

**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA****Abstract**

General Administration Department - Census 2027 - Preliminary arrangements and appointment of Census officers - Orders issued.

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**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (PROTOCOL) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.(Ms)No.201/2025/GAD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 23-12-2025

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Read: Letter No. 86/32/CC/CIR-5/2025 dated 12.12.2025 from the Joint Director,  
Directorate of Census Operations, Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

**ORDER**

As per the letter read above, the Joint Director, Directorate of Census Operations, Kerala has forwarded a detailed proposal regarding the preliminary arrangements in connection with the Census, 2027 and the appointment of Census Officers at various levels. The first phase of the Census operation, viz. Houselisting and Housing Census will be conducted in one month's time during the period April - September, 2026. This will be followed by the second phase - Population Enumeration in February, 2027 with the reference date as the 00:00 hours of 1<sup>st</sup> March 2027. The proposals forwarded by the Directorate of Census Operations for the concurrence of the Government are as follows: -

**1. Delimitation Schedule**

For the proper conduct of the Census, it is necessary to effect a graduated breaking up of the entire State into a pyramid of territorial jurisdictions. The preliminary break-up of the State jurisdiction will be on the basis of the existing revenue districts. Each district will be divided into urban and rural areas. The Municipal Corporations, Municipal Towns, Cantonment Boards and those areas as approved as Census Towns and Outgrowths will constitute urban area; the rest will form the rural area. But for the purpose of Census enumeration, Census Towns (non-statutory towns) will be under the rural Charge Census Officer (Tahsildar) and Outgrowths will be under the urban Charge Census Officer (Statutory Towns). Each town will be subdivided into wards and each revenue village will be subdivided into Panchayat Wards or portion of the wards coming in it as the case may be. The lowest sub-division will be the Enumeration Block.

The pyramid of territorial jurisdiction on the above basis will be:

<b>STATE</b>	
<b>DISTRICT</b>	
<b>Urban Jurisdiction</b> (Municipal Corporation/ Municipal Town/ Cantonment Board and Outgrowths)	<b>Rural Jurisdiction</b> (All areas in the Taluk including Census Towns (non-statutory), Reserve/Vested Forest, Wild Life Sanctuaries and National Parks etc.)
Wards	Villages
Supervisory Circles  Enumeration Blocks	Supervisory Circles  Enumeration Blocks

## 2. Enumeration hierarchy

In the districts, the District Collector in each district is designated as Principal Census Officers and are responsible for the Census Operations in their district. Senior Deputy Collector will be appointed as District Census Officer to assist the District Collector, the Principal Census Officer. The District Planning Officer/ District Statistical Officer/ District Informatics Officer/ District Education Officer/ Any other district level Officer like Joint Director LSGD/ District Information Officer/ District Project Manager, IT Mission will be appointed as Additional/Deputy District Census Officers. The Sub-Divisional Officers/ Sub Collectors/ Revenue Divisional Officers will be appointed as Sub-Divisional Census Officers.

In respect of Taluks, the Tahsildars will be appointed as Charge Census Officers and Additional Tahsildars or equivalent will be appointed as Additional Charge Census Officers for rural areas.

The Municipal Secretary/Administrative Head of Municipal Corporation or equivalent of Municipal Corporations with multiple charges (Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Kochi and Kozhikode Municipal Corporations) will be appointed as Additional Principal Census Officers and shall function under the Principal Census Officer of their districts.

In the Municipal Corporations, Additional Municipal Secretary/ Deputy Municipal Secretary/ Deputy Administrative head of Municipal Corporation will be appointed as the City Census Officers for the relevant areas.

Municipal Corporations without multiple charges/ Municipal Towns/ Cantonment Board/ Sanitary Board and similar statutory areas under separate local authorities the Chief Officer/ Executive officer/ Secretary/ Administrator will be appointed as Charge Census Officers.

In Division or Zone or group of wards of Municipal Corporations with multiple charges (Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Kochi and Kozhikode Municipal Corporations) the appropriate levels below Municipal Secretary/ Administrative Head of Municipal Corporations will be appointed as Charge Census Officers.

In Division or Zone or group of wards in Municipal Corporations, appropriate levels below Charge officer may be designated as Additional Charge Census Officer.

The areas which fall within the control and occupation of Defence Services, Central Reserve Police, Border Security Force and similar military or paramilitary organizations, the Special Charge Officers will be determined and appointed in consultation with the concerned Principal Census Officer by the Director of Census Operations, Kerala.

The Supervisors and Enumerators separately for (i) Houselisting and Housing Census and for (ii) Population Enumeration Operations will be appointed. Government servants of various departments and teachers will be appointed as Supervisors and Enumerators. All the above officers will have to do the Census work in addition to their normal duties.

