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#### PREFACE

Under Articles 243K and 243ZA of the Constitution of India, the superintendence, direction, control and conduct of all elections to Local Self Government Institutions in the State of Kerala are vested in the State Election Commission. As it is necessary and expedient to provide, in the interest of purity of elections to such institutions in the State of Kerala and in the interest of the conduct of such elections in a fair and efficient manner, for the reservation, allotment and assignment of symbols, in relation thereto and for matters connected therewith, the State Election Commission had issued an order, viz. 'Local Authorities Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 2017'.

The aforementioned order requires publication of the symbols reserved and allotted to the political parties and also the free symbols. This Handbook contains the list of National parties and the symbols reserved to them in Part I, list of State parties in Kerala and the symbols reserved to them in Part II, the list of parties coming under recognised State parties of other States or Union Territories and the registered unrecognised political parties having a member or members in the Kerala Legislative Assembly or having a member or members in any of the Local Self Government Institutions in the State of Kerala and the symbols respectively allotted to them in Part III and list of free symbols for the independent candidates which include the symbols allotted to registered unrecognised political parties having no member or members in the Kerala Legislative Assembly or in any of the Local Self Government Institutions in the State of Kerala in Part IV. In addition to the insignia of all symbols, descriptions of each symbol in English, Malayalam, Tamil and Kannada languages are also included for convenience.

Candidates of any political parties not figured in the Tables and independent candidates shall be allotted symbols from Part IV.

Thiruvananthapuram, 06.11.2020.

**V. BHASKARAN,** State Election Commissioner.

### PART I

## SYMBOLS RESERVED FOR NATIONAL PARTIES

ദേശീയ രാഷ്ട്രീയ കക്ഷികൾക്കുള്ള ചിഹ്നങ്ങൾ

(Vide Notification No. 278/2020/SEC dated 06.11.2020 of State Election Commission, Kerala)

2. Bharatiya Janata Party ഭാരതീയ ജനതാ പാർട്ടി Lotus താമര ತಾವರೆ தாமரை	1.	Bahujan Samaj Party ബഹുജൻ സമാജ് പാർട്ടി	Elephant ആന ಆನೆ யானை	
	2.		<b>താമര</b> ತಾವರೆ	

3.	Communist Party of India കമ്മ്യൂണിസ്റ്റ് പാർട്ടി ഓഫ് ഇന്ത്യ	Ears of Corn and Sickle ധാനൃക്കതിരും അരിവാളും ಧಾನ್ಯ ತೆನೆ ಮತ್ತು ಕತ್ತಿ கதிர் அரிவாள்	
4.	Communist Party of India (Marxist) കമ്മ്യൂണിസ്റ്റ് പാർട്ടി ഓഫ് ഇന്ത്യ (മാർക്സിസ്റ്റ്)	Hammer, Sickle and Star ചുറ്റികയും അരിവാളും നക്ഷത്രവും ಸುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಕತ್ತಿ ಮತ್ತು ನಕ್ಷತ್ರ அரிவாள் சுத்தியல் நட்சத்திரம்	K K
5.	Indian National Congress ഇൻഡ്യൻ നാഷണൽ കോൺഗ്രസ്	Hand கை ரீ	

6. Nationalist Congress Party നാഷണലിസ്റ്റ് കോൺഗ്രസ് പാർട്ടി	Clock നാഴികമണി ாகிಯಾರ கடிகாரம்	$\bigotimes$
7. All India Trinamool Congress ആൾ ഇന്ത്യ തൃണമൂൽ കോൺഗ്രസ്	Flowers & Grass പുഷ്പങ്ങളും പുല്ലും ಹೂಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಹುಲ್ಲು பூச்செடியும் புல்லும்	AND AND

## PART II

## SYMBOLS RESERVED FOR STATE PARTIES IN KERALA

#### കേരള സംസ്ഥാന രാഷ്ട്രീയ കക്ഷികൾക്കുള്ള ചിഹ്നങ്ങൾ

(Vide Notification No.278/2020/SEC dated 06.11.2020 of State Election Commission, Kerala)

