

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA  
ABSTRACT

Election – Ban on transfer of officers connected with the conduct of General Election 1999 to the House of people – Orders issued.

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ELECTION (GENERAL) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(P) No.11/99/Elec.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 17-7-1999.

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Read: Fax Message No.437/6/99/PLN-III dated 12<sup>th</sup> July, 1999 from the Election Commission of India

ORDER

The Election Commission of India in the Message read above has instructed that a ban be imposed on the transfer of all officers connected with the conduct of General Election 1999 to the House of people in order to ensure the smooth and successful conduct of the election. Accordingly, Government are pleased to issue the following orders:-

1. There will be a total ban on transfer of all officers/officials connected with the Conduct of General Election, 1999. These include but are not restricted to
  - i) The Chief Electoral Officer/Assistant Chief Electoral Officer:
  - ii) District Election Officer/Returning Officer/Assistant Returning Officers who have to discharge statutory duties and responsibilities connected with the conduct of elections:
  - iii) Revenue Divisional Officers, Deputy Collectors, Tahsildars, Deputy Tahsildars of the Revenue Department and Officers of local bodies who are entrusted with the election work:
  - iv) Officers of the Police Department from the rank of Inspector General, Deputy Inspector Generals, Downward to the Superintendent of Police, Deputy Superintendent of police and station House Officers who are entrusted with the task of maintenance of law and order and peaceful conduct of general Election./
  - v) The transfer orders issued in respect of the above categories of officers prior to the date of announcement but not implemented till date should not be given effect to without obtaining specific permission from the commission in this regard.
2. The following orders are also issued in this connection for strict by all concerned.
  - i) Any request for grant of leave other than casual leave to the officers Especially the 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 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 result, concurrence of the Election Commission should be obtained before effecting the transfer.
- iii) The ban shall take effect from 12-7-99 and will be force till the completion of election i.e. 20<sup>th</sup> October, 1999. The Commission further directs that the State Government should refrain from making transfer of senior officers who have a role in the management of elections in the State.

The orders will take effect from 12-7-99 and will be in force till the completion of election process, i.e. 20<sup>th</sup> October 1999.

(By order of the Governor)

M.MOHAN KUMAR,  
Chief Secretary to Government.

To

All Heads of Departments.

Election Urgent

Endt. on E6-26953/99 dated 24-7-1999

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Sd/-  
For Chief Conservator of Forests.