



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Election Department–Guidelines for conduct of Kerala Legislative Assembly Elections 2021 during Covid 19 - orders issued

Election (Equipment) Department

GO(Rt) No.85/2021/Elec.

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- Read:-
1. Document No.324.6.EPS.OT.001.2020 Election Commission of India.
 2. Letter No. 52/2021/SDR/VOL.I dated 02.02.2021 of the Election Commission of India.
 3. Minutes of the meeting held by Chief Electoral Officer on 08.01.2021 and 09.02.2021.
 4. E-mail dated 10.02.2021 from Director of Health Services

ORDER

In view of the ongoing covid-19 pandemic, Election Commission of India as per the broad guide lines read as 1st paper above has directed to prepare a detailed comprehensive Covid 19 Plan at State level taking local conditions in to account. Accordingly, Chief Electoral Officer along with Covid 19 Nodal Officer held detailed discussions with Principal Secretary (Health), Director of Health Services and other senior officers on 08.01.2021 and 09.02.2021. Based on the detailed discussions and decisions taken in these meetings, Director of Health Services, as per the e-mail read as 4th paper above has furnished Covid 19 Guidelines for the conduct of Kerala Legislative Assembly Election 2021. Government have examined the guidelines with reference to the extant instructions of Election Commission of India and State specific COVID-19 protocols. Consequently, to ensure holding of safe Kerala Legislative Assembly Elections 2021, the following guidelines are issued. These guidelines are to be followed through all the phases of Kerala Legislative Assembly Elections 2021.

A. GENERAL GUIDELINES TO BE FOLLOWED IN THE ENTIRE ELECTION PROCESS FOR ALL

PERSONS

- 1) Every person shall wear a face mask during all election related activities.
- 2) At the entry of hall/ room/ premises used for election purposes:
 - a. Thermal Scanning of all persons shall be carried out.

Thermal scanning shall be done either by Asha workers, paramedical staff or trained volunteers from NSS/ Student Police cadets, wearing appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), using a thermal scanner by holding it 3 cm to 15 cm away from the person's forehead. Any person found having fever ($\geq 37.5^{\circ}\text{C}/\geq 99.5^{\circ}\text{F}$) must be isolated. In