



## GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

### Abstract

General Administration Department - General Election to Lok Sabha 2024 - Day of Poll in Tamil Nadu and Karnataka - Declaration of Paid holiday for electors of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka residing in Kerala - Orders issued.

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### **General Administration (Co-ordination) Department**

G.O (Rt) No. 1742/2024 /GAD.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 18/04/2024

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- Read:-1) Letter No. 78/EPS/2024 dated 16.03.2024 from the Election Commission of India  
2) G.O.(Rt)No.1436/2024/GAD dated 26.03.2024  
3) Letter No.DPAR 13/CHULOSA 2024 dated 27.03.2024 from Chief Electoral Officer, Karnataka  
4) Letter No.EL6/15/2024/Elec dated 05.04.2024 from Chief Electoral Officer, Kerala

### ORDER

As per Section 135B of the Representation of the People Act, 1951

- a) Every person employed in any business, trade, industrial undertaking or any other establishment and entitled to vote at election to the house of the people or the Legislative Assembly of a State shall, on the day of poll, be granted a holiday.
- b) No deduction or abatement of the wages of any such person shall be made on account of a holiday having been granted in accordance with sub-section (1) and if such person is employed on the basis that he/she would not ordinarily receive wages for such a day, he/she shall nonetheless be paid for such day the wages he/she would have drawn had not a holiday been granted to him/her on that day.
- c) If an employer contravenes the provisions of sub-section (1) or sub-section (2), then such employer shall be punishable with fine, which may extend to five hundred rupees.
- d) This section shall not apply to any elector whose absence may cause danger or substantial loss in respect of the employment in which he is engaged."

In the letter read as 4<sup>th</sup> paper above from the Election Commission of India it is specified that under Section 135B of the Representation of People's Act 1951, electors who are employee of establishments and shops including those which work on shift basis shall be granted a paid holiday on the day of poll in the constituency where the General Election to Loksabha and bye elections are to held . There may be cases were a person is ordinarily resident of the constituency and registered as an elector, may be serving or employed in an industrial undertaking or an establishment located outside the constituency having General poll. In the letter read as 4<sup>th</sup> paper above the Election Commission has clarified that in such a situation, even those electors including casual workers working outside the constituency concerned would be entitled to the benefit of a paid holiday extended under Section 135B(1) of the Representation of the Peoples Act 1951. The daily wage/caşual workers are also entitled for a holiday and wages on poll day as provided in Section 135B of the Representation of the Peoples Act 1951.

Tamil Nadu goes to polls on 19.04.2024, and Karnataka go for poll in two phases on 26.04.2024 and on 07.05.2024. A number of electors of these states are serving or employed in various establishments in Kerala. In the circumstances in connection with the General Election to the Loksabha 2024, 19/04/2024 (Friday) is declared as a paid holiday for electors of Tamil Nadu residing in Kerala, as per Section 135B of the Representation of the People Act, 1951. As per the Government order read as 2<sup>nd</sup> paper above 26/04/2024 had already been declared as a public holiday in connection with the General Election to the Loksabha 2024. In connection with the second phase of the General Election to the Loksabha 2024 in Karnataka State, 07/05/2024 (Tuesday) is declared as a paid holiday for electors of Karnataka residing in Kerala, as per Section 135B of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

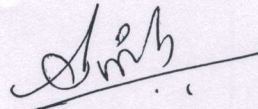
(By Order of the Governor)  
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