

BYE-ELECTION URGENT

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No. EC-CON-COE-0011-2021- 1981 /Elec Dated Bhubaneswar the 22.03.2021.
From

Sri Sushil Kumar Lohani, IAS
Chief Electoral Officer & Ex-officio
Principal Secretary to Government

To

All Department of Government
All Heads of Department
All Public Sector Undertakings
All Corporation / Boards

Sub: Bye-election to 110- Pipili Assembly Constituency - Special Casual Leave to Government Servants for enabling them to Vote.

Madam/Sir,

In order to enable the Government employees who are required to exercise their franchise at a place away from their headquarters, special casual leave for a maximum period of two days was allowed during previous elections. It has been decided that similar facilities will also be extended during the bye-election to 110- Pipili Assembly Constituency scheduled to be held on 17.04.2021 (Saturday).

2. The day of poll is declared as a Public Holiday in the Constituency area. Government employees who are stationed at a place away from their Polling Stations have to travel for casting their votes. Such employees who are to vote on 17.04.2021 (Saturday) may be allowed Special Casual Leave for a period of two days (the day preceding the poll and the succeeding the poll), if required, in order to enable them to travel and vote at their Polling Stations.

3. Employees who desire to exercise their franchise at a Polling Station away from the Headquarters and do not enjoy a holiday on the day of poll because their offices being located in the Constituency which does not go to poll on that day, will be granted Special Casual Leave for one more day on the day of poll.

4. The leave to be granted may be treated as Special Casual Leave which will not be taken into account in reckoning the total period of casual leave and special casual leave of 15 days usually admissible to a Government servant in the Calendar Year.

5. The written application by the staff will be sufficient to presume their enrolment in the Electoral Roll of particular Constituency.

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6. The Head of Offices granting the Special Casual Leave will determine as to whether the employees can be spared and granted the leave without detriment to official work. Ordinarily, the staff should not be inconvenienced in exercise of their franchise and the expression "without detriment to official work" should be liberally interpreted.

7. The Sub-Ordinate offices may be informed accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

Ali
22/3/21

**Chief Electoral Officer & Ex-officio
Principal Secretary to Government**

Memo No. 1982 /Elec., Bhubaneswar, dated the 22.03.2021.

Copy forwarded to all Revenue Divisional Commissioners for information and necessary action.

Ali
22/3/21

**Chief Electoral Officer & Ex-officio
Principal Secretary to Government**

Memo No. 1983/Elec., Bhubaneswar dated the 22.03.2021.

Copy forwarded to DEO & Collector, Puri / Returning Officer for 110- Pipili AC / Sub-Collector, Puri for information, and necessary action.

Ali
22/3/21

**Chief Electoral Officer & Ex-officio
Principal Secretary to Government**

Memo No. 1984 /Elec., Bhubaneswar, dated the 22.03.2021.

Copy forwarded to Sumit Mukherjee, Senior Principal Secretary, Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road. New Delhi-110001 for information.

Ali
22/3/21

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