



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Taxes Department - Excise - General Election to Lok Sabha 2024- Declaration of 'Dry Days' in the adjoining areas in Kannur and Kozhikode districts of Kerala bordering 29 -Mahe Assembly Segment, a part of Union Territory of Puducherry- Orders issued.

TAXES (A) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.319/2024/TAXES Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 03-04-2024

Read 1 Letter No.576/14/2024/EPS dated 16.03.2024 from the Election Commission of India, New Delhi.

2 Letter No.E.52/A1/2024-GELS24-478 dated 19.03.2024 from the Chief Electoral Officer, Puducherry

3 Letter No.EL6/8/2024-ELEC dated 23.03.2024 from the Chief Electoral Officer, Kerala.

ORDER

The Election Commission of India, as per the letter read as 1st paper above has informed that General Election to Lok Sabha, 2024 and Bye-elections to AC's of various States was announced vide its Press Notes No.ECI/PN/23/2024 and No.ECI/PN/24/2024 respectively dated 16.03.2024.

2. Section 135C of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 provides that no spirituous, fermented or intoxicating liquor or other substances of like nature shall be sold, given or distributed at a hotel, eating house, tavern, shop or any other place, public or private, within a polling area during the period of forty-eight hours ending with the hour fixed for the conclusion of poll for any election in the polling area.

3. In view of the statutory provision as above, the Election Commission of India has directed all the States and UT's to declare Dry day as is appropriate during 48 hours, ending with the hours fixed for the conclusion of poll in every phase including the date of re-poll, if any.

4. The Chief Electoral Officer, Kerala as per letter read 3rd above has requested Government to issue orders for declaring dry days from 17.04.2024 to 19.04.2024, in the adjoining areas in Kannur and Kozhikode districts of Kerala bordering 29 -Mahe Assembly Segment, a part of Union Territory of Puducherry, in connection with the General Elections to Lok Sabha in 2024 and on 04.06.2024 (Counting Day) for the peaceful and smooth conduct of free and fair poll of the General Election to the Lok Sabha 2024, under section 135C of the Representation of the Peoples Act, 1951.

5. As directed by the Election Commission of India and the Chief Electoral Officer, Kerala, Government hereby order that during 48 hours ending with the hours fixed for the conclusion of poll with respect to polling day in the 29 -Mahe Assembly Segment, a part of Union Territory of Puducherry, ie 19.04.2024, will be 'dry day' for all the liquor shops in the adjoining areas in Kannur and Kozhikode districts of Kerala bordering 29 -Mahe Assembly Segment(This will include the date of re-poll, if any). It is also ordered that the counting day on 04.06.2024 will also be a 'dry day'.

6. During the 'Dry days' no spirituous, fermented or intoxicating liquors or other substance of like nature shall be sold, given or distributed at a hotel, eating house, tavern, shop or any other place public or private, within the area during the period. All liquor shops, hotels, restaurants, clubs and other establishments selling/serving liquor will remain closed and are not permitted to serve liquor on these days. The storage of liquor by individuals is also prohibited.

7. The Excise Commissioner shall issue necessary instructions to the officials concerned to rigorously take necessary precautionary measures to detect and prevent storage and sale of liquor by unlicensed persons and in unlicensed premises during the above days.

(By order of the Governor)
PRANABJYOTI NATH I A S
SECRETARY

To:

1)The Chief Electoral Officer, Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram

- 2)The Chief Electoral Officer, Villianur Main Road, Lawsthottam,
Reddiarpalayam, Puducherry-605 010.
- 3) The Excise Commissioner, Thiruvananthapuram.
- 4) The State Police Chief, Thiruvananthapuram.
- 5) The Managing Director, Kerala State Beverages Corporation,
Thiruvananthapuram.
- 6)The District Collector, Kozhikode/Kannur.
- 7)The Deputy Excise Commissioner, Kozhikode/Kannur (through the
Excise Commissioner, Thiruvananthapuram).
- 8)|Web & New Media
- 9)Stock File/Office Copy (File No.A2/80/2024-Taxes)

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Section Officer