



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

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General Administration(Coordination)Department
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Sub:- General Administration – General Election to the Legislative Assembly Constituencies in Kerala - Ban on transfer and posting of officers and staff in Government Departments, Public Sector Undertakings, Statutory Boards and Corporations in the State directly connected with the conduct of election - Instructions issued.

Ref:- 1) Letter No.437/6/1/INST/ECI/FUNCT/MCC/2020 dated, 18.12.2020 from the Election Commission of India.
2) D.O Letter No.3366/EL3/2020/ELEC, dated 30.12.2020 of Chief Electoral Officer Kerala.

General Election to the Legislative Assembly Constituencies in Kerala is likely to be held in the first quarter of 2021. In the wake of the aforesaid election, Election Commission of India has issued guidelines for transfer and posting of officials directly connected with the conduct of election(copy enclosed).

In view of the above and in keeping with the directions contained therein the letters read above, all the concerned head of the Government departments, in the State are directed to comply with the instructions in the letter of Election Commission of India and CEO in its letter and spirit.

A department wise list of Returning Officers and Assistant Returning Officers of Assembly Constituencies are also enclosed herewith for information and urgent necessary compliance.

By Order of the Governor,
DR.VISHWAS MEHTA IAS
Chief Secretary

The Chief Electoral Officer and Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
The Election Department, Thiruvananthapuram
All Additional Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries/Secretaries
All District Collectors
The Commissioner, Commissionerate of Land Revenue, Thiruvananthapuram
The Commissioner, Rural Development, Thiruvananthapuram
The Director, Kudumba Shree, Thiruvananthapuram
The State Performance Audit Officer, Ernakulam
The Director, Panchayath Department, Thiruvananthapuram
The Labour Commissioner, Thiruvananthapuram
The Director, SC Development Department, Thiruvananthapuram
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & (HoFF), Thiruvananthapuram
The Director, Industries and Commerce Department, Thiruvananthapuram
The Chief Engineer, Irrigation & Administration Department, Thiruvananthapuram
The Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Thiruvananthapuram
The Commissioner, State Goods and Services Department, Thiruvananthapuram
The Director, Agriculture Department, Thiruvananthapuram
The Director, Economics and Statistics Department, Thiruvananthapuram
The Chief Town Planner, Thiruvananthapuram
The Director, Food and Civil Supplies, Thiruvananthapuram
The Director, Central Stamp Department, Thiruvananthapuram
The Commissioner, Taxes Department, Thiruvananthapuram

The Chief Engineer, PWD (Buildings), Thiruvananthapuram
The Inspector General of Registration, Thiruvananthapuram
The Director, Urban Affairs, Thiruvananthapuram
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ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

NIRVACHAN SADAN, ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI-110001

No.437/6/1/INST/ECI/FUNCT/MCC/2020/26

Dated: 18th December, 2020

To

1. The Chief Secretaries to the Government of:-
 - (i) Assam, Dispur;
 - (ii) Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram;
 - (iii) Tamil Nadu, Chennai;
 - (iv) West Bengal, Kolkata; and
 - (v) Puducherry, Puducherry.
2. The Chief Electoral Officers of :-
 - (i) Assam, Dispur;
 - (ii) Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram;
 - (iii) Tamil Nadu, Chennai;
 - (iv) West Bengal, Kolkata; and
 - (v) Puducherry, Puducherry.



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Subject:- General Elections to State Legislative Assemblies of Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Puducherry - Advisory for Transfer/Posting of officers connected with conduct of elections - regarding.

Sir/Madam,

The term of existing Legislative Assemblies of Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Puducherry are due to expire as under :-

S.No.	Name of State/UT	Term upto
1.	Tamil Nadu	24.05.2021
2.	Kerala	01.06.2021
3.	West Bengal	30.05.2021
4.	Puducherry	08.06.2021
5.	Assam	31.05.2021

2. To ensure free and fair election, the Commission has been following a consistent policy to the effect that officers directly connected with conduct of elections in an election going State/UT are not posted in their home districts or places where they have served for considerably long period. Keeping this in view, detailed transfer/posting instructions were issued vide letter of even number dated 16th January, 2019 in respect of the General Election to House of the People

(Lok Sabha), 2019 and State Legislative Assemblies of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha and Sikkim (copy enclosed).

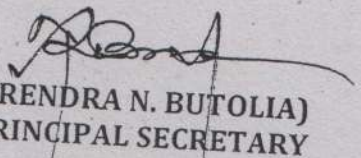
3. Accordingly, it is hereby advised that in respect of all government officers directly connected with the conduct of elections the following may be ensured:-

- (i) that she/he is not posted in her/his home district.
- (ii) that she/he has not completed three years in that district during last four (4) years or would be completing 3 years on or before 31st May, 2021.
- (iii) that the officers/officials against whom the Commission had recommended disciplinary action in past and which is pending or which has resulted in a penalty or the officers who have been charged for any lapse in any election or election related work in the past, may not be assigned any election related duty. Further, any officer, who is due to retire within the coming six months, shall not be associated with any election related duty.
- (iv) that the officers posted on recommendation of the Commission during the Lok Sabha elections, 2019 may be exempted from the aforesaid transfer policy.

4. The Commission's aforesaid advisory may be brought to notice of all concerned for strict and timely compliance.

5. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,


(NARENDRA N. BUTOLIA)
SENIOR PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

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ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

NIRVACHAN SADAN, ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI-110001

No.437/6/1/INST/ECI/FUNCT/MCC/2019

Dated: 16th January, 2019

To

1. The Chief Secretaries to
all the States and Union Territories.
2. The Chief Electoral Officers of
all the States and Union Territories.

Subject:- General Elections to House of the People (Lok Sabha), 2019 and State Legislative Assemblies of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha and Sikkim - Transfer/Posting of officers - regarding.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to state that the term of existing House of the People (Lok Sabha) and State Legislative Assemblies of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha and Sikkim are upto 3rd June, 2019, 18th June, 2019, 1st June, 2019, 11th June, 2019 and 27th May, 2019, respectively.

