## GOVERNMENT OF KERALA ABSTRACT

ELECTION BAN ON TRANSFER OF OFFICERS CONNECTED WITH THE CONDUCT OF BY-ELECTION TO THE 65 – GURUVAYOOR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY – ORDERS ISSUED.

## ELECTION (GENERAL) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS NO.3/94/Elec.

Dated, Trivandrum, 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 1994.

Read:- Letter No.100/KL-LA/1/94/(1) dated 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 1994 from the Secretary, Election Commission of India.

## ORDER

The Election Commission of India, in its letter read above, has requested the State Government to issue orders imposing a ban on the transfer of all officers connected with the conduct of by-election to the 65-Guruvayoor Legislative Assembly Constituency proposed to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> May, 1994, in order to ensure smooth and successful conduct of the election. Accordingly Government is pleased to issue the following orders:-

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 the by-election to the 65-Guruvayoor Legislative Assembly Constituency and the officers selected for polling duties in connection there with till the completion of election viz. 1-6-1994.

- i) The Chief Electoral Officer, Joint Chief Electoral Officer and the Assistant Chief Electoral Officer.
- ii) District Election Officer, Returning Officer and Assistant Returning Officer who have to discharge statutory duties and responsibilities connected with the conduct of by-election to 65 Guruvayoor Legislative Assembly Constituency.
- iii) Officers in the Revenue Department like Revenue Divisional Officer/Deputy Collector, Tahsildar and Deputy Tahsildar and Block Development Officer and Officers of Local Bodies in the area comprised in 65 Guruvayoor Legislative Assembly Constituency who are entrusted with or likely to be connected with some function or the other connected with the Election.
- iv) The Superintendent of Police and Deputy Superintendent of Police, Assistant Superintendent of Police and other senior level Police Officers like Station House Officers of Police Stations in charge of the area comprised in 65 Guruvayoor Legislative Assembly Constituency who are entrusted with the task to maintenance of general law and order.

The following orders are also to be 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 the senior officers, will not be accepted without a reference to the Commission. Even in doing so, adequate care and scrutiny will be exercise lest election work should suffer.
- ii) Where, in the interest of a 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, Transfers in all other cases of officers performing election related work in the Constituency shall be deferred until the declaration of the results.
- iii) No senior officer directly connected with the conduct of election should be given additional charge of work of another Department, so that he may be able to devote undivided attention to the election work.

By order of the Governor,

R. RAMACHANDRAN NAIR, Chief Secretary to Government.

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