



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Election Department - General Election to the Kerala Legislative Assembly, 2026 - Election Department - Fixation of hiring charges for vehicles/covered vehicles, etc. - Rates fixed - Orders issued.

ELECTION (ACCOUNTS) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.226/2026/ELEC Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 17-03-2026

ORDER

In connection with the General Election to the Kerala Legislative Assembly - 2026, Government are pleased to fix the hire charges for light and heavy private vehicles and covered vehicles engaged for election duty, as detailed below:

Category - I

| Vehicle Class | Hire charge for 1st 24 Hrs | Minimum distance to be covered in 24 hours | Excess charges for additional km within 24 hours | Hire/ Detention charges beyond 1st 24 hours |
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| Buses: Seating capacity of not less than 30 persons (Excluding driver and | Rs. 6,600/- | 100 km | Rs.60/- for every kilometer or part thereof in excess of 100 km. | Rs. 200/hr and part thereof in excess of first 24 hrs subject to a maximum of Rs. 4,600/- for |

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| conductor) | | | | 24 hours or Rs. 60/- per every running km or part thereof (Whichever is higher) |
| Mini Buses: Seating capacity of less than 30 persons (excluding driver and conductor) | Rs. 4,400/- | . 100 km | Rs. 40/- for every kilometer or part thereof in excess of 100 km. | Rs. 200/hr and part thereof in excess of first 24 hrs subject to a maximum of Rs. 4,400/- for 24 hours or Rs. 40/- per every running km or part thereof (Whichever is higher) |
| Contract Carriages Seating capacity 15- | | | Rs. 35/- for | Rs. 150/hr and part thereof in excess of first 24 hrs subject to a |

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| 19 including driver (Traveller type vehicles) | Rs. 4,000/- | 100 km | every kilometer or part thereof in excess of 100 km | maximum of Rs. 3,500/- for 24 hours or Rs.35/- per every running kilometer or part thereof (Whichever is higher) |
| Contract Carriages Seating capacity 8 - 14 including driver (Cruiser type vehicles) | Rs. 3,000/- | 100 km | Rs. 30/- for every kilometer or part thereof in excess of 100 km | Rs. 125/hr and part thereof in excess of first 24 hrs subject to a maximum of Rs. 2,750/- for 24 hours or Rs. 30/- per every running kilometer or part thereof (Whichever is higher) |

Category - II

| Category of contract carriages | Rate of hire charges | Detention charge |
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| Motor cabs having cubic | | |

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| capacity below 1500cc (including tourist Motor Cabs and ordinary motor cabs) with a seating capacity of not more than 7 (seven) persons including driver. | Rs. 21/- per kilometer for motor cabs (both Petrol & Diesel) subject to a minimum of Rs. 250/- for a distance up to 5 km. | Rs. 55 /- per hour subject to a maximum of Rs. 1,100/- for 24 hrs. |
| Motor cabs having cubic capacity 1500cc and above (including tourist Motor Cabs and ordinary motor cabs) with a seating capacity of not more than 7 (seven) persons including driver. | Rs. 23/- per km for motor cabs (both Petrol & Diesel) subject to a minimum of Rs. 330/- for a distance up to 5 km. | Rs. 55 /- per hour subject to a maximum of Rs. 1,100/- for 24 hrs. |

Category - III (Covered Vehicles)

| Vehicle Class | Hire charge for 1st 24 Hrs | Minimum distance to be covered in 24 hours | Excess charges for additional KMs within 24 hours | Hire / Detention charges beyond 1st 24 hours |
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| Heavy Good Vehicle - | Rs:-6,000/- | 100 km | Rs. 55/- for every kilometer or part thereof in excess of 100 | Rs. 250/hr and part thereof in excess of first 24 hrs subject to a maximum |

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| Goods closed body | | | km. | of Rs.5,600/- for 24 hours or Rs.55/- per every running km or part thereof (Whichever is higher) |
| Medium Goods Vehicle - Goods closed body | Rs. 4,000/- | 100 km | Rs. 35/- for every kilometer or part thereof in excess of 100 km. | Rs. 170/hr and part thereof in excess of first 24 hrs subject to a maximum of Rs. 3,800/- for 24 hours or Rs. 35/- per every running km or part thereof (Whichever is higher) |
| Light | | | Rs. 25/- for | Rs. 125/hr and part thereof in excess of first 24 hrs subject |

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| Goods Vehicle Goods closed body | Rs. 3,000/- | 100 km | every Kilometer or part thereof in excess of 100 km | to a maximum of Rs.2,800/- for 24 hours or Rs. 25/- per every running km or part thereof (Whichever is higher) |
| Pick Up Model Vehicle | Rs. 1,500/- | 100 km | Rs. 12/- for every Kilometer or part thereof in excess of 100 km | Rs. 60/hr and part thereof in excess of first 24 hrs subject to a maximum of Rs. 1,300/- for 24 hours or Rs. 12/- per every running Kilometer or part thereof (Whichever is higher) |

2) The rates of hire charges sanctioned above are inclusive of all charges like cost of petrol / diesel etc.

3) The expenditure in this regard may be met from the H/A "2015-

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(By order of the Governor)
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