

ELECTION URGENT



**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
Election (General) Department**

No.309/EL1/2011/Elec.

Thiruvananthapuram,
Dated: 28.02.2011.

From

Chief Electoral Officer &
Principal Secretary to Government.

To

All District Election Officers &
All Electoral Registration Officers

Sir,

Sub: -General Election to Kerala Legislative Assembly, 2011 - Welfare of the personnel deployed for election duty - reg.

Ref: - 1) G.O. (MS) No.1/2006/Elec dated 01.03.2006.
2) G.O. (MS) No.1/2009/Elec dated 28.03.2009.
3) G.O. (MS) No.2/2010/Elec dated 04.11.2010.

A large number of manpower is being deployed for the election process. Election duty involves time-bound assignments in unfamiliar surroundings. Therefore, ensuring the welfare of all those involved in the electoral process an important aspect in the smooth and successful conduct of elections.

2) A scheme for payment of ex-gratia compensation to the personnel entrusted with election duty is in force in the State since 2006. The scheme covers cases of death, permanent and partial disabilities of the election personnel. Also, election personnel are eligible for an immediate financial assistance of an amount of `25,000/- or its part, considering the nature of the case, as an immediate assistance in the event of hospitalization due to accident or heart attack or cerebral stroke during the course of election duty.

3) For ensuring that the above assistance reaches those affected, formal orders of posting for election duty should be issued by the District Election Officer/Electoral Registration Officer concerned.

4) In order to ensure that this scheme works effectively, it is decided to evolve a District Level Mechanism under the control of the District Election Officers for looking after the welfare of the manpower deployed for the election duty.

5) This mechanism will

- (i) Ensure the welfare of all the personnel deployed in the District from the date of declaration of election till the election process is over.
- (ii) Provide basic amenities at the distributing/receiving centers such as availability of drinking water, proper guidance, health care facility, etc.
- (iii) Act as a helping hand for those in need, while on duty.

6) There will be a Nodal Officer at the District level who is appointed by the District Election Officer from among the District level Officers, preferably ^{the} ~~from~~ District Medical Officer. He will be responsible for the welfare of all the personnel deployed in the District for election duty. He will supervise the activities for the welfare measures in the District by co-ordinating the Officers entrusted at the LAC level and Polling Station Level. The Nodal Officer will extend assistance to avail ex-gratia payment, in the event of unfortunate occurrence of incidents. A meeting of the hospital authorities in the District (both Government and Private) to be chaired by the District Election Officer will be convened by the Nodal Officer. The hospital authorities should be requested to extend all possible assistance to the polling personnel during their duty in the event of emergency.

7) There will be a Co-ordinator at LAC level appointed by the District Election Officer from among the Officers in the Taluk or nearby places. He will identify the hospitals (both Government and Private) in the LAC and categorise into primary, minor and major hospitals. He will also identify the Welfare Officers at Polling Station Level. He will extend all assistance to the welfare Officers to provide amenities to the personnel at the distribution and receiving centres and polling stations. National Service Scheme volunteers can be engaged to assist the welfare officers at the polling locations.

8) The Welfare Officers at the Polling Stations will be posted by the Electoral Registration Officer concerned on the recommendation of the Co-ordinator from among the local Booth Level Officers or Officers residing in the locality. There will be one Welfare Officer for every three Polling Station Locations. This could be CDPO / Supervisor from Social Welfare Department. They will ensure that the basic amenities at the Polling Stations such as drinking water facility, availability of food, shelter and toilet facility, health care facility, etc. with the assistance of the National Service Scheme volunteers. The District Election Officer will provide sufficient funds for carrying out welfare measures. The Presiding Officers will be provided with an information chart containing the names and contact numbers of the Welfare Officer, Sectoral Officer, LAC Level Co ordinator, District Nodal Officer for Welfare, Assistant Returning Officer, Returning Officer, District Election Officer and one or two experts in election process.

Yours faithfully,



NALINI NETTO,
Chief Electoral Officer &
Principal Secretary to Govt.

Copy to: -

- 1) The State Liaison Officer, National Service Scheme, State NSS Cell,
Vikas Bhavan, Thiruvananthapuram.
- 2) Director, I & PRD, Thiruvananthapuram (for giving publicity).
- 3) CA to Chief Electoral Officer
- 4) CA to Additional Chief Electoral Officer
- 5) Joint Chief Electoral Officer
- 6) Deputy Chief Electoral Officer
- 7) Election (Equipment/Accounts) Department
- 8) SF



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Election- Ex-gratia payment to the families and polling personnel who die or sustain injuries while on election duty- Orders issued.

ELECTION (GENERAL) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(MS)No. 1/2006/Elcc.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 1.3.2006

Read: Lr.No.218/6/98/PLN-I dated 25.11.98 from the Election Commission of India.

ORDER

The Election Commission of India has advised that reasonable and generous compensation for families of polling personnel in the event of their death/injury while on election duty is essential.

The matter has been examined and Government hereby direct that the following financial assistance will be provided to the bereaved families of the deceased personnel/ personnel who sustain injury while on election duty.:

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| a. | Ex-gratia amount to be paid to the family of the deceased personnel engaged on election duty | Rs.1.50 lakh |
| b. | Permanent incapacitation involving 2 limbs or 2 eyes | Rs.1.00 lakh |
| c. | Loss of 1 limb or 1 eye | Rs.50,000/- |
| d. | Permanent total disablement from injuries other than those mentioned above | Rs.1.00 lakh |
| e. | Permanent partial disablement | % of Rs.1.00 lakh in terms of % as per General Insurance table of compensation. |

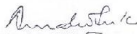
The expenditure in this regard shall be debitible to the head of account, to which the expenditure on Lok Sabha Elections, simultaneous Elections or the Legislative Assembly Elections, as the case may be .

