



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Election Department - General Election to Kerala Legislative Assembly 2016 – Cashless treatment scheme for polling officials on duty – Drawal and Disbursement of funds – Delegation of authority - Orders issued.

ELECTION (GENERAL) DEPARTMENT

G. O. (Rt.) No. 253/2016/Elec. Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 12.05.2016

- Read:-
- 1.Letter no. 218/6/2014/EPS dated 25.04.2014 from the Election Commission of India, New Delhi.
 - 2.Government letter no. 2202/EL1/2016/Elec dated 12.04.2016.
 - 3.Circular no. MH3/22973/2016/DHS dated 07.04.2016 from the Director of Health Services, Thiruvananthapuram.

ORDER

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 is an important aspect in the smooth and successful conduct of elections.

Election Commission of India vide letter read as first paper cited, has issued instructions to ensure welfare of polling personnel who face any untoward incident resulting in death or injury, while on duty. Government of Kerala, vide letter read as 2nd paper above, have given directions for welfare of polling personnel.

As part of the welfare measure, it has been decided to implement 'Cashless Treatment Scheme' for polling personnel in the unfortunate event of occurrence of any medical emergency such as accident, cardiac arrest, stroke, etc. while on duty, he/she will be given immediate medical assistance on cashless basis, in the nearest Government or Private Hospital. It has also been decided that the expenses in this regard will be reimbursed by the District Election Officer Concerned.

In the above circumstances, Government are pleased to authorize District Collectors & District Election Officers to draw and disburse expenses incurred in respect of cashless treatment of polling officials as mentioned above, to the extent of ₹ 50,000/- per person. Expenses in this regard beyond ₹ 50,000/- but below ₹ 1,00,000/- per person can be drawn and disbursed by the District Collector and District Election Officer, subject to ratification by Chief Electoral Officer. Expenses beyond ₹ 1,00,000/- per person may be disbursed after getting approval of the Chief Electoral Officer.

A person is considered to be 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 connection between occurrences of accident/medical emergency.

Polling officers for this purpose will include police/CAPF/CRPF personnel engaged in election related duty.

The expenditure in this regard will be met from Head of account 2015-00-106-99-34-OC.

By Order of the Governor

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To

The Principal Accountant General (A&E/Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram

The Secretary, Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, New Delhi (with covering letter).

The Director, Information & Public Relations Department, Thiruvananthapuram (For Press Release)

All District Collectors

The Health & Family Welfare Department

Director of Health Services, Thiruvananthapuram

Finance Department

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