



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

General Administration Department - General Election to Puduchery Legislative Assembly 2026 - Day of Poll in Puduchery - Declaration of Paid holiday for electors of Puduchery residing in Kerala - Orders issued.

General Administration (Co-ordination) Department

G.O.(Rt)No.1641/2026/GAD Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 03-04-2026

- Read 1. Letter No.78/EPS/2026 dated 16.03.2026 from Election Commission of India
2. Letter No.E.72/1/2026-GEPLA'26-567 dated 24.03.2026 from Chief Electoral Officer, Puduchery
3. Letter No.EL3/65/2026-ELEC-Part (2) dated 29.03.2026 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

(2) In the letter read as 1st paper above of 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 Legislative Assembly is to held. Further, 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 1st 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/casual 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.

(3) General Election to Puduchery will be on 09.04.2026. A number of electors of Puduchery are serving or employed in various establishments in Kerala. In the circumstances in connection with the General Election to Puduchery Legislative Assembly 2026, 09.04.2026 (Thursday) is declared as a paid holiday for electors of Puduchery residing in Kerala, as per Section 135B of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

(By order of the Governor)
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