

**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA****Abstract**

Taxes Department - Bye-Election to the 35-Nilambur AC - Declaration of 'Dry Day' - Orders issued.

TAXES (A) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.520/2025/TAXES Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 04-06-2025

Read 1 Letter No.576/14/2025/EPS dated, 26.05.2025 from the Election Commission of India.

2 Letter No.EL3/77/2025-ELEC dated 27.05.2025 from the Chief Electoral Officer, Kerala.

ORDER

The Election Commission of India, as per the letter read as 1st paper above, has informed that Bye-Election to the 35-Nilambur AC was announced vide its Press Note No.ECI/PN/220/2025 dated 25.05.2025.

2. Section 135C of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 provides that no spirituous, fermented or intoxicating liquor or other substances of like nature shall be sold, given or distributed at a hotel, eating house, tavern, shop or any other place, public or private, within a polling area during the period of forty-eight hours ending with the hour fixed for the conclusion of poll for any election in the polling area.

3. In view of the statutory provision as above, the Election Commission of India has directed the State of Kerala to declare Dry day as is appropriate during 48 hours, ending with the hours fixed for the conclusion of poll including the date of re-poll, if any.

4. As directed by the Election Commission of India, Government hereby order dry day within 35-Nilambur AC, during 48 hours ending with the hours fixed for the conclusion of poll with respect to polling day, ie 19.06.2025 (Thursday) and the day including the date of re-poll, if any. It is also ordered that the counting day on 23.06.2025 (Monday)

will also be a 'dry day' in the area.

5. During the "Dry Days", no spirituous, fermented or intoxicating liquors or other substances of a like nature are to be sold, given or distributed at a hotel, eating house, tavern, shop or any other public or private place within a polling area. No liquor shops, hotels, restaurants, clubs and other establishments selling/serving liquor, are permitted to sell/serve liquor to anyone whosoever, on the aforesaid days. Non-proprietary clubs, star hotels, restaurants etc. and hotels run by anyone, even if they are issued different categories of licenses for possession and supply of liquor, are not permitted to serve liquor on these days. The storage of liquor by individuals should be curtailed during the above period and the restrictions provided in the Excise-law on the storage of liquor in unlicensed premises should be vigorously enforced. Steps should also be taken to prohibit clandestine movement of liquor from adjoining areas of above constituencies, even if there are no restrictions in effect in those areas. The storage of liquor by individuals is also prohibited.

6. The Excise Commissioner should issue necessary instructions to the officials concerned to rigorously take necessary precautionary measures, to detect and prevent storage and sale of liquor by unlicensed persons and in unlicensed premises during these days.

(By order of the Governor)
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JOINT SECRETARY

To:

1. The Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi -110 001.
2. The Chief Electoral Officer, Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram
3. The Excise Commissioner, Thiruvananthapuram.
4. The State Police Chief, Thiruvananthapuram.
5. The Chairperson and Managing Director, Kerala State Beverages Corporation, Thiruvananthapuram.
6. The District Collector, Malappuram.
7. The Deputy Excise Commissioner, Malappuram.

8. The Managing Director, Kerala State Co-operative Consumers' Federation Ltd. Gandhinagar, Ernakulam, Kochi-682020
9. The Information and Public Relations Department (Web & New Media),
10. Stock File/Office Copy.(File No A2/176/2025-Taxes)

Forwarded /By order

Section Officer