1.	Indian Union Muslim League ഇന്ത്യൻ യൂണിയൻ മുസ്ലീംലീഗ്	Ladder എണി ഖಣ് ஏணി	N. C. L.
2.	Janata Dal (Secular) ജനതാദൾ (സെക്കുലർ)	A Lady Farmer Carrying Paddy on her head തലയിൽ നെൽക്കതിരേന്തിയ കർഷക സ്ത്രീ ಭತ್ತದ ಕಟ್ಟನ್ನು ತಲೆಯ ಮೇಲೆ ಹೊತ್ತಿರುವ ಕೃಷಿಕ ಮಹಿಳೆ தலையில் நெல் கட்டு சுமக்கும் விவசாய பெண்	

3.	Kerala Congress (M) കേരള കോൺഗ്രസ് (എം)	Two Leaves രണ്ടില ಎರಡೆಲೆ இரட்டை இலை	
4.	Revolutionary Socialist Party റവല്യൂഷനറി സോഷ്യലിസ്റ്റ് പാർട്ടി	Spade and Stoker മൺവെട്ടിയും മൺകോരിയും ಹಾರೆ ಮತ್ತು ಗುದ್ದಲಿ மண்வெட்டியும் மண்கோரியும்	A for

### PART III

### SYMBOLS ALLOTTED TO THE STATE PARTIES OF OTHER STATES AND UNION TERRITORIES AND REGISTERED UNRECOGNIZED POLITICAL PARTIES HAVING MEMBERS IN THE KERALA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OR LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS IN KERALA

(Vide Notification No. 278/2020/SEC dated 06.11.2020 of State Election Commission, Kerala)

1.	Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) ആം ആദ്മി പാർട്ടി (എ.എ.പി.)	Broom ചൂല് ಪೊರಕೆ விளக்குமாறு	
2.	All India Anna DMK (AIADMK) ആൾ ഇന്ത്യ അണ്ണാ ഡി.എം.കെ.	Hat றைപ്പി ஙீலீ தாப்பி	

3.	All India Forward Bloc ആൾ ഇന്ത്യ ഫോർവേഡ് ബ്ലോക്ക്	Lion സിംഹം ಸಿಂಹ சிங்கம்
4.	Communist Marxist Party (CMP) കമ്മ്യൂണിസ്റ്റ് മാർക്സിസ്റ്റ് പാർട്ടി (സി. എം. പി.)	Aeroplane* വിമാനം விമാനം வினான ஆகாய விமானம்
5.	Congress (Secular) കോൺഗ്രസ്സ് (സെക്കുലർ)	Coconut tree bearing fruits ಹಾಯ್ഫലമുള്ള തെങ്ങ് ಫಲಗಳಿರುವ ತೆಂಗು ಕಾಗ್ರಣೆ ವ್ರಾಹಾನಾನ್

\* Symbol frozen as per Order No. 480/2015/SEC, dtd. 10-8-2015 of the State Election Commission, Kerala.

6. Indian National League (INL) ഇന്ത്യൻ നാഷണൽ ലീഗ് (ഐ. എൻ. എൽ.)	Scales (തಂസ് ತ್ರಾಸು ಶ್ರராசு
7. Janadhipatya Samrakshana Samithi (JSS) ജനാധിപത്യ സംരക്ഷണ സമിതി (ജെ. എസ്. എസ്.)	Bus வஸ் வಸ்ப பேருந்து
8. Janata Dal (United) ജനതാദൾ (യുണൈറ്റഡ്)	Arrow അമ്പ് യാന ച്വാല്

9.	Kerala Congress (B) കേരള കോൺഗ്രസ്സ് (ബി)	Rising Sun ഉദയ സൂര്യൻ லದಯ ಸೂರ್ಯ உதயசூரியன்
10.	Kerala Congress (Jacob) കേരളാ കോൺഗ്രസ്സ് (ജേക്കബ്)	Battery Torch ബാറ്ററി ടോർച്ച് ಬಾಟರಿ ಟಾರ್ಚ್ பாட்டரி விளக்கு
11.	Kerala Congress കേരളാ കോൺഗ്രസ്സ്	Chair கஸே லை லி தாற்காலி இ

12. Lok Janshakthi Party (LJP) ലോക ജനശക്തി പാർട്ടി (എൽ. ജെ. പി.)	Bunglow ബംഗ്ലാവ് மாய்களா
13. National Secular Conference നാഷണൽ സെക്കുലർ കോൺഫറൻസ്	Glass Tumbler ഗ്ലാസ് ടംബ്ളർ ന്റുಸ್ ಟಂಬ್ಲರ್ கண்ணாடி டம்ளர்
14. Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) പീപ്പിൾസ് ഡെമോക്രാറ്റിക് പാർട്ടി (പി.ഡി.പി.)	Boat വഞ്ചി ഫംന്ദ് ⊔டகு

