

## Proceedings of the District Election Officer & District Collector, Thrissur

(Present: Anupama.T.V. IAS)

Sub: General Election to Loksabha 2019 – release of seized cash & other items during the process of election – formation of Committee – reg -

Read: Letter No.76/Instructions/EEPS/2014/Vol.XIV, dated 01.10.2014 from the Election Commission of India

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Order No. EL1 - 140031/2019; Dated 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

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Vide read instruction above the Election Commission of India has issued various instructions on Election Expenditure Monitoring for interception and seizure of cash, suspected to be used for bribing electors during the election process. Election Commission has also issued standard operation procedures for effective election expenditure monitoring to find out and seize illegal movement of cash and other related items for canvassing of electors. Commission has also noted that certain complaints are received from genuine persons who have no connection with either election or candidates / political parties are facing harassment during the procedures of expenditure related squads.

In order to redress the grievance of genuine persons vide read above Commission directed to form Committee with 3 Officers in District comprising (1) CEO, Zilla Parishad / CDO / PD DRDA (2) Nodal Officer of Expenditure Monitoring in the Office of DEO and District Treasury Officer. In this circumstance Committee for scrutinizing petitions received regarding seizure of cash and other items is constituted in District with following Officers.

1. Sri.P.S.Shino (9496342272), Project Director, Poverty Alleviation Unit, Thrissur.
2. Sri.Fazal.K.K. (9495423377, 9496000172), District Treasury Officer, Thrissur.
3. Sri.Abhilash.T.A. (Mobile No:9447786336, 9447631702), Deputy Commissioner, State Goods and Services Tax, Thrissur & Nodal Officer for Expenditure Monitoring (Convener).

The constituted Committee shall suo motu examine such cash seizure made by the police or FS or SST and where the Committee finds that no FIR / complaint has been filed against the seizure or where the seizure is not linked with any candidate or party or any election campaign etc., as per the standard operating procedures, it shall take immediate steps to order release of such cash etc., to such persons from whom the cash was seized after passing a speaking order to that effect.

If the release of cash is more than 10 lakhs Nodal Officer of Income Tax shall be kept informed in writing before the release effected. Moreover the Committee constituted shall comply the instructions given by Election Commission of India time to time.

Sd/-

District Election Officer &  
District Collector, Thrissur

To

The Members of the Committee.

Copy to

1. Chief Electoral Officer, Thiruvananthapuram.
2. District Collector, Palakkad / Ernakulam.
3. Deputy Director of Income Tax, Thrissur.
4. All Nodal Officers.
5. AEOs / AROs / EROs
6. ROs Clerk.

Forwarded by Order



Deputy Collector (Election),  
Thrissur