. Presence of political functionaries, party workers, procession functionaries and campaign functionaries etc. in a constituency, who are from outside the constituency and are not voters of the constituency.
- 4. No loudspeakers fitted on vehicles of any kind or in any other manner whatsoever shall be permitted to be used during the period of 48 hours ending with the hour fixed for the conclusion of the poll in any polling area.
- 5. Canvassing in any form, establishment of booth office by candidates/political parties within 200 mtr radius of Polling Station from 05/05/2025 to 07/05/2025.
- 6. If any identity slip is supplied by political party/candidates to voters shall be on plain (white) paper and shall not contain any symbol, name of the candidate or party.
- 7. All other Model Code of Conduct Guidelines to be followed.

The order prohibiting assembly of persons at public place will however not be applicable in the case of assembly of persons in voting area/marketing /shopping in market place, parties and play ground for games and sports only, cinema hall and other regular places of entertainment, educational institutions for academic purposes and bus stations for vehicle only and gathering in normal course of works or business or performing marriage ceremony and during celebration of religious functions, public or private of all communities.

The order will also not be applicable in respect of police and army personnel and on duty magistrates, Judicial officers and persons engaged on govt. works including election related works.

Owing to the necessity of the situation, this order is passed ex-parte under section 163 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita. However anyone aggrieved by the order may approach the competent authority for modification/waiver/alteration/rescind of the order.

This order comes into force with effect from  $04:30~\mathrm{PM}$  on 05/05/2025 and will remain in force till the end of poll on 07/05/2025.

Any violation of this order is punishable U/S 223 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

Given under my hand & seal on this day.

District Magistrate
District Magistrate
Hojai: Sankardev Nagar

### Date: 03rd May, 2025

#### Copy for favour of kind information to:-

- 1. The Chief Electoral Officer, Assam, Dispur, Ghy-06.
- 2. The Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Home and Political Department, Assam Secretariat, Dispur, Ghy-06.
- 3. The Secretary, Assam State Election Commission, Dispur, Guwahati-06.
- 4. The District & Sessions Judge, Hojai, Sankardev Nagar.

#### Copy for information and necessary action to:-

- 1. The Chief Executive Officer, Hojai Zilla Parishad.
- 2. The Superintendent of Police, Hojai.
- 3. The Additional District Magistrate (All), Hojai.
- 4. The Executive Magistrate (All), Hojai.
- 5. The DIPRO, Hojai.
- 6. The Protocol Officer to the General Observer, Hojai/Lumding Co-District for kind appraisal of the Hon'ble Observer.
- 7. All Officer In-Charges of Police Station under Hojai district.
- 8. The District Informatics Officer, NIC, Hojai.

District Magistrate
District Magistrate

Hojai : Sankardev Nagar