16. Rashtriya Lok Samta Party രാഷ്ട്രീയ ലോക് സമത പാർട്ടി	15.	Rashtriya Janata Dal രാഷ്ട്രീയ ജനതാ ദൾ	Hurricane Lamp റാന്തൽ വിളക്ക് ലാಟಾನು கண்ணாடி கூட்டு விளக்கு
സമാജ്വാദി പാർട്ടി (എസ്. പി.) സൈക്കിൾ ಸೈಕಲ್	16.		ಉಿಗಿ ಕ್ಯಾನ್
சைக்கிள்	17.		സെക്കിൾ

18.	Shiva Sena (SS) ശിവ സേന (എസ്. എസ്.)	Bow and Arrow വില്ലും അമ്പും 20 ஆம்பும் வில்லும்
19.	Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI) സോഷ്യൽ ഡെമോക്രാറ്റിക് പാർട്ടി ഓഫ് ഇന്ത്യ (എസ്. ഡി. പി. ഐ.)	Spectacles கണ്ണട ಕನ್ನಡಕ மூக்கு கண்ணாடி
20.	Communist Marxist Party Central Council (CP John faction) കമ്മ്യൂണിസ്റ്റ് മാർക്സിസ്റ്റ് പാർട്ടി സെൻട്രൽ കൗൺസിൽ (സി. പി. ജോൺ വിഭാഗം)	Star றை குபிலுமை லக் திலும் நட் சத்திரம்

21.	Communist Marxist Party Kerala State Committee (Aravindakshan faction) കമ്മ്യൂണിസ്റ്റ് മാർക്സിസ്റ്റ് കേരള സ്റ്റേറ്റ് കമ്മിറ്റി (അരവിന്ദാക്ഷൻ വിഭാഗം)	Television* சைபிவிவால் பீலிவன் தொலைக்காட்சி பெட்டி	
22.	CPI (ML) Red Star സി. പി. ഐ. (എം. എൽ.) റെഡ് സ്റ്റാർ	Bell മണി ಘಂಟೆ மணி	
23.	Janadhipatya Samrakshana Samithi (Rajan Babu) ജനാധിപത്യ സംരക്ഷണ സമിതി (രാജൻ ബാബു)	Jeep ಜಿಗ್ಗೆ ಜೀಪು ಜ್ಞಿப	
* Symbol frozen as per order No. 35598/2020/SEC dated 02.11.2020			

24.	Kerala Congress Secular കേരള കോൺഗ്രസ് സെക്കുലർ	Electric Bulb வைദ്യുത ബൾബ് வின்தார பல்பு
25.	Marxist Communist Party of India (United) മാർക്സിസ്റ്റ് കമ്മ്യൂണിസ്റ്റ് പാർട്ടി ഓഫ് ഇന്ത്യ (യുണൈറ്റഡ്)	Flag കൊടി ಬಾವುಟ கொடி
26.	Revolutionary Socialist Party (Marxist) റവലൂഷണറി സോഷ്യലിസ്റ്റ് പാർട്ടി (മാർക്സിസ്റ്റ്)	Book പുസ്തകം ಪುಸ್ತಕ புத்தகம்

27 .	Welfare Party of India വെൽഫെയർ പാർട്ടി ഓഫ് ഇന്ത്യ	Gas Cylinder ഗ്യാസ് സിലിണ്ടർ ಗ್ಯಾಸ್ ಸಿಲಿಂಡರ್ எரிவாயு உருளை
28.	Rashtriya Lok Dal Party രാഷ്ട്രീയ ലോക്ദൾ പാർട്ടി	Hand Pump கை புறு தீன்ன கைப்பம்பு

