

GENERAL ELECTION TO HPCs 2024
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER,
KERALA

No.EL6/4/2024-ELEC (3)

29-03-2024, Thiruvananthapuram

From

Chief Electoral Officer

To

All District Election Officers & Returning Officers

Sir,

Sub: Election Department – General Election to Lok Sabha 2024 –
Declaration of Dry Days and Declaration of Holiday (on the
date of poll) in Kerala State – Reg

Ref: 1. G.O.(Rt)No.1436/2024/GAD Dated 26.03.2024.

2. G.O.(Rt)No.301/2024/TAXES Dated 25.03.2024.

Inviting attention to the subject mentioned above, I am to
enclose herewith the copies of Government Orders issued accordingly,
as cited.

Yours Faithfully,
KRISHNADASAN P
ADDITIONAL SECRETARY & ADDITIONAL CHIEF
ELECTORAL OFFICER
FOR CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

Approved for Issue,

Signed by

Shivlal R V

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Section Officer.



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

General Administration Department - General Election to Lok Sabha 2024 - Day of Poll - Declaration of public holiday on 26th April, 2024 to the Public Offices and other institutions - Orders issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (COORDINATION) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.1436/2024/GAD Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 26-03-2024

Read 1. Letter No.78/EPS/2024 dated 16.03.2024 from Chief Electoral Officer, Kerala

2. Letter No.EL6/4/2024/Elec (3) dated 18.03.2024 from Chief Electoral Officer, Kerala

ORDER

Government are pleased to declare Friday, the 26th April, 2024 as a public holiday for all Public Offices and Educational institutions and a paid holiday for Commercial undertakings in the State, in connection with the General Election to the Lok Sabha 2024 as per Section 135B of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

2) The Labour Commissioner will make necessary arrangements with all Private Enterprises, Private Industrial centres and other Private Institutions under the Shops and Commercial Establishment Act to declare the day of poll viz: the 26th April, 2024 (Friday) as a paid holiday for all their employees. No deduction or abatement of the wages of any such persons shall be made on account of a holiday having been granted in accordance with law and if such person is employed on the basis that he would not accordingly receive wages for such a day, he shall nonetheless be paid for such a day, the wages he would have drawn had not a holiday been granted to him on that day.

3) Employees including daily wage/casual workers who are ordinarily resident of the above Constituency where poll is taking place, and registered as an elector, in that constituency but serving/employed in an industrial undertaking or an establishment located outside the constituency where he/she is resident have to be given the benefit of paid holiday on the day of poll.

4) The Section 135B of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 is reproduced below for information:-

“a) Every person employed in any business, trade, industrial undertaking or any other establishment and entitled to vote at election to the house of the people or the Legislative Assembly of a State shall, on the day of poll, be granted a holiday.

b) No deduction or abatement of the wages of any such person shall be made on account of a holiday having been granted in accordance with sub-section (1) and if such person is employed on the basis that he/she would not ordinarily receive wages for such a day, he/she shall nonetheless be paid for such day the wages he/she would have drawn had not a holiday been granted to him/her on that day.

c) If an employer contravenes the provisions of sub-section (1) or sub-section (2), then such employer shall be punishable with fine, which may extend to five hundred rupees.

d) This section shall not apply to any elector whose absence may cause danger or substantial loss in respect of the employment in which he is engaged.”

5) The above provisions require that all the electors who are employees of establishments and shops including those which work on shift basis shall be granted a paid holiday on the day of poll in the Constituency where the General Elections are to be held. Further, there may be cases where a person is ordinarily resident of the Constituency and registered as an elector, may be serving or employed in an industrial undertaking or an establishment located outside the Constituency having a general election. It is clarified that in such a situation, even those electors including casual workers working outside the constituency concerned would be entitled to the benefit of a paid holiday extended under the Section 135B(1) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

6) The daily wage/ casual workers are also entitled for a holiday and wages on the poll day as provided in Section 135B of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

(By order of the Governor)
DR VENU V I A S
CHIEF SECRETARY

The Chief Electoral Officer, Election (General) Department,
Thiruvananthapuram (with C/L)

All Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary/Special
Secretary

All Heads of Departments

All District Collectors

The Chief Executives of all Public Sector Undertakings

All Government /Quasi Government Industrial concerns - Through
the District Collectors

All Government Commercial undertaking - Collector concerned

The Station Director, All India Radio, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Secretary to Governor,Rajbhavan,Thiruvananthapuram(With CL)

The Secretary, Kerala Legislative Assembly, Thiruvananthapuram

The Principal Accountant General (Audit), Kerala,
Thiruvananthapuram.

