

ELECTIONS—GENERAL ELECTIONS 1967—EXPEDITIOUS SETTLE-MENT OF T.A. CLAIMS AND ADJUSTMENT OF T.A. ADVANCES—ORDERS ISSUED.

ELECTION DEPARTMENT

G.O.(P) 24|66|Elec. Dated, Trivandrum, 31st December 1966.

Read:

- (1) G.O.(P) 3|65|Elec. dated 1-2-1965.
- (2) G.O.(P) 18|66|Elec. dated 21-12-1966.

ORDER

The procedure for the drawal of advance T.A. and the final T.A. for election duty in connection with the ensuing general elections, 1967 has been prescribed in the G.O. read as second paper above and should be scrupulously followed.

2. The poll in connection with the ensuing general elections is likely to be taken in the third week of February 1967. Normally, the T.A. claims for the election duties performed in February 1967 become due only on 1-3-1967 and the final T.A. bills can be presented only after 28-2-1967. In view of the very large number of T.A. claims that will arise in connection with the general elections and in order to ensure the expeditious settlement of all such claims and the prompt adjustment of all advances drawn in this regard, Government are pleased to order in relaxation of the rules that the final T.A. bills for election duties will be prepared and presented by the officers concerned to the Controlling Officers immediately after the return to the headquarters of the persons concerned after the election duty, without waiting for the expiry of the month. The scrutiny and passing of the bills will also be done as and when

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the bills are received by the Controlling Officers and the District Collectors; but the actual encashment of the final T.A. bills and the presentation at the Treasuries of the bills for 'Nil' amounts towards adjustment of the advances already drawn shall be made only after the claims become due. To avoid difficulties and delays due to non-availability of sufficient funds in the budget for meeting the expenditure, it is very essential that the T.A. claims relating to the ensuing general elections are settled as far as possible before the end of the current financial year itself; i.e., on or before 31-3-1967.

- 3. The Controlling Officers and the District Collectors will see that there is absolutely no delay at any stage in the disposal of advance T.A. bills and final T.A. bills for election duty.
- 4. The gazetted officers and drawing officers shall furnish one of the following certificates as may be appropriate, in the bills for the pay|salary due to them for the month of April 1967 to be presented in May 1967:—
- (a) Gazetted Officers who are not drawing officers.
- (i) "Certified that I have presented the final T.A. bill for the T.A. due to me for election duties in connection with the general elections of 1967 to my Controlling Officer"

Or

(ii) "Certified that I was not selected for any duty in connection with the general elections of 1967"

Or

(iii) "Certified that no T.A. is due to me for duties performed in connection with the general elections of 1967"

(b) Drawing Officers.

(i) "Certified that I have presented the final T.A. bills for the T.A. due to me and all the members of the staff for whom I am the Drawing Officer, for duties in connection with the general elections of 1967, to the Controlling Officer."

Or

(ii) "Certified that I was not selected for any duty in connection with the general elections of 1967. Also certified that no member of the staff for whom I am the Drawing Officer was selected for any duty in connection with the general elections of 1967"

Or

(iii) "Certified that no T.A. is due to me or any member of the staff for whom I am the Drawing Officer, for duties in connection with the general elections of 1967"

5. The Treasury Officers shall not disburse the salary of the gazetted officers and drawing officers for the month of April 1967 due in May 1967 without one of the above certificates as may be appropriate.

> By order of the Governor, S. NAGANATHAN, Joint Secretary (Elections) and Chief Electoral Officer.

To

The Accountant General, Kerala.

The Finance Department.

The Director of Treasuries.

All Heads of Departments and Offices.

The Registrar, High Court of Kerala (with C.L.)

The Registrar, University of Kerala (with C.L.)

The Secretary, Kerala Public Service Commission (with C.L.)
The Secretary, Vigilance Commission (with C.L.)
The Secretary, Kerala State Electricity Board (with C.L.)

The General Manager, Kerala State Road Transport Corporation (with C.L.)

The Secretary to the Governor.

All Secretaries, Additional Secretaries, Joint Secretaries, Deputy Secretaries, and Assistant Secretaries to Government.

All Departments and Sections of the Secretariat.

The Private Secretaries to the Advisers.

The Stenographer to the Chief Secretary.

All District Collectors.

All Deputy Collectors (Elections)