



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Election Department – Cashless treatment scheme for polling officials on duty – Drawing and Disbursement of funds – Delegation of authority – Orders issued.

ELECTION (GENERAL) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms)No.1/2022/ELEC Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 09-05-2022

- Read
- 1.Letter No. 464/L&O/2014/EPS dated 11.04.2014 from the Election Commission of India, New Delhi.
 - 2.Letter No. 464/L&O/2014/EPS dated 15.04.2014 from the Election Commission of India.
 - 3.Letter No. 464/L&O/2019/EPS dated 04.02.2019 from the Election Commission of India.
 - 4.Letter No. 218/6/2020/EPS dated 22.07.2020 from the Election Commission of India.
 - 5.Letter No. 39/KL-LA/2021/25 dated 30.07.2021 from the Election Commission of India, New Delhi.

ORDER

1. A large number of manpower is being deployed for the election process. Election duty involves time-bound assignments in unfamiliar surroundings. Therefore, ensuring the welfare of all those involved in the electoral process is an important aspect in the smooth and successful conduct of elections.

2. Election Commission of India as per the letters read as 1st , 2nd and 3rd papers above, issued instructions to make arrangements for the treatment of all security and polling personnel who get injured due to violent attack or fall sick while deployed for election duties in the best hospitals till the declaration of results of General Elections. As per letter read as 4th paper above, Election Commission of India clarified that BEL/ ECIL engineers who are engaged in election duty will be treated

as polling personnel and instructed to paid cashless medical facility to them also. As per letter read as 5th paper above, Election Commission of India further clarified that cashless treatment of security and polling personnel who get injured due to violent attack or fall sick while deployed for election duties is valid for all General and Bye Election conducted by the Commission.

3. In pursuance to the above directions of the Election Commission of India, a 'Cashless Treatment Scheme' will be provided for all polling personnel who get injured due to violent attack or fall sick due to medical emergency such as accident, cardiac arrest, stroke, etc. happens while deployed for election duty. Immediate medical assistance on cashless basis will be provided in the nearest Government or Private Hospital for such polling personnel for a period from declaration of election till the declaration of results of General or Bye election. The District Election Officers shall take advance measure to tie up with hospitals or make necessary arrangements accordingly, for the period till the declaration of results of the election. In order to ensure proper care of the injured, treatment should be personally monitored by the district administration and senior officers should be reviewed the progress of the treatment with medical officers concerned. Either DEO or a senior official shall visit the hospital and meet the injured personnel. The family of the injured shall immediately be informed and arrangement should be made for proper coordination. The expenses in this regard will be reimbursed by the District Election Officer concerned.

4. The District Election Officers are authorized to draw and disburse expenses incurred in respect of cashless treatment of polling officials as mentioned above, to the extent of Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty

Thousand) per person. Expenses in this regard beyond Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand) but below Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh) per person can be drawn and disbursed by the District Election Officer & District Collector, subject to ratification by Chief Electoral Officer. Expenses beyond Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh) per person may be disbursed after getting approval of the Chief Electoral Officer.

5. In case of reimbursement of the expenses incurred for the treatment, Polling Personnel shall submit application form as appended to this Order supported by Medical Bills and Documents in original. The District Election Officer shall settle or forward such cases as per above norms and on the basis of factual documents in the matter. District Election Officer shall forward applications to the Chief Electoral Officer only with proper recommendation.

6. A person is considered to be on election duty as soon as he/she leaves his/her residence/office to report for any election related duty including training and until he/she reaches back his/her residence/office after performance of his/her election related duty. If any mishap takes place during this period, it will be treated as having occurred on election duty subject to condition that there should be a connection between occurrences of accident/medical emergency. The period of First Level Checking duty and the duration for which the official is deputed for poll/ counting arrangement, will also be treated as period of election duty.

7. Cashless treatment scheme will be applicable to all Polling Officers/ Police/ CAPF/ CRPF/ Security personnel and BEL/ ECIL engineers engaged in election related duty of all General and Bye elections conducted by the Election Commission of India.

8. The expenditure in this regard shall be met from the Head of Account “2015-00-105-99-34 OC” 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)

ASHOK KUMAR K
ADDITIONAL SECRETARY & ADDITIONAL CHIEF
ELECTORAL OFFICER

To:

All Additional Chief Secretaries/ Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries.
The Secretary, Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, New Delhi (with covering letter).
The State Police Chief & DGP, Police Headquarters, Thiruvananthapuram.
All Heads of the Department.
All District Election Officers & District Collectors.
The Principal Accountant General (A&E/Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram
All Departments in the Govt. Secretariat including Finance and Law (through E- Office Notice board)
Health & Family Welfare Department
The Director of Health Services, Thiruvananthapuram
The Director, Information & Public Relations Department, Thiruvananthapuram (For Press Release)
Web & New Media (for publishing in Govt. Website)
All ROs/AROs/EROs. (through DEO)
Stock File/Office Copy

Forwarded /By order

Signed by Shival R V

Date: 10-05-2022 11:58:44

Section Officer

CASHLESS TREATMENT OF POLLING PERSONNEL ON DUTY

1	Name (in block letters)	:			
2	Polling Duty Assigned	:			
2a	Place of Duty/ Polling Station and Assembly Constituency	:			
3	Whether Government Servant or not	:			
3a	If yes, Designation and Office/ Department in which employed with PEN	:			
4	Pay and Scale of Pay				
5	Residential Address	:			
6	Date of Birth	:			
7	Place at which the Polling Personnel fell ill/ injured	:			
8	Details of injury/illness	:			
9	Whether hospitalized or not	:			
10	If hospitalized, whether in Govt. Hospital or Private Hospital and Name of Hospital	:			
11	Period of Treatment	:			
12	Charges Details of amount claimed	:			
	Sl. No.	Date	Bill No.	Description	Amount
	Total Amount Claimed (in figures and words)				

DECLARATION

I hereby declare that the statements made in the application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief and the medical expenses were incurred are wholly related to the treatment of medical emergency occurred while on election duty.

I hereby declare that I have not claimed the medical reimbursement from Government/ any other institution/ Insurance Agency over the bills and vouchers which I am submitting herewith.

I am well aware of the fact that, if the information given by me is proved false/ not true, I will be liable for action as per the law. Also, if any benefits availed by me shall be summarily withdrawn.

Date
Place

Signature of the applicant

List of Enclosures

1. Consolidation of original medical bills
2. Discharge Summary.