2. The Commission has been following a consistent policy that officers directly connected with conduct of elections in an election going State/UT are not posted in their home districts or places where they have served for considerably long period.

3. Hence, the Commission has decided that no officer connected directly with elections shall be allowed to continue in the present district of posting:-

(i) if she/he is posted in her/his home district.

(ii) if she/he has completed three years in that district during last four (4) years or would be completing 3-years on or before 31st May, 2019.

4. While implementing the above said instructions/transferring officers, the concerned departments of the State Govt. should take care that they are not posted in their home districts. It shall also be ensured that no DEO/RO/ARO/ Police inspectors/Sub-inspector or above is posted back or allowed to continue in the AC /district where he/she was posted during the General/Bye elections held in the Assembly prior to 31st May, 2017.

If any small state/UT with a few number of districts, face any difficulty in compliance of the above instruction, then it may refer the specific case with reasons to the Commission through CEO for exemption and the Commission would issue directions, if considered necessary.

6. Applicability-

6.1 These instructions shall cover not only officers appointed for specific election duties like DEOs, Dy. DEOs, RO/AROs, EROs/AEROs, officers appointed as nodal officers of any specific election works but also district officers like ADMs, SDMs, Dy. Collector/Joint Collector, Tehsildar, Block Development Officers or any other officer of equal rank directly deployed for election works.

6.2 These instructions shall also be applicable to the police department officers such as Range IGs, DIGs, Commandants of State Armed Police, SSPs, SPs, Addl. SPs, Sub-Divisional Head of Police, SHOs, Inspectors, Sub-Inspector; RIs / Sergeant Majors or equivalent ranks, who are responsible for security arrangement or deployment of police forces in the district at election time.

7. Following clarifications/relaxations issued by the Commission, from time to time, are for information/guidance of all the concerned:-

- (i) The police officials who are posted in functional departments like computerization, special branch, training, etc. are not covered under these instructions.
- (ii) The Police Sub-Inspectors and above should not be posted in their home district.
- (iii) If a police sub-Inspector has completed or would be completing a tenure of 3 years out of four years on or before the cutoff date in a police sub-division, then he should be transferred out to a police sub-division which does not fall in the same AC. If that is not possible due to small size of district, then he/she should be transferred out of the district.
- (iv) During an election a large number of employees are drafted for different types of election duty and the Commission has no intention of massive dislocation of state machinery by large scale transfers. Hence, the aforesaid transfer policy is normally not applicable to officers/officials who are not directly connected with elections like doctors, engineers, teachers/principals etc. However, if there are specific complaints of political bias or prejudice against any such govt. officer, which on enquiry, are found to be substantiated, then CEO/ECI may order not only the transfer of such official but also appropriate departmental action against the said officer.
- (v) The officers appointed as Sector Officer/Zonal Magistrate involved in election duties are not covered under these instructions. However, the observers, CEO/DEOs and ROs

should keep a close watch on their conduct to ensure that they are fair and non-partisan in the performance of their duties.

- (vi) While calculating the period of three years, promotion to a post within the district is to be counted.
- (vii) These instructions do not apply to the officers posted in the State headquarters of the department concerned.
- (viii) It is further directed that the officers/officials against whom the Commission had recommended disciplinary action in past and which is pending or which has resulted in a penalty or the officers who have been charged for any lapse in any election or election related work in the past, shall not be assigned any election related duty. However, an officer who was transferred during any past election under the Commission's order without any recommendation of disciplinary actions will not be, just on this ground, considered for transfer, unless specifically so directed by the Commission. A copy of the Commission's instruction number 464/INST/2008-EPS dated 23rd December 2008 regarding tracking of names of tainted officers is enclosed. CEOs must ensure its compliance.
- (ix) The Commission further desires that no officer/official, against whom a criminal case is pending in any court of law, be associated with/deployed on election related duty.
- (x) Further, the Chief Electoral Officer of the State/UT shall invariably be consulted while posting the persons in place of present incumbents who stand transferred as per the above policy of the Commission. A copy of each of the transfer orders issued under these directions shall be given to the Chief Electoral Officer without fail.
- (xi) The transfer orders in respect of officers/officials, who are engaged in the electoral rolls revision work, if any, during an election year shall be implemented only after final publication of the electoral rolls, in consultation with the Chief Electoral Officer concerned. In case of any need for transfer due to any extra ordinary reasons, prior approval of the Commission shall be taken.
- (xii) Any officer, who is due to retire within the coming six months will be exempted from the purview of the Commission's directions mentioned in para-3. Further, officer falling in the category (home/3+ criteria and due to retire within 6 months) if holding an election related post mentioned in para 6.1 and 6.2, shall be relieved of that charge and not be associated with any election related duty. It is however, reiterated that such retiring officer need not be transferred out of the district.

- (xiii) It is further clarified that all the officials of the State (except those posted in the office of the Chief Electoral Officer), who are on extension of service or re-employed in different capacities, will not be associated with any election related work.
- (xiv) All election related Officers will be required to give a declaration in the format given below to the DEO concerned, who shall inform to CEO accordingly.

DECLARATION

(To be submitted within 2 days after the last date of nomination papers)

I.....(Name).....presently postedfrom.....(Date)
Do hereby make a solemn declaration, in connection with the current General/Bye election to Lok Sabha/.....(Legislative Assembly that.....

(a) I am not a close relative of any of the contesting candidates in the current election/leading political functionary of the state/district at the aforesaid election.

(b) No criminal case is pending against me in any court of law.

Note- If answer of (a) or (b) above is 'YES', then give full details in a separate sheet.

Dated.....

(Name)
Designation

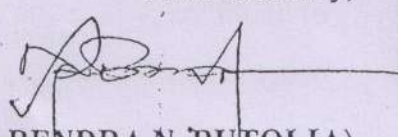
NOTE- Any false declaration made by any officer shall invite appropriate disciplinary actions.