PART IV

# FREE SYMBOLS

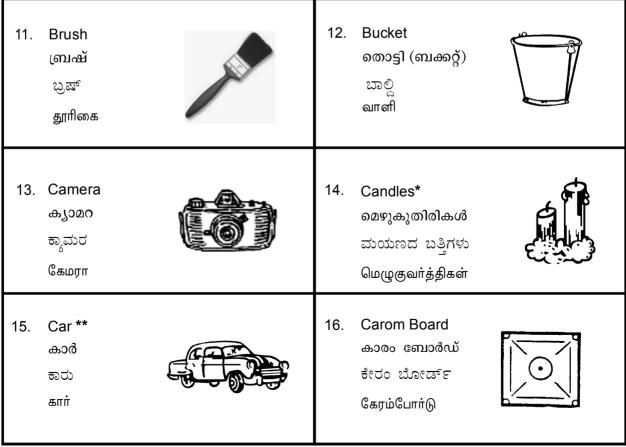
## ചിഹ്നങ്ങൾ

(Vide Notification No. 278/2020/SEC dated 06.11.2020 of State Election Commission, Kerala)

1. Almirah അലമാര ಅಲಮಾರ அலமாரி	2. Antenna ആന്റീന ಆಂಟೆನ ஆன்டெனா	
3. Apple* ആപ്പിൾ ಆ್ಯಪ್ ஆப்பிள்	4. Auto Rickshaw ** ഓട്ടോറിക്ഷ ಆಟೋರಿಕ್ಷಾ ஆட்டோ ரிக்ஷா	

\* Apple—Allotted to Kerala Janapaksham (Secular) on priority basis. \*\* Auto Rickshaw—Allotted to Akhila Kerala Trinamool party on priority basis.

7. Bench வைண் கி. Black Board வல்க் வேலலேல்   பீல்க் பெஞ்ச் வின்ச்   9. Bottle கலுவி மாஜ் கரம்பலகை   வாஜ் வின்கையல்   மாஜ் வின்கையல்	5. Axe வலு கினி கோடாரி	6. Balloon ബലൂൺ ಪುಗ್ಗೆ பலூன்
കുപ്പി ബ്രീഫ്കെയ്സ്	ബെഞ്ച് ಬೆಂಚು	ನ್ನುಂಹಾ ಮಾಂಡಿಯ ಬ್ಲಾಕ್ ಬೋರ್ಡ್
புட்டி 💹 கைப்பெட்டி	ಹ್ಯಾನ್ನ ಬಾಟ್ಲಿ	ബூഫ്കെയ്സ് <sup>ಬ್ರೀಫ್ ಕೇಸ್</sup>



\* Candles—Allotted to Revolutionary Socialist Party (Leninist-Marxist) on priority basis. \*\* Car—Allotted to Kerala Vikas Congress on priority basis.

17.	Carrot கാരറ്റ് ಕ್ಯಾರೆಟ್ கேரட்	18.	Cart கைவள்ளி ಕೈಗಾಡಿ கைவண்டி
19.	Chenda ചെണ്ട ಚೆಂಡೆ செண்டை	20.	Coat கോத் கீலியீ மேற்சட்டை (கோட்டு)
21.	Conch * மூல் சிற்கு சங்கு	22.	Cricket Bat ക്രിക്കറ്റ് ബാറ്റ് ಕ್ರೆಕೆಟ್ ಬ್ಯಾಟ್ கிரிக்கெட் மட்டை

\* Conch—Allotted to Kerala Janapaksham on priority basis.

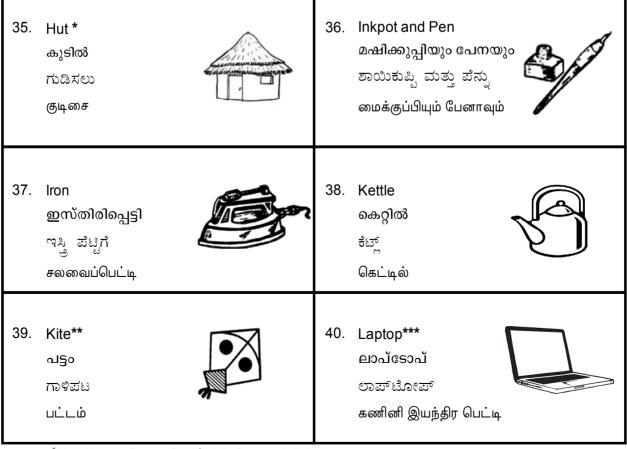
23.	Cultivator cutting Crop* விളவെടുക്കുന്ന കർഷകൻ ಬೆಳೆ ಕೊಯ್ಯುವ ರೈತ அறுவடை செய்யும் விவசாயி	24.	Cup and Saucer ಹಿನ್ನುಂ ಉಂಗುಂಂ ಕಪ್ ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಸರ್ ಹப்பும் சாஸரும்
25.	Earthern Pot** മൺകലം ಮಡಿಕೆ மண்பானை	26.	Electric Switch றுபக்குக் ஸ்ரிது ஒலீத்தூ ஆன் மின்சார பொத்தான்
27.	Flaming Torch *** എരിയുന്ന പന്തം മೀವಟಿಗೆ எரியும் பந்தம்	28.	Flute ഓടക്കുഴൽ ಕೊಳಲು புல்லாங்குழல்

