



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

<u>Abstract</u>

Election Department - General Election to Lok Sabha (HPCs)-2024 - Remuneration to the personnel deployed for Election Duty in various Teams / Squads and Polling Officials for Pre-Poll day and on Poll day - Revised - Orders issued.

ELECTION (ACCOUNTS) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.273/2024/ELEC Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 18-04-2024

- Read: 1) Letter No.464/INST/EPS/2023/Remuneration & TA/DA dated, 06.06.2023 from the Secretary, Election Commission of India.
 - 2) Letter No.464/INST/EPS/2023/Remuneration & TA/DA dated, 17.11.2023 from the Secretary, Election Commission of India.
 - 3) G.O (Rt) No.152/2024/ELEC, Dated, 17.03.2024.
 - 4) G.O. (Rt) No.153/2024/ELEC, Dated, 17.03.2024.

<u>ORDER</u>

The Election Commission of India is vested with the superintendence, direction, and control of all elections to the Parliament and to the Legislature of every State / UT and of elections to the offices of President and Vice President held under clause (1) of Article 324 of the Constitution of India. Conduct of elections involves diverse activities carried out by an election machinery consisting of officials and staff requisitioned from various departments including Polling personnel / Police personnel / Staff under section 26, 27, 28, 28A, 29 and 159 of Representation of the People Act, 1951. The duty of conducting free, fair and peaceful election rests on the election machinery deployed on the ground which comprises personnel from various authorities i.e, Central Government, State Government, PSUs, Local Authorities etc.

2) In view of the difficult nature of work performed by Polling / Police personnel etc., the Election Commission of India has directed to pay

remuneration for election duty carried out by them. In addition to the remuneration, the ECI has also directed to pay TA / DA and other allowances as per the norms from the Parent Department / Election Department.

3) Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to accord sanction to pay TA and DA to the staff deployed for election duty in addition to the remuneration as per ECI rates and existing food allowance. The revised rates fixed are as follows.

Sl. No.	Designation	Remuneration (per day)	Food Allowance (per day)	Travelling Allowance Lump Sum	Daily Allowance (per day)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1)	Presiding Officer / Counting Supervisor	Rs.350/-	Rs.250/-	Rs.250/- (each for Polling and Counting duty)	Rs.600/-
2)	Polling Officer / Counting Assistant	Rs.250/-	Rs.250/-	Rs.250/- (each for Polling and Counting duty)	Rs.500/-
3)	Group-D employees	Rs.200/-	Rs.250/-	Rs.250/- (each for Polling and Counting duty)	Rs.350/-
4)	Police/ Mobile Party / Home Guard / Ex- Army/CPF	To be disbursed from Police Department	Polling and		

I. <u>Rates in connection with Polling and Counting duties.</u>

5)	Trainers of Rehearsal Classes	Rs.350/-	Rs.250/-	NIL	Rs.600/-
6)	Staff engaged in distribution and receiving of Polling Materials	Rs.350/-	Rs.250/-	NIL	Rs.600/-
7)	Micro Observers	Rs.350/-	Rs.250/-	NIL	Rs.600/-
8)	Route Officers (only for two days) (Not included in other squads)	Rs.250/-	Rs.250/-	NIL	Rs.500/-
9)	Medical Assistance Team (only for two days) (Not included in other squads)	Rs.250/-	Rs.250/-	NIL	Rs.500/-
10)	Helpers of Rehearsal Classes	Rs.250/-	Rs.250/-	NIL	Rs.500/-
11)	Staff deployed for Commissioning of EVM	Rs.250/-	Rs.250/-	NIL	Rs.500/-

II) Rates in connection with training class

Sl. No.	Designation	Remuneration	TA	DA	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1)	Presiding Officer	Rs.350/-	Rs.250/-	Rs.300/-	Rs.900/-
2)	Polling Officer	Rs.250/-	Rs.250/-	Rs.250/-	Rs.750/-

4) In addition to the perks sanctioned as per the G.O read as 3rd paper above, the staff deputed for daily field duty as Designated Officers and Team Members are allowed Daily Allowance for the actual days of deployment in between the date of Notification of Election and the date of Poll, as follows:

Sl. No.	Category	Daily Allowance (per day)
(1)	(2)	(3)
1)	Employees classified under Group-A	Rs.600/-
2)	Employees classified under Group-B	Rs.500/-
3)	Employees classified under Group-C	Rs.500/-
4)	Employees classified under Group-D	Rs.350/-

5) The expenditure in connection with the payment of remuneration, food allowance, TA and DA of all Personnel deployed for election related duties and telephone allowance (Presiding Officers only) shall be met from the H/A "2015-00-105-99-34-Other Charges-3-Other Items."

6) Neither TA nor DA will be paid from the Parent Department in connection with the duties performed on the General Election to Lok Sabha (HPCs)-2024.

7) The G.O. read as 4th paper above stands cancelled.

(By order of the Governor) SANJAY M KAUL SECRETARY & CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

All District Election Officers & District Collectors

All Returning Officers.

All Election Registration Officers.

All Assistant Returning Officers.

The Principal Accountant General (A&E/Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapurm.

Finance (Expenditure-D) Dept - {vide UO Note No.E-2544561 Dev-4 (Exp.D4)/189/2023-FIN dated, 09.04.2024}

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