8. The Commission's aforesaid instructions shall be brought to notice of the concerned departments/offices or State Govt. for their strict compliance. The DEO or concerned district officers shall ensure that officers/officials who are transferred should immediately handover their charge without waiting for their substitute.

9. The Commission has further directed that transfers/postings of all officers covered under the above instructions shall be done by 28th February, 2019, and compliance reports with details of action obtained from the concerned departments/offices of State Government furnished to the Commission by first week of March, 2019.

10. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,


(NARENDRA N. BUTOLIA)
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

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ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

NIRVACHAN SADAN, ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI-110001.

No 464/INST/2008/EPS

Date: 23rd December 2008

To

The Chief Electoral Officers
of all States/UTs

Subject

Tracking the names of officers transferred by the order of the Election Commission of India charged with dereliction of duty etc.

Ref

No.437/6/2006-PLN.III dated 6th November,2006 & ECI message
No.100/1994-PLN.I dated 28.3.1994 addressed to the CEOs of all States
& UTs

Sir/Madam,

The Election Commission of India vide the instruction referred to above had directed that a detailed review shall be undertaken before every election in all districts and all such officers should be posted out of their home districts or district where they have completed a tenure of 3 years out of 4 years, and had further directed that officers/officials against whom Commission has recommended disciplinary action or who have been charged for any lapse in election or election related work or who were transferred under the orders of the Commission in the matter may not be assigned to any election related duty

However, it was observed during recent elections that in spite of efforts made by the CEOs and the DEOs to comply the above instruction of the Commission, there were still some instances of the officers who come under the above criteria and liable to be transferred out of the district to a non election related assignment but managed to stay back and the Commission came to know about this only at a later stage through complaints being raised by various political parties and members of public. These incidents, though few in numbers, send a wrong signal at the field level and non maintenance of proper information about the officers liable to be transferred on the above criteria has been recognised as a reason for some stray incidents of non-compliance. In order to remove the possibility of the occurrence of such incidents in future, the Commission has issued the following directions to make the existing instruction more effective:-

- I. The CEO of the State shall maintain a register in which the information about IAS/IPS officers, DEOs, ROs and EROs transferred by the order of the Election Commission and against whom Commission has recommended disciplinary action or who have been charged for any lapse in election or election related work shall be maintained.
- II. Similarly, the DEO will maintain a register containing information about other junior officers and other staff.
- III. Within 7 days of the announcement of elections by the Election Commission of India the CEO of the State will send a compliance letter to the Zonal Secretary in the Commission confirming that all the officers coming under the above criteria have been transferred. Similarly he shall obtain a similar

compliance certificate from all the DEOs confirming that all the officers/staff coming under the above criteria have been transferred to non election related assignment and out of the district

- IV. With reference to transfer of officers coming under '3 years out of 4 years criteria' and the home district criteria, DEOs shall ensure compliance in respect of ROs, EROs, AROs and AEROs and other election related officials and send a letter to CEO within the time, if any, stipulated for this purpose by the Election Commission of India or CEO and if not, within 7 days of issue of press note announcing the elections. Similarly, information related to DEOs, SSP and SPs and other senior police officials connected with the election work shall be maintained by the CEO and compliance by the State Govt shall be ensured at his level. Compliance regarding the transfer of these officers shall be collected from the DEOs and the CEO of the State shall send a consolidated letter of compliance to the Zonal Secretary within 7 days of the announcement of election.
- V. To facilitate the submission of this compliance letter within 7 days of the announcement of election, the CEO and DEO shall collect the information and ensure maintenance of register as stated above well in advance so that no time is lost.
- VI. There are many departments in the State Government that are involved in transferring officials and thereby accountable for the compliance of the above instructions of the Commission. The Commission's instruction regarding transfer of the officials during election shall be brought to the notice of the Secretaries of the departments concerned with a copy to the Chief Secretary. The Chief Secretary may be requested by the CEO to ensure that all the departments concerned comply with the Commission's instruction well in time.
- VII. With regard to bye-elections while the officers coming under the category, dealt within para marked as (I) shall be transferred out of the district within three days of announcement of bye-election and certainly before the first days of receipt of nomination whichever is earlier.
- VIII. The above instruction be followed without any deviation.

Yours faithfully,

(SHANGARA RAM)
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

**LIST OF OFFICERS DESIGNATED AS RETURNING OFFICERS FROM
REVENUE DEPARTMENT**

Sl. No.	District	Legislative Assembly Constituency (LAC)	Returning Officers
1	KASARGOD	001 MANJESHWAR	Deputy Collector (LR), Kasaragod
2	KASARGOD	002 KASARAGOD	Revenue Divisional Officer, Kasaragod
3	KASARGOD	003 UDMA	Deputy Collector (LA), Kasaragod
4	KASARGOD	004 KANHANGAD	Sub Collector / Revenue Divisional Officer, Kanhangad
5	KASARGOD	005 TRIKARIPUR	Deputy Collector (RR), Kasaragod
6	KANNUR	006 PAYYANNUR	Deputy Collector (LR), Kannur
7	KANNUR	009 IRIKKUR	Deputy Collector (LA) Kannur
8	KANNUR	011 KANNUR	Deputy Collector (RR), Kannur
9	KANNUR	013 THALASSERY	Sub Collector / Revenue Divisional Officer, Thalassery
10	WAYANAD	017 MANANTHAVADY (ST)	Sub Collector/Revenue Divisional Officer, Mananthavady
11	WAYANAD	018 SULTHANBATHERY (ST)	Deputy Collector (LA), Wayanad
12	WAYANAD	019 KALPETTA	Deputy Collector (LR), Wayanad
13	KOZHIKODE	020 VADAKARA	Revenue Divisional Officer, Vadakara
14	KOZHIKODE	023 QUILANDY	Deputy Collector (LR), Kozhikode

