



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Election Department - General Election to Kerala Legislative Assembly, 2026 - Grant of Duty off to Booth Level Officers - Orders issued.

ELECTION (GENERAL) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.232/2026/ELEC Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 17-03-2026

- Read 1 The Election Commission of India's Guidelines No. 52/2023/SDR/Vol.IV dated, 31.10.2023
- 2 The Election Commission of India's Press Note No. ECI/PN/029/2026 dated 15.03.2026.
- 3 Election (General) Department's Notification No. EL3/65/2026-ELEC (3) dated, 16.03.2026.

ORDER

The Election Commission of India has announced the General Election to the Legislative Assembly of Kerala, 2026 vide press note read as (2) above, and the election schedule has been notified vide notification read as (3) above. The date of poll for the General Election has been fixed as **09.04.2026 (Thursday)**.

2. In connection with the General Election to the Kerala Legislative Assembly, 2026, Booth Level Officers (BLOs) are required to perform the following duties:

- **Absentee Voting (Form 12D):**

As per the Guidelines of the Hon'ble Commission read (1) as above, the BLOs shall visit to the houses of the absentee voters in

category of AVSC (Absentee Voters –Senior Citizen), AVPD (Absentee Voter- Persons with Disability) and AVCO (Absentee Voter- COVID 19 suspect or affected persons), as per details provided by the Returning Officer, in the Polling Station area and deliver Form 12D to the electors concerned and obtain acknowledgements from them. BLOs shall deposit all the acknowledgements obtained from such electors with the Returning Officer/Assistant Returning Officer on daily basis. If an elector is not available, BLO will share his contact details and revisit the place to collect it within the period of five days following the date of the notification for election in the constituency. The electors may or may not opt for Postal Ballot. If the elector opts for Postal Ballot, then the BLO will collect the filled-in Form 12D from the house of the elector and deposit with the Returning Officer forthwith on daily basis. The task of collecting back filled-in Form 12D shall be completed within the period of 5 days following the date of the notification.

- **Distribution of Voter Information Slip (VIS):**

The BLOs are entrusted with the responsibility of distribution of Voter Information Slip (VIS) pertaining to election. They shall visit all the households in the polling station area concerned and distribute VIS on proper acknowledgement. A pre-printed register of voters will be given to each BLO through Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) along with the VIS of the electors of his/her polling station area. The VIS should be issued under original signatures of the BLOs. The BLO shall give the VIS either to the registered voter or to an adult member of the voter's family who is

himself/herself a voter. The BLO shall obtain the signature or thumb impression of the person to whom the VIS is delivered, as an acknowledgement of having received the VIS. The register shall be deposited by the BLOs to the ERO three days before the day of poll.

- **Field Verification Duties:**

BLOs shall carry out timely field verification and submit reports in respect of applications received for new enrollment, deletion, and correction.

- **SVEEP Activities:**

BLOs shall be fully engaged in all SVEEP (Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation) activities in connection with the General Election.

3. Since most BLOs are Government employees, and continuous, committed, and full-time engagement is essential for the conduct of elections, all Booth Level Officers (BLOs) in the State of Kerala shall be treated as being on full-time election duty with the Election Commission of India from 18th March 2026 to 10th April 2026 (both days inclusive).

4. During this period, BLOs shall be relieved from all other regular departmental duties and shall exclusively attend to election-related work as per the instructions issued by the Election Commission of India and the Chief Electoral Officer, Kerala.

5. All District Election Officers (DEOs) and Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) shall ensure strict compliance with these instructions and issue necessary directions to the Heads of Offices concerned to relieve BLOs from all non-election duties during the said period.

4. All concerned Heads of Departments and Offices shall extend full cooperation and ensure that BLOs are not assigned any duties other than those directly related to the General Election to the Kerala Legislative Assembly, 2026.

(By order of the Governor)
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ADDITIONAL SECRETARY & ADDITIONAL CHIEF
ELECTORAL OFFICER

To:

All Additional Chief Secretaries / Principal Secretaries / Secretaries to Government.

OSD to Chief Secretary.

All Heads of Departments / District Election Officers / Returning Officers / Electoral Registration Officers / Assistant Returning Officers / Assistant Electoral Registration Officers / Institutions employing BLOs.

All Booth Level Officers.

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