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Section 3.1 of the Rule is amended as:

The Division shall release the campaign fund for Political Parties contesting the Primary Round of the National Assembly Elections to the bank account maintained by the Political Party for the purpose of financing election campaigns. Thereupon, the Political Parties shall disburse the campaign funds into the campaign accounts maintained by the Election Representatives.

Section 5.2 of the Rule is amended as:

All campaign expenditures from the campaign accounts shall be made by cheques, except expenditures not exceeding Ngultrum 10,000/- which may be made in cash. Additionally, political parties and candidates have the option to utilize digital payments when incurring expenses from the campaign account.

Section 9.3 of the Rule is amended as:

The campaign fund received from the state shall only be used for the purposes specified in Section 8.2. However, in addition to the ECB-sponsored campaign materials, a Party and/or a Candidate may produce campaign materials and purchase broadcast time and space in print media from its own funds provided the total for all expenditures does not exceed the ceiling and such expenses are as per the provisions laid down in the Strategy for the Implementation of the Provisions related to Election Advertising. These expenditures from its own funds shall be subject to prior approval of the Election Commission of Bhutan.

Section 8.2.10 of the Rule is amended as:

Hire or use of a maximum of 2 vehicles for campaign purposes for Candidates/Election Representatives. If personal vehicles are used, the expenditure shall be on mileage basis as per the RGOB Financial Norms.

Section 8.2.12 of the Rule is amended as:

Daily Subsistence Allowance for candidates and duly appointed representatives of the political parties and candidates and companions to be recorded and reported by the claimants and verified by the National/Micro Observers in the TA/DA Forms as per the RGOB Financial Norms. The following rates will apply:

Candidate: Nu.1500,

Candidate's Representative (GE): Nu.1250,

Companion/Polling/Counting Representative: Nu. 1000,

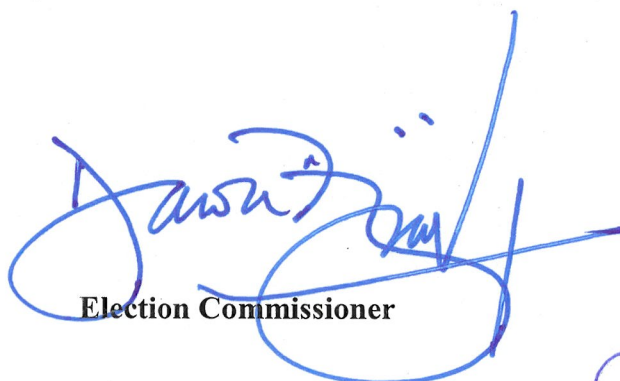
Election Representative (PR): Nu.1500.



Section 13.2 of the Rule is amended as:

Treasurers or Accountants or Finance Representatives of Political Parties or Candidates shall submit expenditure statements on the expenditure incurred or authorized by them to the Expenditure Observers in Public Election Fund Form No. 5 as per an agreed schedule drawn up on a fortnightly basis till the last day of campaign.

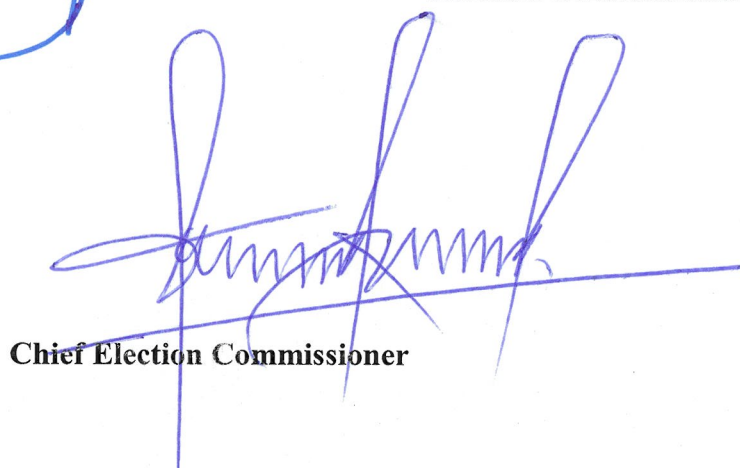
Done under the seal of the Election Commission of Bhutan on 15th July, 2025, corresponding to the 22th Day of the 5th Month of the Wood Female Snake Year in the Bhutanese Calendar.



Election Commissioner



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Chief Election Commissioner