15	KOZHIKODE	025 BALUSSERI (SC)	Deputy Collector (LA), Kozhikode
16	KOZHIKODE	026 ELATHUR	Deputy Collector (RR), Kozhikode
17	KOZHIKODE	027 KOZHIKODE NORTH	Sub Collector/Revenue Divisional Officer, Kozhikode
18	MALAPPURAM	038 PERINTHALMANNA	Sub Collector / Revenue Divisional Officer, Perinthalmanna
19	MALAPPURAM	041 VENGARA	Deputy Collector (LR), Malappuram
20	MALAPPURAM	043 TIRURANGADI	Deputy Collector (LA), Malappuram
21	PALAKKAD	050 PATTAMBI	Deputy Collector (RR), Palakkad
22	PALAKKAD	051 SHORNUR	Deputy Director of Survey & Land Records, Palakkad
23	PALAKKAD	052 OTTAPALAM	Sub Collector / Revenue Divisional Officer, Ottappalam
24	PALAKKAD	056 PALAKKAD	Revenue Divisional Officer, Palakkad
25	PALAKKAD	057 TARUR (SC)	Deputy Collector (LA), Palakkad
26	PALAKKAD	060 ALATHUR	Deputy Collector (LR), Palakkad
27	THRISSUR	063 GURUVAYOOR	Deputy Director of Survey & Land Records, Thrissur
28	THRISSUR	064 MANALUR	Deputy Collector (RR), Thrissur
29	THRISSUR	067 THRISSUR	Revenue Divisional Officer, Thrissur

30	THRISSUR	068 NATTIKA (SC)	Deputy Collector (LR), Thrissur
31	THRISSUR	069 KAIPAMANGALAM	Deputy Collector (LA) Thrissur
32	ERNAKULAM	076 ALUVA	Deputy Collector (LA) Ernakulam
33	ERNAKULAM	078 PARAVUR	Deputy Collector (LR), Ernakulam
34	ERNAKULAM	080 KOCHI	Sub Collector / Revenue Divisional Officer, Fort Kochi
35	ERNAKULAM	082 ERANAKULAM	Deputy Collector (RR), Ernakulam
36	ERNAKULAM	085 PIRAVOM	Deputy Director of Survey & Land Records, Ernakulam
37	ERNAKULAM	086 MUVATTUPUZHA	Revenue Divisional Officer, Muvattupuzha
38	IDUKKI	088 DEVIKULAM (SC)	Sub Collector/Revenue Divisional Officer, Devikulam
39	IDUKKI	089 UDUMBANCHOLA	Deputy Collector (RR), Idukki
40	IDUKKI	090 THODUPUZHA	Revenue Divisional Officer, Idukki
41	IDUKKI	091 IDUKKI	Deputy Collector (LR), Idukki
42	IDUKKI	092 PEERUMADE	Assistant Cardamom Settlement Officer, Kumily (Deputy Collector)
43	KOTTAYAM	093 PALA	Deputy Collector (RR), Kottayam
44	KOTTAYAM	094 KADUTHURUTHY	Deputy Collector (LR), Kottayam
45	KOTTAYAM	096 ETTUMANOOR	Deputy Director, Survey & Land Records, Kottayam

46	KOTTAYAM	097 KOTTAYAM	Deputy Collector & Puncta Special Officer, Kottayam
47	KOTTAYAM	098 PUTHUPPALLY	Sub Collector/Revenue Divisional Officer, Kottayam
48	KOTTAYAM	099 CHANGANASSERY	Deputy Collector (LA), Kottayam
49	KOTTAYAM	101 POONJAR	Revenue Divisional Officer, Pala
50	ALAPPUZHA	103 CHERTHALA	Deputy Collector (RR) Alappuzha
51	ALAPPUZHA	104 ALAPPUZHA	Sub Collector/Revenue Divisional Officer, Alappuzha
52	ALAPPUZHA	105 AMBALAPUZHA	Deputy Collector (LR) Alappuzha
53	ALAPPUZHA	107 HARIPAD	Deputy Collector (LA) Alappuzha
54	ALAPPUZHA	110 CHENGANNUR	Revenue Divisional Officer, Chengannur
55	PATHANAMTHITTA	111 THIRUVALLA	Sub Collector/Revenue Divisional Officer, Thiruvalla
56	PATHANAMTHITTA	112 RANNI	Deputy Collector (LA), Pathanamthitta
57	PATHANAMTHITTA	113 ARANMULA	Deputy Collector (RR), Pathanamthitta
58	PATHANAMTHITTA	114 KONNI	Deputy Collector (LR), Pathanamthitta
59	PATHANAMTHITTA	115 ADOOR (SC)	Revenue Divisional Officer, Adoor.
60	KOLLAM	117 CHAVARA	Sub Collector/Revenue Divisional Officer, Kollam
61	KOLLAM	119 KOTTARAKKARA	Deputy Collector (LA), Kollam
62	KOLLAM	123 KUNDARA	Deputy Collector (RR), Kollam

63	KOLLAM	126 CHATHANNOOR	Deputy Collector (LR), Kollam
64	THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	127 VARKALA	Assistant Secretary, Survey & Land Records, Thiruvananthapuram
65	THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	129 CHIRAYANKEEZHU (SC)	Deputy Collector (LR), Thiruvananthapuram
66	THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	130 NEDUMANGAD	Deputy Collector (RR), Thiruvananthapuram
67	THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	132 KAZHAKKOOTAM	Deputy Collector (LA), Thiruvananthapuram
68	THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	133 VATTIYOORKAVU	Assistant Commissioner (Disaster Management), Land Revenue Commissionerate, Thiruvananthapuram
69	THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	134 THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	Sub Collector/Revenue Divisional Officer, Thiruvananthapuram
70	THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	140 NEYYATTINKARA	Deputy Collector (Vigilance), South Zone, Thiruvananthapuram

