



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
General Administration (Co-ordination) Department 05504

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Sub :- Responsibility of Election officials to the Commission – Reg.

Ref :- Letter No.23/Inst/LET//ECI/FUNC/ERD-ER/2018 dated 22.11.2018 from Election Commission of India, New Delhi.

Under the provisions of Section 13 CC of Representation of the People Act 1950, Chief Electoral Officer, District Election Officers, Electoral Registration Officers and all other officers and staffs employed in connection with preparation and revision of electoral rolls and conduct of all elections shall be deemed to be on deputation to the Election Commission of India for the period during which they are so employed and they shall during that period, be subject to the control, superintendence and discipline of the Election Commission.

Thus, in view of the above provisions the electoral/election officials are responsible only to the Commission and not to any other authority. However, it has to come to the notice of the Commission that some departments/authorities of the State Government are issuing direction/orders to the Election officials.

Hence Government hereby strictly instruct all State Government Departments/Officers to refrain from issuing direction/orders to Chief Electoral Officer, District Electoral Officer, Electoral Registration Officers and all other officers and staffs employed in connection with preparation and revision of electoral rolls and conduct of all elections.

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To

The Principal Secretary, Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan,
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Chief Electoral Officer, Election (General) Department
All District Collectors
All Heads of Departments
Secretary, Kerala Legislative Assembly, Thiruvananthapuram.
Finance Department (for necessary action)
Local Self Government Department (for necessary action)
Planning & Economic Affairs Department (for necessary action)
Election (General) Department (for information)
All Departments and all sections in Government Secretariat including Law, Finance
and General Administration Department
(To inform all the institutions under their administrative control)
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