



## GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

### Abstract

Election Department – Payment of ex-gratia compensation to family of Polling Personnel who die or sustain injuries while on election duty – modified Orders issued.

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### ELECTION (GENERAL) DEPARTMENT

*G.O.(Ms) No.1/2021/Elec*

*Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 08/01/2021.*

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- Read:* - 1) G.O (Ms) No. 1/2006/Elec. dated 01.03.2006.  
2) G.O (Ms) No. 1/2009/Elec. dated 28.03.2009.  
3) G.O (Ms) No. 1/2014/Elec. dated 03.04.2014.  
4) G.O (Ms) No. 1/2019/Elec. dated 20.04.2019.  
5) Letter No. 218/6/2019-EPS dated 10.04.2019 from Election Commission of India.  
6) Letters No. 218/6/2020-EPS dated 22.07.2020 from Election Commission of India.  
7) Letter No. 218/6/2020-EPS dated 14.09.2020 from Election Commission of India.

### ORDER

1. As per the Government Order read as 1<sup>st</sup> paper, Government had ordered ex-gratia payment to the families of polling personnel who die or sustain injuries while on election duty. As per the Government Order read as 4<sup>th</sup> paper, Government revised slabs of payment of ex-gratia compensation to family of Polling Personnel who die or sustain injuries while on election duty. Election Commission of India as per the letters read as 6<sup>th</sup> paper, modified its instructions in the letter read as 5<sup>th</sup> paper above by granting compensation of Rs. 30 lakhs to the family of all polling personnel including CAPFs, in the event of death due to COVID 19, during the process of election and treating BEL/ ECIL engineers deployed for elections as on “election duty” for providing compensation. As per letter read as 7<sup>th</sup> paper above, the Election Commission of India clarified that the polling staff deployed during all process of EVM/VVPAT preparation will be treated as polling personnel.

2. Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to issue following orders in partial modification of the Government Order read as 4<sup>th</sup> paper above.

Para 3 (ii) will be modified as follow:

“If the death is unfortunately caused due to any violent acts of extremist or unsocial elements like road mines, bomb blasts, armed attacks, etc., on death due to COVID -19, the amount of compensation will be Rs.30 lakhs”.

Para 4 will be modified as follow:

“Payment of ex-gratia compensation to family of polling personnel who die or sustain injuries while on election duty will be applicable to all personnel including BEL/ ECIL engineers deployed in all types of election related duties, all security personnel including (CAPFs, SAPs, State Police, Home Guards, etc.), any private persons like drivers, cleaners, etc. hired for deployment for election duty. Polling staffs deployed during all process of EVM/ VVPAT preparation will be also treated as polling personnel and the payment of ex-gratia compensation will be applicable mutatis mutandis to these polling personnel.”

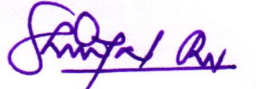
3. The Government Order read above stands modified to the above extent.

By Order of the Governor  
**Teeka Ram Meena**  
Chief Electoral Officer &  
Additional Chief Secretary to Govt.

To

The Principal Accountant General (A&E/Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram  
The Secretary, Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, New Delhi (with  
covering letter).  
The Director, Information & Public Relations Department, Thiruvananthapuram (For  
Press Release)  
All District Election Officers/ District Collectors  
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**Abstract**

Election Department – Payment of ex-gratia compensation to family of Polling Personnel who die or sustain injuries while on election duty – Revised Slabs – Sanctioned – Orders issued.

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**ELECTION (GENERAL) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.(Ms) No. 1/2019/Elec**

**Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 20.04.2019.**

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- Read: -
- 1) G.O (Ms) No. 1/2006/Elec. dated 01.03.2006.
  - 2) G.O (Ms) No. 1/2009/Elec. dated 28.03.2009.
  - 3) G.O (Ms) No. 1/2014/Elec. dated 03.04.2014.
  - 4) Letter No. 218/6/2019-EPS dated 10.04.2019 from Election Commission of India.

**ORDER**

1. As per the Government Order read as 1<sup>st</sup> paper, Government had ordered ex-gratia payment to the families of polling personnel who die or sustain injuries while on election duty. As per the Government Order read as 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> papers, Government revised slabs of payment of ex-gratia compensation to family of Polling Personnel who die or sustain injuries while on election duty.

2. Now Election Commission of India as per the letter read above, instructed revision of the existing slabs for ex-gratia payment in the event of any mishap to the election related.

3. Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to enhance the slabs of ex-gratia payment to the family of polling personnel engaged in election duty in the light of the recommendation of the Election Commission of India as follows:

- i. An amount of Rs. 15 lakhs as the minimum amount to be paid to the next of kin of the official in the unfortunate event of death of official while on election duty
- ii. If the death is unfortunately caused due to any violent acts of extremist or unsocial elements like road mines, bomb blasts, armed attacks, etc., the amount of compensation will be Rs.30 lakhs.
- iii. In the case of permanent disability, like loss of limb, eye sight etc., a minimum ex-gratia payment of Rs.7.5 lakhs will be given to the official (which will be doubled in

the case of such mishaps being caused by extremist or un social elements as aforesaid).

4. Payment of ex-gratia compensation to family of polling personnel who die or sustain injuries while on election duty will be applicable to all personnel deployed in all types of election related duties, all security personnel including (CAPFs, SAPs, State Police, Home Guards, etc.), any private persons like drivers, cleaners, etc. hired for deployment for election duty.

5. The applicable period of election duty would start from the date of the announcement of the elections. A person is in election duty as soon as he/she leaves residence/ office to report for any election related duty including training and until the person reaches back residence/ Office after performance of election related duty. If any mishap takes place during this period, it should be treated as having occurred on election duty subject to the condition that there should be a casual connection between occurrence of death / injury and the election duty.

6. The expenditure in this regard will be met from the Head of Account "2015-00-105-99-34" for Elections to Lok Sabha and Head of Account "2015-00-106-99-34 OC" for Elections to Legislative Assemblies.

By Order of the Governor

**Teeka Ram Meena**  
Chief Electoral Officer &  
Additional Chief Secretary to Government

To

The Principal Accountant General (A&E/Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram  
The Secretary, Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, New Delhi (with covering letter).

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