

PROCEEDINGS OF THE RETURNING OFFICER, 04 WAYANAD HPC &
DISTRICT COLLECTOR, WAYANAD
(Present: Keshvendra Kumar IAS)

Sub:- General Election to the HP 2014- issuance of vehicle pass for Contesting Candidates- orders issued- reg.

Any vehicle used in Election Campaigning by a candidate shall invariably display the Vehicle Permission issued by the Returning Officer. As per paragraph 5.4 of Chapter VII of the Handbook for Candidates, issued by the Election Commission of India, the Candidate shall obtain Vehicle Permission from the Returning Officer. Use of vehicle for election campaigning without valid Permit issued by the Returning Officer, is a punishable offence under section 171H of the Indian Penal Code. So it is mandatory for all the candidates who intend to use vehicle/s for Election Campaigning, to obtain prior permission from the Returning Officer and exhibit the same on campaign vehicles. This restriction is equally applicable for all classes of vehicles, including two wheelers- in which case the Permit shall be shown upon demand.

1. 04 Wayanad HPC has a geographical area comprising 7 Legislative Assembly Segments spread in 3 districts. Obtaining vehicle permission from Returning Officer's office alone, will create undue hardship for candidates whose headquarter is outside Wayanad district owing to the distance at which the Returning Officer's office is situated.
2. As per section 22(2) of the Representation of People Act, 1951; the Assistant Returning Officer is competent to perform any of the duties of the Returning Officer subject to general control. In this circumstance, order is hereby issued that apart from the Returning Officer, all the seven Assistant Returning Officers in 04 Wayanad HPC are competent to issue vehicle permission for candidates subject to statutory provisions. AROs shall issue vehicle permissions as and when required considering general/specific instructions issued by the ECI in this regard. Details of such permissions issued shall be handed over to the Nodal Officer (Expenditure Monitoring) forthwith, for including the record of the same in Election Expenditure of the concerned candidate. A daily report in this regard shall be submitted to the Returning Officer also. A register showing the details of vehicle permissions issued shall also be maintained.

Sd/-
Returning Officer
04 Wayanad HPC

To

All AROs

Copy to

1. The District Police Chief, Wayanad/Malappuram/Kozhikkode
2. The Nodal Officer (MCC) & ADM, Wayanad
3. The Nodal Officer (Transport Management) & RTO, Wayanad
4. The Nodal Officer, Control Room
5. The District Information Officer (for publicity in media)
6. The District Informatics Officer (for upload in District website)