**LIST OF OFFICERS DESIGNATED AS RETURNING OFFICERS FROM
RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

Sl. No.	District	Legislative Assembly Constituency (LAC)	Returning Officers
1	KANNUR	012 DHARMADAM	Asst. Development Commissioner (General), Kannur
2	KANNUR	015 MATTANNUR	Project Director, Poverty Alleviation Unit, Kannur
3	KOZHIKODE	030 KUNNAMANGALAM	Assistant Development Commissioner (General), Kozhikode
4	MALAPPURAM	033 KONDOTTY	Assistant Development Commissioner (General), Malappuram
5	PALAKKAD	049 THRITHALA	Assistant Development Commissioner (General), Palakkad
6	THRISSUR	061 CHELAKKARA (SC)	Assistant Development Commissioner (Performance Audit), Thrissur
7	THRISSUR	062 KUNNAMKULAM	Project Director, Poverty Alleviation Unit, Thrissur
8	THRISSUR	073 KODUNGALLUR	Assistant Development Commissioner (General), Thrissur
9	ERNAKULAM	081 THRIPUNITHURA	Project Director, Poverty Alleviation Unit, Ernakulam
10	ERNAKULAM	084 KUNNATHUNAD (SC)	Assistant Development Commissioner (General), Ernakulam
11	ALAPPUZHA	109 MAVELIKARA (SC)	Assistant Development Commissioner (General), Alappuzha

12	KOTTAYAM	100 KANJIRAPPALLY	Assistant Development Commissioner (General), Kottayam
13	KOLLAM	124 KOLLAM	Assistant Development Commissioner (PA), Kollam
14	KOLLAM	125 ERAVIPURAM	Assistant Development Commissioner (General), Kollam
15	THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	128 ATTINGAL (SC)	Assistant Development Commissioner (Performance Audit), Thiruvananthapuram
16	THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	136 ARUVIKKARA	Assistant Development Commissioner (General), Thiruvananthapuram

**LIST OF OFFICERS DESIGNATED AS RETURNING OFFICERS FROM
LABOUR & SKILLS DEPARTMENT**

Sl. No.	District	Legislative Assembly Constituency (LAC)	Returning Officers
1	KOZHIKODE	024 PERAMBRA	District Labour Officer, Kozhikode
2	MALAPPURAM	040 MALAPPURAM	District Labour Officer, Malappuram
3	THRISSUR	070 IRINJALAKKUDA	District Labour Officer, Thrissur

**OFFICER DESIGNATED AS RETURNING OFFICER FROM
SCHEDULED CASTES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

District	Legislative Assembly Constituency (LAC)	Returning Officer
KANNUR	010 AZHIKODE	District Development Officer for SC, Kannur

**LIST OF OFFICERS DESIGNATED AS RETURNING OFFICERS FROM
FOREST & WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT**

Sl. No.	District	Legislative Assembly Constituency (LAC)	Returning Officers
1	KANNUR	016 PERAVOOR	Divisional Forest Officer, Kannur
2	MALAPPURAM	035 NILAMBUR	Divisional Forest Officer (North), Nilambur
3	MALAPPURAM	036 WANDOOR (SC)	Divisional Forest Officer (South), Nilambur
4	PALAKKAD	053 KONGAD (SC)	Divisional Forest Officer, Palakkad
5	PALAKKAD	054 MANNARKAD	Divisional Forest Officer, Mannarkad
6	PALAKKAD	059 NENMARA	Divisional Forest Officer, Nenmara
7	THRISSUR	066 OLLUR	Divisional Forest Officer, Thrissur
8	THRISSUR	071 PUTHUKKAD	Divisional Forest Officer, Vazhachal
9	THRISSUR	072 CHALAKKUDY	Divisional Forest Officer, Chalakkudy
10	ERNAKULAM	075 ANGAMALY	Divisional Forest Officer, Malayattur
11	ERNAKULAM	087 KOTHAMANGALAM	Divisional Forest Officer, Kothamangalam
12	KOLLAM	120 PATHANAPURAM	Divisional Forest Officer, Punalur
13	KOLLAM	121 PUNALUR	Divisional Forest Officer, Thenmala
14	THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	137 PARASSALA	Divisional Forest Officer, Thiruvananthapuram

LIST OF OFFICERS DESIGNATED AS RETURNING OFFICERS FROM
INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE DEPARTMENT

Sl. No.	District	Legislative Assembly Constituency (LAC)	Returning Officers
1	KANNUR	008 TALIPARAMBA	General Manager, District Industries Centre, Kannur
2	MALAPPURAM	042 VALLIKUNNU	General Manager, District Industries Centre, Malappuram
3	PALAKKAD	058 CHITTUR	General Manager, District Industries Centre, Palakkad
4	THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	138 KATTAKADA	General Manager, District Industries Centre, Thiruvananthapuram

OFFICER DESIGNATED AS RETURNING OFFICER FROM IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT

District	Legislative Assembly Constituency (LAC)	Returning Officer
MALAPPURAM	045 TIRUR	Executive Engineer, Major Irrigation, Malappuram

**LIST OF OFFICERS DESIGNATED AS RETURNING OFFICERS FROM
LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT**

Sl. No.	District	Legislative Assembly Constituency (LAC)	Returning Officers
1	KOZHIKODE	029 BEYPORE	Deputy Director of Panchayaths, Kozhikode
2	MALAPPURAM	037 MANJERI	Deputy Director of Panchayaths, Malappuram
3	MALAPPURAM	046 KOTTAKKAL	District Town Planner, Malappuram
4	ERNAKULAM	083 THRIKKAKARA	Assistant Director of Panchayaths, Ernakulam
5	ALAPPUZHA	108 KAYAMKULAM	Deputy Director of Panchayaths, Alappuzha
6	KOLLAM	122 CHADAYAMANGALAM	Deputy Director of Panchayaths, Kollam
7	THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	131 VAMANAPURAM	Assistant Director of Panchayaths, Thiruvananthapuram