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\* Cultivator Cutting Crop—Allotted to The Indian Justice Democratic Party on priority basis. \*\* Earthern Pot—Allotted to Loktantrik Janata Dal (LJD) on priority basis. \*\*\* Flaming Torch—Allotted to Revolutionary Socialist Party of Kerala (Bolshevik) RSP(B) on priority basis.

29.	Foot Ball * ஹுத்ஹம கால்பந்து	30. Gas Stove ഗ്യാസ് സ്റ്റൗവ് நுಸ್ ಸ್ಟೌವ್ எரிவாயு அடுப்பு
31.	Grapes മുന്തിരിക്കുല நீ திராட்சைக்கொத்து	32. Harmonium ഹാർമോണിയം ಹಾರ್ಮೋನಿಯಂ ஹார்மோனியம்
33.	Helmet ഹെൽമറ്റ് ಹೆಲ್ಮೆಟ್ தலைக்கவசம்	34. Hockey Stick & Ball ഹോക്കി സ്റ്റിക്കും പന്തും ಹೋಕಿ ಸ್ಟಿಕ್ ಮತ್ತು ಚೆಂಡು ஹாக்கி மட்டையும் பந்தும்

\* Football-Allotted to Revolutionary Marxist Party of India (RMPI) on priority basis.



\* Hut—Allotted to Deseeya Praja Socialist Party on priority basis. \*\* Kite—Allotted to Bharatiya National Janata Dal on priority basis. \*\*\* Laptop—Allotted to Kerala Congress (Skariah Thomas) on priority basis.

41.	Letter Box എഴുത്തു പെട്ടി ಅಂಚೆ ಪೆಟ್ಟಿಗೆ தபால் பெட்டி	42. Lock and Key * താഴും താക്കോലും ಬೀಗ ಮತ್ತು ಬೀಗದ ಕೈ பூட்டும் சாவியும்
43.	Mango** മാങ്ങ ಮಾವಿನ ಹಣ್ಣು மாங்காய்	44. Mobile Phone *** മൊബൈൽ ഫോൺ ಮೊಬೈಲ್ ಫೋನ್ ಹಾಕಿಟಿ
45.	Pineapple പൈനാപ്പിൾ கூலை அன்னாசிப்பழம்	46. Plough ****

\*Lock and Key—Allotted to Republican Party of India on priority basis. \*\*Mango—Allotted to Twenty 20 on priority basis. \*\*\* Moblie Phone—Allotted to Pravasi Nivasi Party on priority basis.

\*\*\*\* Plough—Allotted to Samajwadi Jan Parished (SJP) on priority basis.

48. Railway Engine \* 47. **Pressure Cooker** പ്രഷർ കുക്കർ തീവണ്ടി എൻജിൻ ಪ್ರೆಷರ್ ಕುಕ್ಕರ್ ರೈಲು ಎಂಜೀನ್ பிரஷர் குக்கர் இரயில் இன்ஜின் 50. Rose \*\* 49. Ring മോതിരം റോസാപൂവ് ಉಂಗುರ ಗುಲಾಬಿ மோதிரம் ரோசாப்பூ 51. Rubber Stamp 52. Scissors റബ്ബർ സ്റ്റാമ്പ് കത്രിക ರಬ್ಬರ್ ಸ್ಟಾಂಪ್ ಕತ್ತರಿ இரப்பர் ஸ்டாம்பு கத்திரிக்கோல்

\* Railway Engine—Allotted to Social Action Party on priority basis.

