



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

STATE PROTOCOL—EXTENSION OF PROTOCOL COURTESIES AND FACILITIES TO
DIGNITARIES VISITING THE STATE—NORMS LAID DOWN IN THE PROTOCOL
MANUAL—MODIFIED—ORDERS ISSUED

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (POLITICAL) DEPARTMENT
G O. (Ms.) No. 1107/2017/GAD.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 17th February, 2017.

Read:—1. G. O. (Ms.) No.236/2006/GAD dated 23-8-2006.

2. G. O. (Ms.) No. 63/2012/GAD dated 22-3-2012.

ORDER

In supersession of the Government Orders issued in the matter read above for extending State Hospitality to the visiting dignitaries, Government are pleased to issue the following modified guidelines governing extension of State Hospitality to the dignitaries visiting the State.

The visiting dignitaries are classified into three groups as listed in Table A, B and C.

1. Those included in Table-A will be declared as **State Guests** during their visit to Kerala, irrespective of the nature of visit.
2. Those in Table-B will be treated as **Guests of Government**, if their visit is for official purposes.

- 3: Those in Table-C will be treated as **Guests of Government**, if their visit is for official purposes in connection with a programme hosted/convened by Kerala Government or they visit the State as a part of Central Government Project meant for the State. The recommendation from department concerned that hosts/implement the programme/project shall be obtained for this purpose.

Table—A

- The President of India and entourage.
- The Vice President of India and entourage.
- The Prime Minister of India and entourage.
- Governors of other States including Lt. Governors of Union Territories.
- Cabinet Ministers, Ministers of State and Deputy Ministers of Government of India.
- Speaker and Deputy Speaker of Lok Sabha,
- Chief Minister of other State Governments and Union Territories.
- Ministers, Leader of Opposition of other State Legislatures/ Councils.

(on reciprocal basis)*

- Speaker of other State Legislatures and Chairmen of Legislative Councils.
- Former Presidents of India.
- Former Prime Ministers of India.
- Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.
- Chief Justice of India and puisne Judges of Supreme Court of India.

- Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog.
- Chief Justices of other State High Courts.
- Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha.
- Cabinet Secretary.
- Chief of Staff of rank of full General.
- Chairman and Members of the Finance Commission.
- Chief Election Commissioner.
- Chairman of UPSC.
- Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission.
- Attorney General of India.
- Comptroller and Auditor General of India.
- Solicitor General of India.
- Governor of Reserve Bank of India.
- Recipients of Bharat Ratna.
- Ministers of other Countries.
- Retired Supreme Court Judges **from Kerala** holding the posts of national importance/jurisdiction.

Table—B

- Dignitaries of the rank of Union Cabinet Minister/ Minister of State/ Deputy Ministers.
- Dignitaries of the rank of Judge of the Supreme Court of India and retired Supreme Court Judges/Chief Justices of High Court on other postings of national importance/jurisdiction.

- Members of UPSC.
- The Secretary to Government of India.
- Chairman, Members and Regional General Managers of Railway Board.
- Chief Secretaries of other State Government/UTs.
- Secretary General of Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha.
- Foreign dignitaries (other than Ministers) recommended by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, the expenditure of whose visits is not debitible to the hospitality grant of the Government of India.
- Members of Election Commission.
- Chairman, NABARD.
- Chairman and Members of Central Administrative Tribunal.
- Members of National Green Tribunal on their visit to State for sitting of the Tribunal.
- Chairperson of the Committees of Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha.

Table—C

- Ministers /Deputy Ministers, Leader of Oppositions of other State Legislatures and Legislative Councils.
- Chairman and Members of the Statutory Commissions of Government of India not having the status of Union Minister.
- Additional Secretaries and Joint Secretaries of Government of India.

* *Note*:—(1) At present the State Government has reciprocal arrangements with the States of Andhra Pradesh, Tamilnadu, (Puducherry, Telangana and Tripura. ie. If a dignitary holding a particular office of Kerala is considered as State guest in other State/UTs, this State shall also treat a dignitary holding analogous post in that State/UTs as State guest while visiting our State.

Note:—(2) Personal Staff up to a maximum number of three accompanying the State guests listed in Table A will be given hospitality at State expense for boarding, lodging and transportation. For category B and C the dignitary alone will be given hospitality at State expense. The period for providing guests facilities will not exceed five days for the dignitaries mentioned in Table A and three days for the dignitaries mentioned in Table B and C.

Note:—(3) Other dignitaries/officials on official visits may be given vehicle and accommodation, on spot payment basis, on specific request from the officer concerned.

Note:—(4) Whenever government desires to treat any other dignitary as State guest/ Guest of Government, it may be done after taking orders of the Chief Minister.

Note:—(5) Security arrangements for the guests would be made as per the provisions laid down by Government of India, Home (Department of State Government and in accordance with the directions from General Administration (Political) Department.

Note:—(5) Separate Government order is not required for the departments concerned to make protocol/hospitality/security arrangements during the visits of dignitaries listed in Table A.

By order of the Governor,

SHEELA THOMAS, IAS,
Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

To

- All Chief Secretaries of the State/Union Territories.
- All Director General of Police of the State/Union Territories.
- All State Protocol Officers of the State/Union Territories.
- The Secretary to Governor, Raj Bhavan, Thiruvananthapuram.
- The Air Officer Commanding in Chief, Southern Air Command, Thiruvananthapuram.
- The Flag Officer, Southern Naval Command, Kochi.
- The Station Commander, Army Headquarters, Pangode, Thiruvananthapuram.
- All Additional Chief Secretaries to Government.
- All Principal Secretaries/Secretaries to Government.
- The Secretary, Kerala Legislature.
- All Heads of Departments.
- All District Collectors.
- The Additional Director General of Police (Int.), Thiruvananthapuram.
- The Inspector General of Police (Security), Thiruvananthapuram

The Commissioner of Police, Thiruvananthapuram/ Kochi/ Kollam Thrissur/Kozhikode.

The Superintendent of Police of all Districts.

All Sections in Government Secretariat.

The Director, Press Information Bureau, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Principal Accountant General (Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Accountant General (A&E) Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

The P.S to Chief Minister.

The P. S to all Ministers.

Addl. Secretary to Chief Secretary.

The P A to Addl. Chief Secretary (GAD).

The C A to State Protocol Officer.

The Additional State Protocol Officer.

The Director, Airport, Thiruvananthapuram/Nedumbasseri/ Kozhikode

Information & Public Relations Department (Web & New Media).

The Commandant, CISF, Airport, Thiruvananthapuram/ Nedumbasseri/Kozhikode.

Home (SSA) Department.