**LIST OF OFFICERS DESIGNATED AS RETURNING OFFICERS FROM
TAXES DEPARTMENT**

Sl. No.	District	Legislative Assembly Constituency (LAC)	Returning Officers
1	KOZHIKODE	028 KOZHIKODE SOUTH	Joint Commissioner (Intelligence), State Goods & Services Department, Kozhikode
2	MALAPPURAM	039 MANKADA	Deputy Commissioner of State Tax, State Goods & Services Department Malappuram
3	MALAPPURAM	044 TANUR	District Registrar (General), Malappuram

**LIST OF OFFICERS DESIGNATED AS RETURNING OFFICERS FROM
AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT**

Sl. No.	District	Legislative Assembly Constituency (LAC)	Returning Officers
1	KOZHICODE	021 KUTTIADI	Principal Agricultural Officer, Kozhikode
2	MALAPPURAM	047 THAVANUR	Principal Agricultural officer, Malappuram
3	ERNAKULAM	074 PERUMBAVOOR	Principal Agricultural Officer, Ernakulam
4	KOTTAYAM	095 VAIKOM (SC)	Principal Agricultural Officer, Kottayam
5	ALAPPUZHA	106 KUTTANAD	Principal Agricultural Officer, Alappuzha

**LIST OF OFFICERS DESIGNATED AS RETURNING OFFICERS FROM
CO-OPERATION DEPARTMENT**

Sl. No.	District	Legislative Assembly Constituency (LAC)	Returning Officers
1	KOZHIKODE	022 NADAPURAM	Joint Registrar, Co-operative Societies (General), Kozhikode
2	PALAKKAD	055 MALAMPUZHA	Joint Director, Co-operative Societies (Audit), Palakkad
3	ERNAKULAM	079 VYPEN	Joint Registrar, Co-operative Societies (General), Ernakulam
4	ALAPPUZHA	102 AROOR	Joint Registrar, Co-operative Societies, Alappuzha
5	KOLLAM	116 KARUNAGAPPALLY	Joint Director, Co-operative Societies (Audit), Kollam
6	THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	135 NEMOM	Joint Registrar, Co-operative Societies Thiruvananthapuram

**LIST OF OFFICERS DESIGNATED AS RETURNING OFFICERS FROM
PLANNING & ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT**

Sl. No.	District	Legislative Assembly Constituency (LAC)	Returning Officers
1	KANNUR	014 KUTHUPARAMBA	Deputy Director, Economics & Statistics, Kannur
2	KOZHIKODE	031 KODUVALLY	Deputy Director , Economics & Statistics, Kozhikode
3	MALAPPURAM	048 PONNANI	Deputy Director, Economics & Statistics, Malappuram
4	KOLLAM	118 KUNNATHUR (SC)	District Planning Officer, Kollam
5	THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	139 KOVALAM	District Planning Officer, Thiruvananthapuram

**LIST OF OFFICERS DESIGNATED AS RETURNING OFFICERS FROM
FOOD & CIVIL SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT**

Sl. No.	District	Legislative Assembly Constituency (LAC)	Returning Officers
1	KANNUR	007 KALLIASSERI	District Supply Officer, Kannur
2	MALAPPURAM	034 ERANAD	District Supply Officer, Malappuram
3	KOZHIKODE	032 THIRUVAMBADY	District Supply Officer, Kozhikode
4	THRISSUR	065 WADAKKANCHERY	District Supply Officer, Thrissur
5	ERNAKULAM	077 KALAMASSERY	District Supply Officer, Ernakulam

**LIST OF OFFICERS DESIGNATED AS ASSISTANT RETURNING OFFICERS (AROs) FROM
REVENUE DEPARTMENT**

Sl. No.	District	Legislative Assembly Constituency (LAC)	Assistant Returning Officers
1	KASARAGOD	02 KASARAGOD	Spl. Tahsildar (LA), Kasaragod
2	KASARAGOD	03 UDMA	Tahsildar (Revenue Recovery), Kasaragod
3	KANNUR	07 KALLIASSERI	Special Tahsildar (ASL), Collectorate, Kannur
4	KANNUR	10 AZHIKODE	Special Tahsildar (LA), NH, Unit No. 2, Kannur
5	KANNUR	13 THALASSERY	Special Tahsildar(LA General), Thalassery
6	KANNUR	15 MATTANNUR	Tahsildar (RR), Thalassery
7	KANNUR	16 PERAVUR	Special Tahsildar (LA), NH, Unit No. 2, Thalassery.
8	WAYANAD	17 MANANTHAVADY	Special Tahsildar (LR), Taluk Office, Manathavady.
9	WAYANAD	18 SULTHANBATHERY	Tahsildar (RR), Ambalavayal, Wayanad.
10	WAYANAD	19 KALPETTA	Senior Superintendent (Inspection & Vigilance), Collectorate, Wayanad.
11	MALAPPURAM	37 MANJERI	Special Tahsildar (LR), Manjeri
12	PALAKKAD	52 OTTAPPALAM	Special Tahsildar (LR), Ottappalam
13	PALAKKAD	56 PALAKKAD	Special Tahsildar (LA - General) No.2, Palakkad

14	ALAPPUZHA	106 KUTTANAD	Special Tahsildar (LA General), Alappuzha
15	KOLLAM	124 KOLLAM	Tahsildar (LR), Kollam
16	THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	133 VATTIYOORKAVU	Special Tahsildar (LA) Airport, Thiruvananthapuram.
17	THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	134 THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	Special Tahsildar (Sree Pandaravaka Lands), Thiruvananthapuram.
18	THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	136 ARUVIKKARA	Superintendent, Central Stamp Depot, Thiruvananthapuram

**LIST OF OFFICERS DESIGNATED AS ASSISTANT RETURNING OFFICERS (AROs) FROM
FOOD & CIVIL SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT**