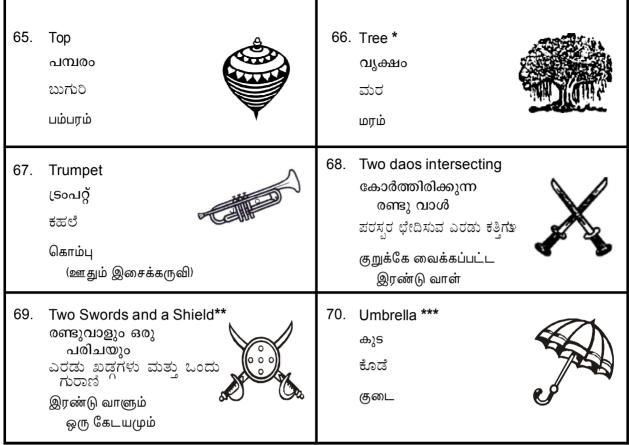
\*\* Rose—Allotted to All India Samthuva Makkal Katchi (AISMK) on priority basis.

53.	Scooter* ஸ்கூதல் கூயூ ஸ்கூட்டர்	54. Sewing Machine ** തയ്യൽ മെഷീൻ ಹೊಲಿಗೆ ಯಂತ್ರ தையல் மிஷின்
55.	Ship കപ്പൽ கன்ற கப்பல்	56. Slate య్నాగ్గ శ్లోటు சிலேட்
57.	Stethoscope ஸ്റ്റെതസ്ക്കോപ്പ് ಸ್ಟೆತೋಸ್ಕೋಪ್ இதயத்துடிப்பு மணி	58. Stool గ్గ్యూ శ్యులు శుడ్రిప

\* Scooter—Allotted to Janadhipathya Kerala Congress on priority basis. \*\* Sewing Machine—Allotted to Republican Party of India (A) on priority basis.

59.	Table മേശ விலல மேசை		60. Table Fan கேவிൾ ഫാൻ கீலேசூ ಫ್ಯಾನ್ மேசை மின்விசிறி
61.	Table Lamp മേശ വിളക്ക് ಟೇಬಲ್ ಲ್ಯಾಂಪ್ மேசை விளக்கு	C	62. Telephone * ടെലിഫോൺ ಟೆಲಿಫೋನ್ தொலைபேசி
63.	Tennis Racket ടെന്നീസ് റാക്കറ്റ് ಟೆನ್ನೀಸ್ ರಾಕೆಟ್ இறகுபந்து மட்டை	AN A	64. Tom Tom പെരുമ്പറ ര്ലോ முரசு

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\* Tree—Allotted to Indian Labour Party (Ambedkar Phule) on priority basis.

\*\* Two Swords and a Shield-Allotted to The Hindustan National Party on priority basis.

\*\*\* Umbrella—Allotted to Secular National Dravida Party (SNDP) on priority basis.

71.	Violin വയലിൻ ವಯಲಿನ್ ഖயலின்	<b>X</b>	2. Water Pump പമ്പ് ನೀರಿನ ಪಂಪ್ தண்ணீர் பம்பு	
73.	Water Tap ടಂಗ್ಷ ನೀರಿನ ನಳ್ಳಿ ಶண்ணீர் குழாய்		4. Whistle* വിസിൽ ವಿಸಿಲ್ ඛിசில்	
75.	Window ஜாஸல் சீலச் சன்னல்			

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#### **NOTIFICATION**

No. 57/2017/SEC

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 21st June 2017.

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The State Election Commission publishes the following order, for the reservation, allotment and assignment of symbols in the elections to the Local Self Government Institutions in the State of Kerala.

### THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES ELECTION SYMBOLS

#### (RESERVATION AND ALLOTMENT) ORDER, 2017

An Order to provide for Reservation, allotment and assignment of symbols in elections to Local Self Government Institutions in the State of Kerala and matters in relation thereto and connected therewith.

WHEREAS, the superintendence, direction, control and conduct of all elections to Local Self Government Institutions in the State of Kerala are vested in the State Election Commission as provided under Articles 243 K and 243 ZA of the Constitution of India;

AND WHEREAS, it is necessary and expedient to provide, in the interest of purity of elections to such institutions in the State of Kerala and in the interest of the conduct of such elections in a fair and efficient manner, for the reservation, allotment and assignment of symbols, in relation thereto and for matters connected therewith;

Now THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 243 K and 243 ZA of the Constitution of India, the Kerala Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 the Kerala Municipality Act, 1994 and Rule 12 of the Kerala Panchayat Raj (Conduct of Election) Rules, 1995 and the Kerala Municipality (Conduct of Election) Rules, 1995 and all other powers enabling it in this behalf and in supersession of Notification No. 102/2015/SEC dated 24th June 2015, the State Election Commission, Kerala hereby makes the following Order:

1. *Short title, extent, application and commencement.*—(1) This Order may be called the Kerala Local Authorities Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 2017.

