

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
Abstract

ELECTION – BAN ON TRANSFER OF OFFICERS CONNECTED WITH THE
CONDUCT OF GENERAL ELECTION TO THE HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE AND
STATE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY 1996 ORDERS ISSUED.

ELECTION (GENERAL) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(P)No.5/96/Elec.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 26-3-1996.

Read:- 1. Letter No.434/1/96/503 dated 8-2-1996 from the Election Commission of India.
2. Letter No.434/1/96/149 dated 22-3-1996 from the Election Commission of
India.

ORDER

The Election Commission of India in letters read above has instructed that a ban be imposed on the transfer of all officers connected with the conduct of the General Elections to the House of the People and State Legislative Assembly, 1996 in order to ensure the smooth and successful conduct of the elections. Accordingly, Government are pleased to issue the following orders:-

2. There will be a ban on the transfer of Officers of the following categories, who are actually connected or are likely to be associated with the conduct of General Elections and the Officers selected for polling duties till the completion of election i.e. 14-5-1996.

- (i) The Chief Electoral Officer/Joint Chief Electoral Officer/Assistant Chief Electoral Officer;
- (ii) District Election Officers/Returning Officers/Assistant Returning Officers, Who have to discharge statutory duties and responsibilities connected with The conduct of elections;
- (iii) Divisional Officers, Deputy Collectors, Tahsildars, Deputy Tahsildars of the Revenue Department, Block Development Officers and Officers of Local Bodies, who are entrusted with election work.

(iv) Officers of the Police Department from the rank of Director General of Police Downwards to the Superintendents of Police and other senior level Officers like Station House officer who are entrusted with the task of maintenance of law and order and peaceful conduct of elections.

3. The following orders are also issued in this connection for strict compliance by all concerned.

- (i) Any request for grant of leave other than casual leave to the Officers, especially, Senior officers will not be accepted without a reference to Government in the Election Department. Even in doing so, adequate care/scrutiny will be exercised lest election work should suffer.
- (ii) Where, in the interest of administration or for meeting an emergent and unavoidable situation, the transfer of officers connected with the election work is

needed and orders of transfer cannot be deferred till the declaration of the results, concurrence of the Election Commission should be obtained before effecting the transfer.

- (iii) No senior officer directly connected with the conduct of election shall be given additional charge of any other work,
- (iv) All Departments/Undertakings, Corporations, Board and statutory bodies should refrain from making transfer of officers/officials who may be in any position to influence the voters through the position of the office they hold.
- (v) Regarding transfers of officers who are not directly connected with election, the Chief Electoral Officer will give approval, for all such cases after through scrutiny and in absolutely essential cases.

By order of the Governor,

Sd/-

R. RAMACHANDRAN NAIR,
Chief Secretary to Government.

To

All Heads of Departments.

Office of the
Chief Conservator of Forests,
Thiruvananthapuram,
Dated, 17-4-1996.

Endorsement No.E6-15886/96.

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For Chief Conservator of Forests (P)

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