

**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA****Abstract**

Taxes Department - Excise - General Elections to the Kerala State Local Self Government Institutions, 2025 - Declaration of 'Dry Days' - Orders issued.

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**TAXES (A) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.(Rt)No.1039/2025/TAXES Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 26-11-2025

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Read 1 Notification No 76/2025/SEC dated 14.11.2025 of the State Election Commission, Kerala.

2 Letter No.B2/132/2025-SEC (Part-1) dated 15.11.2025 from the Secretary, Kerala State Election Commission, Thiruvananthapuram.

**ORDER**

As per the notification read as 1<sup>st</sup> paper above, the State Election Commission has declared the election to local bodies in Kerala for the year, 2025. The polling dates has been scheduled on December 9, 2025 in the districts of Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Pathanamthitta, Alappuzha, Kottayam, Idukki and Ernakulam, and on December 11, 2025 in the districts of Thrissur, Palakkad, Malappuram, Kozhikode, Wayanad, Kannur and Kasargod. The day of counting is fixed on December 13, 2025.

2) The Secretary, Kerala State Election Commission, as per the letter read as 2<sup>nd</sup> above has requested Government to declare dry days on the polling dates and on counting date as per the existing rules in force for the peaceful, smooth and fair conduct of election to the State Local Self Government Institutions, 2025

3) Rule 7(11) (vi) of the Abkari Shops Disposal Rules, 2002 and Rule 28 A (vi) of the Foreign Liquor Rules, 1953, provide that, in connection with elections to local bodies, prohibition of liquor shall be imposed for a period of 48 hours immediately preceding the time fixed for the closure of polling and on the day of counting of votes.

4) After having examined the matter in detail based on the existing rules in force, Government order that the days as detailed below will be 'Dry Days' in connection with the General Election to the Kerala State Local Self Government Institutions, 2025.

Sl No.	Districts	Dry days to be observed	
		From	To
1	Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Pathanamthitta, Alappuzha, Kottayam, Idukki and Ernakulam	07.12.2025 (6.00 PM)	09.12.2025 (till the conclusion of poll)
2	Thrissur, Palakkad, Malappuram, Kozhikode, Wayanad, Kannur and Kasargod	09.12.2025 (6.00 PM)	11.12.2025 (till the conclusion of poll)

5) This will include the date of re-poll if any. In addition to the above, the counting day, ie,13.12.2025 will also be a 'Dry Day' for all the liquor shops throughout the State.

6) During the 'Dry Days' no spirituous, fermented or intoxicating liquors or other substances of a like nature shall be sold, given or distributed at a hotel, eating house, tavern, shop or any other public place or private within a polling area. All liquor shops, hotels, restaurants, clubs and other establishments selling/serving liquor will remain closed, and are not permitted to serve liquor on these days. Steps should also be taken to prohibit clandestine movement of liquor from adjoining areas, even if there are no restrictions in effect in those areas. The storage of liquor by individuals is also prohibited.

7) The Excise Commissioner will issue necessary instructions to the officials concerned to take necessary precautionary measures, vigorously, to detect and prevent storage and sale of liquor by unlicensed persons and in unlicensed premises during the above said days.

(By order of the Governor)  
K R JYOTHILAL  
ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY

To:

1)The Secretary, Kerala State Election Commission, Thiruvananthapuram.

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2)The Excise Commissioner, Thiruvananthapuram.

3)The State Police Chief, Thiruvananthapuram.

4)The Managing Director, Kerala State Beverages Corporation, Thiruvananthapuram.

5) The Managing Director, Consumerfed, Gandhi Nagar, Kochi. 682020

5) All District Collectors (Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Pathanamthitta, Alappuzha, Kottayam, Idukki, Ernakulam, Thrissur, Palakkad, Malappuram, Kozhikode, Wayanad, Kannur, Kasargode).

6)All Deputy Excise Commissioners (Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Pathanamthitta, Alappuzha, Kottayam, Idukki, Ernakulam, Thrissur, Palakkad, Malappuram, Kozhikode, Wayanad, Kannur, Kasargode).

7) The Home Department

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