(2) It extends to the whole of the State of Kerala [except the areas specifically excluded by Section 1 (2) of the Kerala Panchayat Raj Act, 1994] in relation to the elections to Local Self Government Institutions.

(3) It shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Kerala Government Gazette.

2. Definitions.-In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires,-

- (a) 'Act' means the Kerala Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 or the Kerala Municipality Act, 1994;
- (b) 'Commission' means the State Election Commission, Kerala;
- (c) 'Contested election' means an election to the Panchayats, Municipality or Municipal Corporation where a poll is taken;
- (d) 'Local Authority or Local Self Government Institution' means a Panchayat at any level or a Municipality or a Municipal Corporation;
- (e) 'National Party' means a political party recognised by the Election Commission of India as a National Party;
- (f) 'Paragraph' means a paragraph of this Order;
- (g) 'Recognised Political Party' means a political party recognised by the Election Commission of India as a National Party or as a State Party in a State or Union Territory;
- (h) 'Registered unrecognised political party' means and includes every political party registered under section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, but classified under Paragraph 6 of the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968 as unrecognised political party;

- (i) 'State Party in the State of Kerala' means and includes any political party recognised by the Election Commission of India as a State Party in the State of Kerala;
- (j) Words and expressions used but not defined in this Order but defined in the Kerala Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 or the Kerala Panchayat Raj (Conduct of Elections) Rules, 1995 or in the Kerala Municipality Act, 1994 or the Kerala Municipality (Conduct of Elections) Rules, 1995 shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them in those Acts and Rules.

3. *Classification of symbols.*—(1) For the purpose of this Order, symbols are either reserved, allotted or free.

(2) Save as otherwise provided in this Order, a reserved symbol is a symbol which is reserved by the Election Commission of India under the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968 to a National party or a State party in the State of Kerala.

(3) Allotted symbol means a symbol allotted to the recognised political party of other States or Union Territories or a symbol allotted to the registered unrecognised political parties having a member or members either in the Kerala Legislative Assembly or in any Local Self Government Institution in the State of Kerala.

(4) A free symbol is a symbol other than a reserved or allotted symbol.

4. Allotment of symbols by the Commission.—(1) The candidates of a recognised National party or a recognised State party in the State of Kerala shall be assigned the same symbol reserved to it by the Election Commission of India.

(2) The candidates of recognised State parties of other States or Union Territories shall be allotted, as far as possible, the same symbols reserved to them by the Election Commission of India:

Provided that where the symbol reserved by the Election Commission of India for the recognised political parties of other States or Union Territories is not available in the list of free symbols published by the

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Commission, the party concerned shall make available the sketch/drawing of its symbol along with the application to be submitted under paragraph 5.

(3) The candidate of a registered unrecognised political party having a member or members in the Kerala Legislative Assembly or in any Local Self Government Institution in the State of Kerala shall be allotted, as far as possible, the symbol of its choice:

Provided that where the Election Commission of India has allotted a symbol to a political party coming under sub paragraphs 2 or 3 above, the Commission shall, as far as possible, allot the same symbol to the candidates of that party.

(4) The candidates of registered unrecognised political parties not coming under any of the above sub paragraphs shall be assigned the symbol in the order of preference made by them, subject to availability, from the list of free symbols and in such a case the said symbol shall, as far as possible, be assigned to their candidates throughout the state.

(5) Any other candidate shall be given a symbol from the list of free symbols.

(6) Every independent candidate may give in his or her nomination paper choice of three symbols in the order of preference, from the list of free symbols published by the Commission.

(7) Where any free symbol has been chosen by only one candidate at such election, the Returning Officer shall allot that symbol to that candidate and to no one else.

(8) Where a free symbol has been chosen by two or more candidates in such election, then the Returning Officer shall decide, by lot, to which candidate that free symbol shall be allotted and then he shall allot that symbol to the candidate on whom the lot falls and to no one else.

5. *Procedure for allotment or assignment of symbols.*—(1) The political parties referred to sub paragraphs 2, 3 & 4 of paragraph 4 above and desirous of getting specific symbols, may make an application to the Commission for that purpose.