Sl. No.	District	Legislative Assembly Constituency (LAC)	Assistant Returning Officers
1	KOZHIKODE	32 THIRUVAMBADY	Taluk Supply Officer, Kozhikode
2	ERNAKULAM	82 ERNAKULAM	City Rationing Officer, Ernakulam

**LIST OF OFFICER DESIGNATED AS ASSISTANT RETURNING OFFICER (ARO) FROM
INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE DEPARTMENT**

District	Legislative Assembly Constituency (LAC)	Assistant Returning Officer
KOZHIKODE	27 KOZHIKODE NORTH	General Manager, District Industries Centre, Kozhikode

**LIST OF OFFICER DESIGNATED AS ASSISTANT RETURNING OFFICER (ARO) FROM
TAXES DEPARTMENT**

District	Legislative Assembly Constituency (LAC)	Assistant Returning Officer
KOZHIKODE	28 KOZHIKODE SOUTH	Commercial Tax Officer, Circle-I, Kozhikode

LIST OF OFFICER DESIGNATED AS ASSISTANT RETURNING OFFICER (ARO)
FROM PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

District	Legislative Assembly Constituency (LAC)	Assistant Returning Officer
MALAPPURAM	40 MALAPPURAM	Assistant Executive Engineer, PWD (Buildings), Manjeri

**LIST OF OFFICERS DESIGNATED AS ASSISTANT RETURNING OFFICERS (AROs) FROM
RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

Sl. No.	District	Legislative Assembly Constituency (LAC)	Assistant Returning Officers
1	KASARAGOD	01 MANJESHWAR	Block Development Officer, Manjeshwar
2	KASARAGOD	04 KANHANGAD	Block Development Officer, Kanhangad
3	KASARAGOD	05 THRIKARIPUR	Block Development Officer, Nileswar
4	KANNUR	06 PAYYANNUR	Block Development Officer, Payyannur
5	KANNUR	08 TALIPARAMBA	Block Development Officer, Taliparamba
6	KANNUR	09 IRIKKUR	Block Development Officer, Irikkur
7	KANNUR	11 KANNUR	Block Development Officer, Kannur
8	KANNUR	12 DHARMADAM	Block Development Officer, Edakkad
9	KANNUR	14 KUTHUPARAMBA	Block Development Officer, Kuthuparamba
10	KOZHIKODE	20 VADAKARA	Block Development Officer, Vadakara
11	KOZHIKODE	21 KUTTIADI	Block Development Officer, Meladi
12	KOZHIKODE	22 NADAPURAM	Block Development Officer, Kunnummal
13	KOZHIKODE	23 QUILANDY	Block Development Officer, Panthalayani

14	KOZHIKODE	24 PERAMBRA	Block Development Officer, Perambra
15	KOZHIKODE	25 BALUSSERI	Block Development Officer, Balussery
16	KOZHIKODE	26 ELATHUR	Block Development Officer, Chelannur
17	KOZHIKODE	29-BEYPORE	Block Development Officer, Kozhikode
18	KOZHIKODE	30 KUNNAMANGALAM	Block Development Officer, Kunnamangalam
19	KOZHIKODE	31 KODUVALLY	Block Development Officer, Koduvally
20	MALAPPURAM	33 KONDOTTY	Block Development Officer, Kondotty
21	MALAPPURAM	34 ERNADAD	Block Development Officer, Areacode
22	MALAPPURAM	35 NILAMBUR	Block Development Officer, Nilambur
23	MALAPPURAM	36 WANDOOD	Block Development Officer, Wandood
24	MALAPPURAM	38 PERINTHALMANNA	Block Development Officer, Perinthalmanna
25	MALAPPURAM	39 MANKADA	Block Development Officer, Mankada
26	MALAPPURAM	41 VENGARA	Block Development Officer, Vengara
27	MALAPPURAM	42 VALLIKKUNNU	Block Development Officer, Tirurangadi
28	MALAPPURAM	43 TIRURANGADI	Block Development Officer, Malappuram
29	MALAPPURAM	44 TANUR	Block Development Officer, Tanur

30	MALAPPURAM	45 TIRUR	Block Development Officer, Tirur
31	MALAPPURAM	46 KOTTAKKAL	Block Development Officer, Kuttippuram
32	MALAPPURAM	47 THAVANUR	Block Development Officer, Perumpadappa
33	MALAPPURAM	48 PONNANI	Block Development Officer, Ponnani
34	PALAKKAD	49 THRITHALA	Block Development Officer, Thrithala
35	PALAKKAD	50 PATTAMBI	Block Development Officer, Pattambi
36	PALAKKAD	51 SHORNUR	Block Development Officer, Ottappalam
37	PALAKKAD	53 KONGAD	Block Development Officer, Palakkad
38	PALAKKAD	54 MANNARKAD	Block Development Officer, Mannarkad
39	PALAKKAD	55 MALAMPUZHA	Block Development Officer, Malampuzha
40	PALAKKAD	57 TARUR	Block Development Officer, Kuzhalmandam
41	PALAKKAD	58 CHITTUR	Block Development Officer, Chittur
42	PALAKKAD	59 NENMARA	Block Development Officer, Nenmara
43	PALAKKAD	60 ALATHUR	Block Development Officer, Alathur
44	THRISSUR	61 CHELAKKARA	Block Development Officer, Pazhayannur
45	THRISSUR	62 KUNNAMKULAM	Block Development Officer, Chowannur

