

**ELECTIONS AND BOUNDARIES DEPARTMENT NOTICES**

**DANGRIGA BY-ELECTION**

**(INCLUDING THE AREAS OF HOPE CREEK AND SARAWEE)**

**RESTRICTIONS OF THE SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR ON ELECTION DAY**

The attention of the general public in the Dangriga Electoral Division (including the areas of Hope Creek and Sarawee) is drawn to the provisions of Sections 28 of the Representation of the people Act, which prohibits the sale of intoxicating liquor on Election Day, **Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2015, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.** This Section states as follows:

“28. (1) Subject to subsection (2), every person who is the holder of any liquor licence granted under the provision of any Act authorizing the sale of intoxicating liquor in any premises maintained solely for that purpose **shall take all necessary steps to cause such premises to be closed to the public on Election Day between the hour appointed for the opening of the poll and the hour appointed for the closing of the poll.**

(2) Every person who is the holder of any hotel licence, special hotel licence, Restaurant licence or licence to sell liquor in any premises not solely maintained for that purpose granted under the provisions of any Act authorizing the sale of intoxicating liquor **Shall take all necessary steps to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquor at any time on Election Day between the hours appointed for the opening of the poll and the hour appointed for the closing of the poll.**

(3) Any person who contravenes this section is guilty of an offence punishable on Summary conviction with a fine not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars or with imprisonment for a term exceeding six months.

**EMPLOYERS TO ALLOW EMPLOYEES**

**THE PRESCRIBED PERIOD FOR VOTING**

The attention of all employers to **Section 29 (1) of the Representation of the People Act**, which provides that every employer shall, on polling day, **that is 8<sup>th</sup> July 2015**, allow to every voter in his employ a reasonable time during the prescribed period for voting, and that no employer shall make any deduction from the pay or other remuneration of any such voter or impose upon or exact from him any penalty by reason of his absence during such period.

All employers are urged to comply with this requirement. **Failure to do so is an offence under the law.**

**PROHIBITION AGAINST CARRYING OF FIREARMS ON ELECTION DAY**

The attention of the public to Statutory Instrument No. 22 of 2008 which provides that no person shall carry, discharge or use any firearm or ammunition in any public place within one hundred yards of any polling station or counting station between the hours of opening of the poll on the polling day that is, **7:00 a.m. on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2015**, until the completion of counting of ballot papers.

**A contravention of this provision is an offence under the Firearms Act.**

**PROHIBITION AGAINST USE OF MOBILE TELEPHONES AND TAKING OF  
PHOTOGRAPHS INSIDE POLLING STATION**

The attention of the public to Statutory Instrument No. 44 of 2008 which provides that no person shall on polling day within a polling station, without the express permission of the Presiding Officer, use a mobile telephone, paging machine or any other device for electronic communications; or film or take photographs or make any audio or video recording of any matter or thing on election day, that is, **8<sup>th</sup> July 2015**.

**A breach of this section by any person is an offence under the law.**

**BAN AGAINST LOUDSPEAKERS AND MEETINGS ETC., ON POLLING DAY**

The attention of the public is drawn **Section 31** of the Representation of the People Act, that no person shall carry, wear or use, or furnish or supply to any other person, any loudspeaker, bunting, ensign, banner, standard or set of colours, or any flag, other than the national flag, for the purpose of political propaganda, **on polling day, that is, 8<sup>th</sup> July 2015**.

This section further provides that no person on polling day shall organize, hold or participate in any meeting, or organize, lead or participate in any procession, of five or more persons, or accost, solicit or canvass his vote from any elector who has already joined the line of voters waiting to vote at any polling station.

A contravention of this provision is an offence under the law.

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