

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA

ABSTRACT

Elections – Payment of ex-gratia compensation to family of Polling Personnel who die or sustain injuries while on election duty – Revised Slabs – Orders – Issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (ELECTIONS-A) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 7

Dated: 10-01-2022

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.150, G.A. (Elecs.B) Department, dated 13.11.2014.
2. The Election Commission of India, New Delhi, Lr.No.218/6/2019/EPS, dated 10.04.2019.

ORDER :

In the Government Order first read above, the Government has issued consolidated orders for the payment of ex-gratia compensation to the families of personnel engaged for election related work and who die or sustain injuries while on election duty.

2. The Election Commission of India vide letter second read above, considered and revised the existing slabs for ex-gratia compensation to family of polling personnel.

3. Government after careful examination of the said recommendations of the Election Commission of India, in partial modification to the orders issued in reference 1st read above, hereby enhances the slabs of the ex-gratia payment to the family of polling personnel engaged in the election duty as follows:

- (i) An amount of Rs.15 lakhs as the minimum amount to be paid to the next of the kin of the official in the unfortunate event of death of official while on election duty.
- (ii) If the death is unfortunately caused due to any violent acts of extremist or unsocial elements like road mines, bomb blasts, armed attacks, etc., the amount of compensation will be Rs.30 lakhs.
- (iii) In case of permanent disability, like loss of limb, eye sight etc., a minimum ex-gratia payment of Rs. 7.5 lakhs will be given to the official. (which will be doubled in the case of such mishap being caused by extremist or unsocial elements as aforesaid)

4. These slabs of ex-gratia shall be applicable for all future cases.

5. Further, Payment of ex-gratia compensation to family of polling personnel who die or sustain injuries while on election duty will be applicable to all the personnel deployed in all types of election related duties, all security personnel including (CAPFs, SAPs, State Police, Home Guards etc.), any private persons like drivers, cleaners etc., hired for deployment for election duty (The category of persons has been defined vide Commission's Letter No.218/6/98PLN-I, dated 25.11.1998 and No.218/6/2003 PLN-I, dated 06.02.2003)

6. The applicable period of election duty would start from the date of the announcement of the elections. A person is in election duty as soon as he/she leaves residence/office to report for any election related duty including training and until the person reaches back residence/office after performance of election related duty. If any mishap takes place during this period, it should be treated as having occurred on election duty subject to the condition that there should be causal connection between occurrence of death/injury and the election duty. (as explained in Commission's letter No.218/6/2006/EPS, dated 05.11.2008)

7. The expenditure on account of payment of ex-gratia compensation to the polling personnel is wholly borne by Government of India during elections to the Lok Sabha and by the State Government during elections to Legislative Assemblies and shared on 50:50 basis during simultaneous elections to Lok Sabha and Legislative Assembly by the Government of India and concerned State Governments. The share of the Government of India is paid by the Ministry of Law, Justice & Consumer Affairs. (Legislative Departments) (as explained vide Commission's letter No.218/6/96-PS.II, dated 08.10.1996)

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8. In case of Lok Sabha elections, the payment of ex-gratia compensation shall be made by the State Government initially and the claims shall be made to the Government of India later on.

9. The Collectors & District Election Officers of Telangana State and the Commissioner, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation & District Election Officer, Hyderabad are hereby delegated the powers to sanction the ex-gratia compensation in their jurisdiction. All such cases should be reported to the Government immediately on occurrence for payment to the Legal Heir should be made immediately after giving a detailed order / proceedings of sanction of ex-gratia compensation. Copies of the orders / proceedings sanctioning the ex-gratia compensation to the bereaved families shall be marked to the Government in General Administration (Elections-A) Department. If there is no sufficient budget under relevant head of account, they have to refer the matter to the Chief Electoral Officer, Telangana State together with the copies of all relevant documents and proceedings, for release of budget.

10. These orders issue with the concurrence of Finance (EBS.I) Department vide their U.O.No.423/114/EBS.I/A1/19, dated 03.06.2019.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

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