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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

ELECTIONS—GENERAL ELECTIONS 1967—CONDUCT OF—
BAN ON TRANSFERS—ORDERS ISSUED

ELECTION DEPARTMENT

G. O. (P) 23/66|Elec. Dated, Trivandrum, 31st December 1966.

- Read:—1. Circular No. 6106|EA2|64-1|Elec. dated 17-12-1964.
2. Letter No. 3612|EL.1|66|Elec. dated 7-12-1966.

ORDER

In connection with the ensuing simultaneous general elections to the House of the People (Lok Sabha) and the State Legislative Assembly to be held in February 1967, the services of a very large number of officers will be required for appointment as Presiding Officers, Polling Officers, Polling Assistants and for various other duties relating to the conduct of the elections. All Heads of Departments and offices have been requested in the letter read as second paper above to furnish the informations regarding the names and designation, scale of pay, actual pay, etc., of the staff working under them as on 25-12-1966 to the District Collectors concerned so as to reach them positively before the 1st January 1967. The selection of the required personnel for election duties will be made by the District Collectors by the 10th January 1967 and appointment orders served on the personnel before the 20th January 1967. Training classes and Election Rehearsals will be arranged by the District Collectors and the Returning Officers of Legislative Assembly Constituencies during the

period from 20th January 1967 to 11th February 1967 and the poll will be held throughout the State on a single day in the third week of February 1967.

2. For the successful conduct of the general elections it is highly essential that there is no dislocation of work at any stage in the mobilisation, selection and training of the required personnel for the various election duties. If transfers are allowed freely and leave is granted without restriction hereafter, all arrangements for the conduct of the ensuing general elections are likely to be upset and there may be confusion and difficulty at the last moment which may affect the smooth and successful conduct of the elections.

3. The persons selected for polling duty will be paid advance T.A. and D.A. and these advances will be adjusted from their final T.A. bills for the journeys. As the elections are to be held in February 1967, the T.A. claims in this regard become due and can be paid only in March 1967. The bills for the T.A. advances and the final T.A. claims in respect of the non-gazetted staff are prepared by the respective drawing officers of the establishments to which they belong. The settlement of the final T.A. claims for election duty and the adjustment of the T.A. advances drawn for election duty are likely to be considerably delayed if the persons selected for election duty are transferred from their present stations in March 1967 and also if the drawing officers are transferred from their present stations before the settlement of the claims.

4. Government are therefore pleased to issue the following orders:

(i) No transfer of staff shall be made till the end of March 1967 except for unavoidable reasons like promotions, reversions etc.

(ii) No leave other than casual leave shall be granted to any officer till the end of February 1967 except on medical grounds and the production of medical certificate from competent authority shall be insisted upon while granting leave during the period.

(iii) No "Drawing Officer" shall be transferred from his present station till the end of June 1967 except for unavoidable reasons like promotions, reversions, etc.

By order of the Governor,
M. K. DEVASSY,
Secretary to Government (Elections).

To

All Heads of Departments and Offices.
The Registrar, High Court of Kerala, Ernakulam (with C.L.)
The Registrar, University of Kerala, Trivandrum.
The Secretary, Kerala Public Service Commission, Trivandrum
(with C.L.)
The Secretary, Vigilance Commission, Trivandrum (with C.L.)
The General Manager, Kerala State Road Transport Corporation,
Trivandrum (with C.L.)
The Secretary, Kerala State Electricity Board (with C.L.)
The Secretary to the Governor.
All Secretaries, Additional Secretaries, Joint Secretaries, Deputy
Secretaries and Assistant Secretaries to Government.
All Departments of the Secretariat (All Sections).
The Private Secretaries to the Advisers.
The Stenographer to the Chief Secretary.
All District Collectors.
All Deputy Collectors (Elections).
The Accountant General, Kerala.