The Labour Commissioner, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Registrar, High Court of Kerala, Ernakulam

The Advocate General, Ernakulam

The Secretary, Kerala Public Service Commission, Pattom,
Thiruvananthapuram.(With CL)

The Registrar, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram

The Registrar, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam

The Registrar, University of Calicut, Malappuram

The Registrar, University of Kannur, Kannur

The Registrar, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady

The Registrar, Kerala University of Health and Allied Sciences,
Thrissur

The Registrar, Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University,
Mannuthi, Thrissur.

The Registrar, Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies,
Panagad, Kochi.

The Registrar, Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur

The Registrar, Kerala Administrative Tribunal, Vanchiyoor,
Thiruvananthapuram.

The Registrar, Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kochi

The Secretary, Kerala State Electricity Board, Thiruvananthapuram
The Managing Director, KSRTC, Thiruvananthapuram

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Signed by

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Section Officer
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The Private Secretary to Chief Minister
The Private Secretary to all Minister
The Private Secretary to Leader of Opposition.
The Private Secretary to Speaker/Deputy Speaker.
The OSD to Chief Secretary
The PA to Additional Chief Secretary, GAD
The CA to Additional Secretary, GAD

**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA****Abstract**

Taxes Department - General Election to Lok Sabha, 2024 - Declaration of 'Dry Day' in the State - Orders issued.

TAXES (A) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.301/2024/TAXES Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 25-03-2024

Read 1 Letter No.576/14/2024/EPS dated 16.03.2024 from the Election Commission of India, New Delhi.

2 Letter No.EL6/4/2024-ELEC(4) dated 18.03.2024 from the Chief Electoral Officer, Kerala.

ORDER

The Election Commission of India, as per the letter read as 1st paper above has informed that General Election to Lok Sabha, 2024 and Bye-elections to AC's of various States was announced vide its Press Notes No.ECI/PN/23/2024 and No.ECI/PN/24/2024 respectively dated 16.03.2024.

2. Section 135C of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 provides that no spirituous, fermented or intoxicating liquor or other substances of like nature shall be sold, given or distributed at a hotel, eating house, tavern, shop or any other place, public or private, within a polling area during the period of forty-eight hours ending with the hour fixed for the conclusion of poll for any election in the polling area.

3. In view of the statutory provision as above, the Election Commission of India has directed all the States and UT's to declare **Dry day** as is appropriate during 48 hours, ending with the hours fixed for the conclusion of poll in every phase including the date of re-poll, if any.

4. As directed by the Election Commission of India, Government hereby order that during 48 hours ending with the hours fixed for the conclusion of poll with respect to polling day in the State ie 26.04.2024, will be 'dry day' for all the liquor shops throughout the State (This will

include the date of re-poll, if any). It is also ordered that the counting day on 04.06.2024 will also be a 'dry day'.

5. During the 'Dry Days', no spirituous, fermented or intoxicating liquors or other substances of a like nature shall be sold, given or distributed at a hotel, eating house, tavern, shop or any other public or private place within a polling area. No liquor shops, hotels, restaurants, clubs and other establishments selling/serving liquor, shall be permitted to sell/serve liquor to anyone whosoever, on the aforesaid days. Non-proprietary clubs, star hotels, restaurants etc. and hotels run by anyone, even if they are issued different categories of licenses for possession and supply of liquor, shall not be permitted to serve liquor on these days. The storage of liquor by individuals shall be curtailed during the above period and the restrictions provided in the Excise-law on the storage of liquor in unlicensed premises shall be vigorously enforced. Steps shall also be taken to prohibit sale of liquor in adjoining areas of the constituencies concerned so that there is no chance of clandestine movement of liquor from those areas, even if there are no restrictions in effect in those areas. The storage of liquor by individuals is also prohibited.

6. The Excise Commissioner shall issue necessary instructions to the officials concerned to rigorously take necessary precautionary measures, to detect and prevent storage and sale of liquor by unlicensed persons and in unlicensed premises during the above days.

(By order of the Governor)
DR A JAYATHILAK I A S
ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY

To:

- 1.The Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi - 110 001.
- 2.The Chief Electoral Officer, Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.(with covering letter)
- 3.The Excise Commissioner, Thiruvananthapuram.
- 4.The State Police Chief, Thiruvananthapuram.
- 5.The Managing Director, Kerala State Beverages Corporation, Thiruvananthapuram.
- 6.All District Collectors.

- 7.All Deputy Excise Commissioners.
- 8.The Information and Public Relations Department (Web & New Media), Thiruvananthapuram.
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Section Officer