46	THRISSUR	63 GURUVAYUR	Block Development Officer, Chavakkad
47	THRISSUR	64 MANALUR	Block Development Officer, Mullassery
48	THRISSUR	65 VADAKKANCHERY	Block Development Officer, Wadakkanchery
49	THRISSUR	66 OLLUR	Block Development Officer, Ollukkara
50	THRISSUR	67 THRISSUR	Block Development Officer, Puzhakkal
51	THRISSUR	68 NATTIKA	Block Development Officer, Anthikkad
52	THRISSUR	69-KAIPAMANGALAM	Block Development Officer, Mathilakam
53	THRISSUR	70 IRINJALAKKUDA	Block Development Officer, Irinjalakkuda
54	THRISSUR	71 PUTHUKKAD	Block Development Officer, Kodakara
55	THRISSUR	72 CHALAKKUDY	Block Development Officer, Chalakkuy
56	THRISSUR	73 KODUNGALLUR	Block Development Officer, Mala
57	ERNAKULAM	74 PERUMBAVOOR	Block Development Officer, Koovappady
58	ERNAKULAM	75 ANGAMALY	Block Development Officer, Angamaly
59	ERNAKULAM	76 ALUVA	Block Development Officer, Vazhakkulam
60	ERNAKULAM	77 KALAMASSERY	Block Development Officer, Alangad
61	ERNAKULAM	78 PARAVUR	Block Development Officer, Paravur

62	ERNAKULAM	79 VYPEN	Block Development Officer, Vypen
63	ERNAKULAM	80 KOCHI	Block Development Officer, Palluruthy
64	ERNAKULAM	81 THRIPUNITHURA	Block Development Officer, Mulanthuruthy
65	ERNAKUALM	83 THRIKKAKARA	Block Development Officer, Edappally
66	ERNAKULAM	84 KUNNATHUNADU	Block Development Officer, Vadavucode
67	ERNAKULAM	85 PIRAVAM	Block Development Officer, Pambakuda
68	ERNAKULAM	86 MUVATTUPUZHA	Block Development Officer, Muvattupuzha
69	ERNAKULAM	87 KOTHAMANGALAM	Block Development Officer, Kothamangalam
70	IDUKKI	88 DEVIKULAM	Block Development Officer, Devikulam
71	IDUKKI	89 UDUMBANCHOLA	Block Development Officer, Nedumkandam
72	IDUKKI	90 THODUPUZHA	Block Development Officer, Thodupuzha
73	IDUKKI	91 IDUKKI	Block Development Officer, Idukki
74	IDUKKI	92 PEERUMEDE	Block Development Officer, Azhutha
75	KOTTAYAM	93 PALA	Block Development Officer, Lalam
76	KOTTAYAM	94 KADUTHURUTHY	Block Development Officer, Kaduthuruthy
77	KOTTAYAM	95 VAIKOM	Block Development Officer, Vaikom

78	KOTTAYAM	96 ETTUMANOOR	Block Development Officer, Ettumanoor
79	KOTTAYAM	97 KOTTAYAM	Block Development Officer, Pallom
80	KOTTAYAM	98 PUTHUPPALLY	Block Development Officer, Pampady
81	KOTTAYAM	99 CHANGANASSERY	Block Development Officer, Madappally
82	KOTTAYAM	100 KANJIRAPPALLY	Block Development Officer, Kanjirappally
83	KOTTAYAM	101 POONJAR	Block Development Officer, Erattupetta
84	ALAPPUZHA	102 AROOR	Block Development Officer, Pattanakkad
85	ALAPPUZHA	103 CHERTHALA	Block Development Officer, Kanjikuzhy
86	ALAPPUZHA	104 ALAPPUZHA	Block Development Officer, Aryad
87	ALAPPUZHA	105 AMBALAPUZHA	Block Development Officer, Ambalapuzha
88	ALAPPUZHA	107 HARIPAD	Block Development Officer, Haripad
89	ALAPPUZHA	108 KAYAMKULAM	Block Development Officer, Muthukulam
90	ALAPPUZHA	109 MAVELIKARA	Block Development Officer, Mavelikara
91	ALAPPUZHA	110 CHENGANNUR	Block Development Officer, Chengannur
92	PATHANAMTHITTA	111 THIRUVALLA	Block Development Officer, Pulikeezhu
93	PATHANAMTHITTA	112 RANNI	Block Development Officer, Ranni

94	PATHANAMTHITTA	113 ARANMULA	Block Development Officer, Elanthur
95	PATHANAMTHITTA	114 KONNI	Block Development Officer, Konni
96	PATHANAMTHITTA	115 ADOOR	Block Development Officer, Parakode
97	KOLLAM	116 KARUNAGAPPALLY	Block Development Officer, Oachira
98	KOLLAM	117 CHAVARA	Block Development Officer, Chavara
99	KOLLAM	118 KUNNATHUR	Block Development Officer, Sasthamcotta
100	KOLLAM	119 KOTTARAKKARA	Block Development Officer, Vettikavala
101	KOLLAM	120 PATHANAPURAM	Block Development Officer, Pathanapuram
102	KOLLAM	121 PUNALUR	Block Development Officer, Anchal
103	KOLLAM	122 CHADAYAMANGALAM	Block Development Officer, Chadayamangalam
104	KOLLAM	123 KUNDARA	Block Development Officer, Chittumala
105	KOLLAM	125 ERAVIPURAM	Block Development Officer, Mukhathala
106	KOLLAM	126 CHATHANNOOR	Block Development Officer, Ithikkara
107	THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	127 VARKALA	Block Development Officer, Varkala
108	THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	128 ATTINGAL	Block Development Officer, Chirayinkeezhu
109	THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	129 CHIRAYINKEEZHU	Block Development Officer, Kilimanoor

110	THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	130 NEDUMANGAD	Block Development Officer, Nedumangad
111	THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	131 VAMANAPURAM	Block Development Officer, Vamanapuram
112	THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	132 KAZHAKOOTTAM	Block Development Officer, Pothencode.
113	THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	135 NEMOM	Block Development Officer, Nemom
114	THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	137 PARASALA	Block Development Officer, Parassala
115	THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	138 KATTAKADA	Block Development Officer, Vellanad
116	THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	139 KOVALAM	Block Development Officer, Athiyannur
117	THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	140 NEYYATTINKARA	Block Development Officer, Perumkadavila