(2) The Commission, on receipt of such application, shall make an inquiry as it deems fit and pass an order and its decision thereon shall be final.

6. *Objections to the allotment or assignment of symbols.*—(1) Any political party or a person authorised by it in this behalf may file objection regarding the allotment or assignment of symbols to a political party, before the Commission.

(2) The Commission, on receipt of such objection, shall make an inquiry as it deems fit and pass an order and its decision thereon shall be final.

7. Notification of list of symbols.—(1) The Commission shall, by one or more notifications publish list of,—

(a)The National parties and the symbols respectively reserved for them;

(b)The State parties in the State of Kerala and the symbols respectively reserved for them;

(c) Political parties coming under recognised State parties of other States or Union Territories to which symbols have been allotted by the Commission and the registered unrecognised political parties having a member or members in the Kerala Legislative Assembly or having a member or members in any of the Local Self Government Institution in the State of Kerala, and the symbols respectively allotted to them.

(d) Free symbols for the independent candidates which include the symbols allotted to registered unrecognised political parties having no member or members in the Kerala Legislative Assembly or in any of the Local Self Government Institutions in the State of Kerala.

(2) Every such list shall, as far as possible, be kept up to date.

8. *When a candidate shall be deemed to be set up by a political party.*—For the purpose of this Order, a candidate shall be deemed to be set up by a political party, only if—

(i) The candidate has mentioned the name of the political party in the prescribed column in the nomination paper and has chosen the symbol, if any, reserved or allotted for that party in the nomination paper:

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Provided that if a political party recommends the symbol of that party to a candidate who has not mentioned the name of the political party or its symbol in the nomination paper and has mentioned a symbol from the list of free symbols in the nomination paper, he is eligible to get the symbol of that party allotted to him;

(ii) A notice by the political party in writing to that effect, not later than 3.00 p.m. on the last date for withdrawal of nominations, is delivered to the Returning Officer of the constituency;

(iii) The said notice is signed by the person authorised by the political party from time to time to recommend the symbol of that political party:

Provided that no facsimile signature, signature by means of rubber stamp, signature transmitted by electronic means etc. of such authorised person shall be accepted;

(iv) The State President, Secretary or Convener as the case may be, of the political party shall authorise a person to recommend the symbol of that political party and shall intimate his name and office to the State Election Commission, District Election Officer or the concerned Returning Officer:

9. *Substitution of a candidate by a political party.*—For removal of any doubt it is hereby clarified that a political party which has given a notice in favour of a candidate in a constituency may rescind that notice and may give a revised notice in favour of another candidate for that constituency:

Provided that the revised notice clearly indicating therein that the earlier notice has been rescinded reaches the Returning Officer of the constituency not later than 3.00 p.m. on the last date for withdrawal of nominations and the said revised notice is duly signed by the authorised person referred to in sub paragraph (iii) of paragraph 8:

Provided further that in case more than one notice is received by the Returning Officer in respect of two or more candidates and the political party fails to indicate in such notices that the earlier notice or notices have been rescinded, the Returning Officer shall accept the notice in respect of the candidate whose nomination paper was first delivered to him and the remaining candidate or candidates in respect of whom notice or notices has or have been received by him, shall not be treated as candidates set up by such political party.

10. Power of the Commission in the case of Splinter Groups.—In the case where a political party recognised by or registered with the Election Commission of India is split into two or more political parties and each of such party raises claim for the same symbol assigned by the Election Commission of India or for which that party was eligible for preference, the Commission shall not assign such symbol to the candidates belonging to those political parties and shall assign one symbol each from the free symbols notified under paragraph 7(1)(d) of this order to the candidates belonging to such political party.

11. Power of the Commission to reconsider the action of the Returning Officer.—The Commission may reconsider the action of the Returning Officer in assigning symbol to a candidate and if it is satisfied that the action of the Returning Officer is wrong another symbol may be assigned.

12. Power of the Commission to issue instructions and directions.—The Commission may issue instructions and directions—

(a) For the purpose of clarifying any of the provision of this Order; or

(b) For the removal of any difficulty which may arise in relation to the implementation of any such provisions; or

(c) In relation to any matter with respect to which this Order does not make provision or makes insufficient provision, or such instruction is, in the opinion of the Commission, necessary for the smooth and orderly conduct of elections.

**V. BHASKARAN,** State Election Commissioner.