The levels and details of Officers who will be appointed as Census officers for the areas under their jurisdictions are indicated in the following tables:

**Table 1: District, Sub-Division and Taluk Level Appointments**

Level	Authorities	Designation
District	District Collector	Principal Census Officer
District	Deputy Collector (General)	District Census Officer
District	District Planning Officer/ District Statistical Officer/ District Informatics Officer/ District	Additional/Deputy District Census Officer

	Education Officer/ Any other district level Officer like Joint Director LSGD/ District Information Officer/ District Project Manager, IT Mission	
Sub-Divisions	Sub-Divisional Officers/ Sub Collector/ Revenue Divisional Officer	Sub-Divisional Census Officer
Taluk including Census Towns (Non-statutory), Reserve and Vested Forest area, Wild Life Sanctuaries, National Park etc. but excluding Municipal Corporations, Municipal Towns, Cantonments, Special Charges and Outgrowths.	Tahsildar	Charge Census Officer
Taluk including Census Towns (Non-statutory), Reserve and Vested Forest area, Wild Life Sanctuaries, National Park etc. but excluding Municipal Corporations, Municipal Towns, Cantonments, Special Charges and Outgrowths.	Additional Tahsildar or equivalent	Additional Charge Census Officer

**Table 2: City, Town Level Appointments**

Level	Authorities	Designation
Municipal Corporation with multiple charges (Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Kochi and Kozhikode Municipal Corporations)	Municipal Secretary/ Administrative Head of Municipal Corporation or equivalent	Additional Principal Census Officer
Municipal Corporation/City	Additional Municipal	City Census officer

	Secretary/Deputy Municipal Secretary/Deputy Administrative head of Municipal Corporation as the case may be	
Municipal Corporations without multiple charges/Municipal Towns/ Cantonment Boards and similar statutory areas under separate local authorities	Chief Officer/Executive officer/ Secretary/Administrator	Charge Census Officer
Division or Zone or group of wards in Municipal Corporations with multiple charges( Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Kochi and Kozhikode Municipal Corporations)	Appropriate levels below Municipal Secretary/ Administrative Head of Municipal Corporations	Charge Census Officer
Division or Zone or group of wards in Municipal Corporations	Appropriate levels below Charge officer	Additional Charge Census Officer

In addition, the Director of Census Operations is designated as Chief Principal Census Officer. Further, the Deputy Registrar General (C&T), the Joint Director of Census Operations, the Deputy Director of Census Operations and the Assistant Director of Census Operations are designated as the Additional Chief Principal Census Officer, Joint Chief Principal Census Officer, Deputy Chief Principal Census Officer and Assistant Chief Principal Census Officer respectively.

3. The Government agrees to the proposals of the Joint Director, Directorate of Census Operations, Kerala and are pleased to appoint the Census functionaries as proposed. It is also order that all the officers concerned will take necessary action to carry out their duties as Census functionaries on receipt of instructions from the Director of Census Operations, Kerala in this regard without detrimental to their normal office duties.

4. As per the provisions of Section 11 of Census Act 1948, any census Officer or any person lawfully required to give assistance towards the taking of Census and who refuses to perform any duty imposed upon him/her by this Act or any rule made thereunder, or any person who hinders or obstructs another person in performing any such duty, shall be

punishable with fine upto Rs. 1000/- (Rupees One Thousand only) and in case of a conviction shall also be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to three years.

5. Notifications appointing the Census Officers and delegating them the powers to appoint Census Officer/functionaries under them and authorizing them to sign declaration under the Census Act is being issued separately. The detailed instructions regarding the functions and responsibilities of the Census Officers in the various phase of Census Operations will be issued in due course by the Director of Census Operations, Kerala.

(By order of the Governor)

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To:

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The Additional Commissioner (LR), Thiruvananthapuram  
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The Director of Census Operations, Kerala  
All District Collectors  
All Deputy Collectors (General)  
All Joint Directors (LSGD)  
All Deputy Directors of Education  
All Deputy Directors of Economics & Statistics  
All District Planning Officers  
All District Informatics Officers  
All District Information Officers  
All District Project Manager, IT Mission  
All Revenue Divisional Officers  
All Tahsildars/Additional Tahsildars  
All Municipal Corporation Secretaries/Additional Secretaries  
All Municipal Secretaries  
The Executive Officer, Kannur Cantonment  
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Thiruvananthapuram  
The Director of Urban Affairs, Thiruvananthapuram  
The Director of Panchayats, Thiruvananthapuram  
The Director of General Education, Thiruvananthapuram  
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