



**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

**Abstract**

Local Self Government Department - Cashless treatment scheme for polling officials on duty - Drawing and Disbursement of funds - Delegation of authority — Orders issued.

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**LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT (EM) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.(Ms)No.159/2024/LSGD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 15-11-2024**

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Read <sup>1</sup> Letter No. A2/31/2024-SEC dated 22.05.2024 from Secretary, State Election Commission Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

<sup>2</sup> G.O.(Ms)No.1/2022/ELEC Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 09-05-2022.

**ORDER**

As per the Letter read as 1st paper above,the Secretary, State Election Commission has requested to take necessary steps to introduce a Cashless Treatment Scheme to the officials on Election Duty who get injured due to violent attack or fall sick due to medical emergency such as accident, cardiac arrest, stroke etc during the General / By-election to Local Self Government Institutions in Kerala by following the conditions specified in the order read as 2nd paper above by which the Election (General) Department introduced Cashless Treatment Scheme for polling officials connected with Election to Lok Sabha and Election to Legislative Assemblies.

Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to accord sanction to the proposal of the State Election Commission to introduce Cashless Treatment Scheme to the polling officials engaged in the General / By-election to Local Self Government Institutions in Kerala

who get injured due to violent attack or fall sick due to medical emergency such as accident, cardiac arrest, stroke etc while engaged in election duty in Kerala and issued the following guidelines

(i) '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 review 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.

(ii) The District Election Officers are authorized to draw and disburse expenses incurred in respect of cashless treatment of polling personnel to the extent of Rs.50,000/- per person. Expenses beyond Rs.50,000/- but below Rs.1,00,000/- per person can be drawn and disbursed by the District Election Officers subject to the ratification by the State Election Commission. Expenses beyond Rs.1,00,000/- per person can be disbursed after getting approval of the State Election Commission.

(iii) In case of reimbursement of the expenses incurred for the treatment, Polling Personnel shall submit application form as appended Annexure 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 State Election Commission only with proper recommendation.

(iv) 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 Check duty and the duration for which the officials deputed for poll/counting arrangement, will also be treated as period of election duty.

The expenditure in this regard can be met from the Head of Account 2015-00-109-99-00-34-3.

(By order of the Governor)  
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SPECIAL SECRETARY

To:

The Secretary, State Election Commission Kerala .

The Principal Director LSGD, Thiruvananthapuram.

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

The Executive Director, Information Kerala Mission,

Thiruvananthapuram.

Information & Public Relations Department (Web and new media).

Finance (Dev-wing) Department (U.O. Number DEV-4/142/2024-FIN(2835495) dated 05.10.2024).

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