

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

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General Administration (Co-ordination) Department, Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 21-03-2019

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Sub :- General Administration Department - General Election to Lok Sabha 2019- Conduct of Government Servants - Guidelines- Regarding.

(14)/EL4/2019/Elec dated 16/03/2019 from Chief Electoral Officer,

The Election Commission of India has instructed that the MCC came into force with effect from 10/03/2019 in connection with General Election to Lok Sabha 2019. Accordingly State Government has drawn up a list of do's and don'ts to be followed by the Government Officials after the announcement of the election and till the completion of the process of election. The following directions /instructions must be strictly adhered to.

- 1) All Government Employees are instructed to refrain from activities like engaging in disseminating contents having issues related to political parties, which tantamount to election propaganda through social media, failing which strict disciplinary action will be initiated against such Government employees.
- 2) It enjoins upon the Government Officials at all levels that they should maintain an attitude of strict impartiality in relation to election, that they should not only be impartial but should also be seen to be independent, neutral and impartial on all matters relating to the elections, that they should treat all parties and candidates equally, fairly and justly, and that no Government officials should do any act (other than the giving of vote) which could be interpreted as furthering the prospects of any party or candidates at the election.
- 3) Government officials are strictly not to lend their names, official position or authority to assist one individual as against another or one group as against another.

- 4) The Government officers should not themselves organise any election meeting or be present in person during any such meeting except only such officers who may have to be present to the extent necessary for maintaining law and order and making the necessary security arrangements
- 5) No Government Servants shall be a member of or be otherwise associated with, any political party or any organisation which takes part in politics nor shall be take part in, subscribe in aid of, or assist in any other manner, any political movement or activity.
- 6) No Government servants shall canvass or otherwise interfere with or use his influence in connection with or take part in an election to any Legislative or Local Authority.
- 7) Government servants shall refrain from violating Government Servant's Conduct Rules / Criminal Procedure Code / Representation of People Act 1951.

BISHWANATH SINHA PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

To

The Principal Secretary, Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, Asoka Road, New Delhi-110 001 (With CL) The Chief Electoral Officer Election Department, Thiruvananthapuram

(With CL)
All Additional Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries/
Spl.Secretaries

The Secretary to Governor (with CL)

The Secretary, Kerala Legislative Assembly, Thiruvananthapuram (With CL)

The Advocate General, Eranakulam (With CL)

The Registrar, High Court of Kerala, Eranakulam (With CL)

The Secretary, Kerala Public Service Commission, Thiruvananthapuram (With CL)

All District Collectors

All Heads of Departments.

The Chief Executives of all Public Sector Undertakings.

The Government owned Industrial Concerns } Through District Collectors

All Government Commercial Undertakings } concerned

All Departments in Government Secretariat including Law and Finance (They may be requested to give necessary directions to the offices under their administrative control)

The Station Director, All India Radio, Thiruvananthapuram

The Labour Commissioner, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Registrar, Kerala/Cochin/Calicut/Mahatma Gandhi/Kannur University

The Registrar, Kerala Agriculture University, Mannuthi, Thrissur

The Registrar, Sree Sankaracharya Sanskrit University, Kalady, Aluva The Registrar, Kerala University of Health and Allied Sciences, Thrissur-680 596 The Registrar, Kerala Veterinary & Animal Sciences University, Camp Office, Kerala Agricultural University Campus, Mannuthy, Thrissur.

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