



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Taxes Department - General Elections to the Lok Sabha 2019 - Declaration of 'Dry Days' - Orders issued.

TAXES (A) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.254/2019/TAXES Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 09/04/2019

Read:- Letter No.576/19/2019/EPS dated 22.03.2019 from the Election Commission of India, New Delhi.

ORDER

The Election Commission of India, in the letter read above, has directed to prohibit the sale of liquor in the State, during the period of 48 hours preceding, and ending with the hour fixed for the conclusion of poll, for the peaceful and smooth conduct of free and fair poll of the General Election to the Lok Sabha 2019, under Section 135C of the Representation of the Peoples Act, 1951. The Election Commission of India further instructed to observe the counting day also as 'dry day'.

2. As directed by the Election Commission of India, Government are pleased to order that the period of 48 hours preceding, the ending with the hour fixed for the conclusion of poll on 23.04.2019 and dates of re poll if any, will be 'dry days' for all the liquor shops through out the State. Government further order that the counting day on 23.05.2019 will also be a 'dry day'.

3. During the 'Dry Days', no spirituous, fermented or intoxicating liquors or other substances of a like nature shall be sold, given or distributed at a hotel, eating house, tavern, shop or any other public or private place within a polling area. No liquor shops, hotels, restaurants, clubs and other establishments selling/serving liquor, shall be permitted to sell/serve liquor to anyone whosoever, on the aforesaid days. Non-proprietary clubs, star hotels, restaurants etc. and hotels run by anyone, even if they are issued different categories of licenses for possession and supply of liquor, should also not be permitted to serve liquor on these days. The storage of liquor by individuals shall be curtailed during the above period and the restrictions provided in the Excise-law on the storage of liquor in unlicensed premises shall be vigorously enforced. Steps shall also be taken to prohibit sale of liquor in adjoining areas of the concerned constituencies so that there is no chance of clandestine movement of liquor from those areas, even if there are no restrictions in

effect in those areas. The storage of liquor by individuals is also prohibited.

4. The Excise Commissioner will also issue necessary instructions to the officials concerned to rigorously take necessary precautionary measures, to detect and prevent storage and sale of liquor by unlicensed persons and in unlicensed premises during the above said days.

(By Order of the Governor)

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To:

- 1.The Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi - 110 001.
- 2.The Chief Electoral Officer, Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
- 3.The Excise Commissioner, Thiruvananthapuram.
- 4.The State Police Chief, Thiruvananthapuram.
- 5The Managing Director, Kerala State Beverages Corporation, Thiruvananthapuram.
- 6.All District Collectors.
- 7.All Deputy Excise Commissioners.
- 8.The Information and Public Relations Department (Web & New Media), Thiruvananthapuram.
9. Stock File/Office Copy.

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Section Officer