(By Order of the Governor),
NALINI NETTO
Chief Electoral Officer &
Principal Secretary to Govt.

To

All District Collectors
The Accountant General (A&E/Audit) Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram
(This issues with the concurrence of Finance Department)
The Finance Department
All Heads of Departments
All Returning Officers
All Electoral Registration Officers
SF/OC

Forwarded/By Order


Section Officer.



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Abstract

Election Department – Ex-gratia payment to the families and polling personnel who die or sustain injuries while on election duty - Orders issued.

ELECTION (GENERAL) DEPARTMENT

G.O. (MS) No.1/2009/Elec.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 28.03.2009.

Read: - 1. GO (MS) No.1/2006/Elec dated 01.03.2006.

2. Letter No.218/6/2009/EPS dated 17.02.2009 from the Election Commission of India.

ORDER

As per the Govt. Order read as 1st paper above, sanction was accorded for the ex-gratia payment to the families and polling personnel who die or sustain injuries while on election duty.

2. As per the letter read as 2nd paper above, the Election Commission of India has recommended that the polling personnel and other officials appointed in connection with conduct of election should be provided the protection of adequate compensation in the event of any mishap.

3. Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to order that the rate of Ex-gratia amount to be paid to the personnel engaged on election duty is revised in the light of the recommendation of the Election Commission of India as follows:

a	Ex-gratia amount to be paid to the family of the deceased personnel engaged on Election duty	Rs.5,00,000/- (If the death is unfortunately caused due to any violent acts of extremist or unsocial elements like road mines, bomb blasts, armed attacks, etc. the amount of compensation should be double i.e. Rs.10 lakhs)
b	In case of permanent disability, like loss of limb, eye sight etc.	Rs.2,50,000/- (should be doubled in the case of such mishaps being caused by extremist or unsocial elements as aforesaid)
c	Permanent total disablement from injuries other than those mentioned above	Rs.1,00,000/-
d	Permanent partial disablement	% of Rs.1,00,000/- in terms of % as per General Insurance table of compensation

3. The payment will cover any mishap occurred during the entire period of election duty connected with polling. A person is to be treated on election duty as soon as he/she leaves his/her residence/office to report for any election related duty including training and until he/she reaches back his/her residence/office after performance of his/her election related duty. If any mishap takes place during this period, it should be treated as having occurred on election duty subject to condition that there should be a casual connection between occurrence of death/injury and the election duty.

4. The expenditure in this regard shall be debitable to the head of account, to which the expenditure to Lok Sabha Elections, simultaneous Elections or the Legislative Assembly Elections, as the case may be.

By Order of the Governor,
NALINI NETTO.
Chief Electoral Officer &
Principal Secretary to Govt.

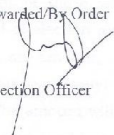
To

All District Collectors
The Principal Accountant General (Audit/A&E) Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
(This Government Order issued with the
concurrence of Finance Department)

The Finance Department
The Election (Accounts) Department
The Principal Secretary, Election Commission of India (with C/L)
SE/OC

Copy to: - CA to Chief Electoral Officer
CA to Joint Chief Electoral Officer
CA to Deputy Secretary

Forwarded/By Order


Section Officer



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Election Department - Ex-gratia payment to the families and Polling personnel who die or sustain injuries while on election duty - Modified - Orders issued.

ELECTION (GENERAL) DEPARTMENT

G.O. (MS) No.2/2010/Elec

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 04.11.2010

Read: -1) Letter No.218/6/98/PLN-1 dated 25-11-1998 from the Election Commission of India.

- 2) G.O. (MS) No.1/2006/Elec dated 01.03.2006.
- 3) G.O. (MS) No.1/2009/Elec dated 28.03.2009.

ORDER

As per Government Orders read as 2nd and 3rd above, sanction was accorded for the ex-gratia payment to the families and polling personnel who die or sustain injuries while on election duty. However, in view of the ambiguity regarding the persons covered under the scheme mentioned in the above Government Orders, Government are pleased to issue the following clarification.

All categories of employees engaged for election duty, by the Chief Electoral Officer, District Election Officers and Electoral Registration Officers will be eligible for the benefit of the scheme for payment of ex-gratia compensation without considering whether they are permanent employees or working on contract or on daily wages basis.

Government have also examined the matter of providing immediate financial assistance for the treatment of those who are hospitalised due to unfortunate mishap during the period of election and are pleased to order that considering the urgent requirement an amount, subject to a maximum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) will be sanctioned by the respective District Election Officers. The amount will be paid immediately by the District Election Officer to the polling personnel hospitalised after evaluating the requirement. The amount paid will be adjusted with the actual claim eligible as per the Government Order read as 3rd above or under Medical Reimbursement

Scheme or any assistance from Government in this regard. The action of District Election Officer in sanctioning such immediate relief should be got ratified by the Chief Election Officer within 24 hours positively.

The Government Order read 3rd above will stand modified to the above extent.


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To

✓ All District Election Officers
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Finance Department
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