**ECB/CEC-14 Dated:**

**APPOINTMENT ORDER**

**FOR**

**THE RETURNING OFFICER/NATIONAL OBSERVER**

**(*It must be read thoroughly before assuming responsibility*)**

In exercise of the powers conferred by Sections 40 (a) and 59 of the Election Act of the Kingdom of Bhutan, 2008, the Election Commission of Bhutan is pleased to appoint Mr./Ms……………………………………………………with*Mitsi* in **…………………….. Dzongkhag,** as the ……………………………… for the ***…………………………………….*** under **………………………..** Dzongkhag to serve in the National Election notified vide the Election Commission’s Notification No: ……………………………………

As the …………………………., you are responsible for the conduct of the Elections under your jurisdiction in accordance with the Electoral Laws, relevant Rules and Regulations, Guidelines and relevant orders, instructions and notifications. Subject to the superintendence, direction and control of the Election Commission, you will supervise, within your constituency; all works related to the conduct of elections and also perform such other duties as may be entrusted by the Election Commission of Bhutan.

As such, you should be thoroughly familiar with the Electoral Laws and By-laws and Handbook for Returning Officers, and particularly the **Strategy for the Conduct of National Council Elections.** However, it may be noted that the said Handbook and documents cannot be treated as being exhaustive or as a substitute reference for various provisions of the Electoral Laws and By-laws.

You should, therefore, be mindful and acquaint yourself fully with the latest version of the Rules and Regulations, Guidelines, Notifications, Orders, Manuals and the operation of the Electronic Voting Machines (EVM).

You shall be held responsible for any lapses or wrong applications of law or rules or misconduct of Elections as per the provisions of the Election Act.

Now, thereof, in pursuance of the provisions of the Electoral Laws, the Election Commission lays down the Terms of Appointment as given hereunder:………..

You shall be on Election Duty and required to be at the duty station till further Notification or Relieving Order issued by the Election Commission of Bhutan. Any deviation from this Appointment Order shall be treated as an act of misdemeanor inviting appropriate action

**Chief Election Commissioner of Bhutan**