GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract
Public Services - Threatened Strike by a section of Government Employees & Teachers on 12th January 2016 - Measures for dealing with - Orders Issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (SECRET SECTION) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(P) No.5/2016/GAD. Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 06.01.2016

2. G.O(P) No 227/2015/GAD, dated 25.08.2015.

ORDER

Certain Organizations of State Government Employees and Teachers have threatened to go on strike on 12th January 2016. To meet the situation, in case the threatened strike materializes, following orders are issued:

1. **No leave of any kind shall be granted to Government Employees, Teachers etc (including Gazetted Officers) for the strike day except on the following grounds:**

   1) **Sickness of the individual or near relatives** (‘near relative’ will mean wife, husband, children, father and mother of the Government servant).
   2) **Examination purpose of the employee.**
   3) **Maternity purpose of the employee.**
   4) **Other unavoidable reasons of a like nature.**

2. Heads of Departments and other sanctioning authorities shall insist on Medical Certificates from Government Doctors in the proper form with the office stamp / seal affixed, to be produced by the applicants for the leave applied for on medical grounds. In cases of doubt on the bonafides of the Medical certificates, the applicants are to be directed to appear before the Medical Board immediately. Irrespective of the reason given for the leave, the sanctioning authority will have the discretion to refuse the leave if such authority has reason to believe that the leave is meant for participation in the strike.

3. **The applications for leave from the employees should be disposed of immediately and should not be kept without disposal. While taking decisions the above instructions should be strictly adhered to.**
4. Every Head of office shall keep the Head of his Department informed of the
details of all employees under him who have been granted leave and should also be able
to justify the grant of leave, if so required.

5. Sanctioning authorities may be directed to observe strictly the instruction
regarding grant of leave to their subordinates. They may be informed that they are
liable to be proceeded against in cases of violation of the instructions.

6. If the Head of an office is on strike and as a result the office is closed, thereby
preventing employees not on strike from attending the office, they may report before the
District Officer. The District Officer should make immediate necessary arrangements for
opening the office in such case.

7. The District Collectors and Heads of departments will take action
(a) to give protection to those not on strike,
(b) to ensure unhindered access to Government Offices / Institutions, and
(c) to avoid over-crowding in front of the gates of the offices.
Instructions have been given to the Police Department to give all necessary
assistance in this context.

8. The Heads of Departments / offices will keep the keys of the offices and of the
gates in their personal custody. They should arrange for the opening of the office
sufficiently early to enable the employees not on strike to enter the offices.

9. The Director General of Police will, in consultation with the Heads of
Departments, make arrangements for guarding the Government offices at night in the
event of the strike.

10. The District Collectors are authorized to requisition vehicles belonging to
other Departments or agencies or hire private vehicles to the extent necessary to meet the
situation. The expenditure may be debited to the contingencies of the Department for
whose need the vehicles are so requisitioned / hired.

11. The unauthorized absence of the employees for participation in strike will be
treated as dies non. The pay for the day in which the strike is taking place will be
withheld from the salary for the month of February 2016. In the case of Gazetted
Officers, their attendance in duty should be certified in the pay bills for the month
of February 2016. This certificate need not be recorded by the Principal Secretaries,
Secretaries, Special Secretaries to Government, Heads of Departments, District
Collectors, Judicial Officers and Executive Officers of the Police Force and the
Officers of All India Services.

12. Persons indulging in violence or destruction to public property will be
prosecuted.

13. The provisional recruits in Government Service who absent themselves
without sanction during the day of the strike will be removed from service.

14. In the event of the strike materializing all Heads of departments will
convey to Government in the General administration (Secret Section) Department
over Telephone (Telephone No.0471-2327559/2518399) by 10.30 a.m. on the day of
strike, a general situation report indicating their total strength of staff, the number
of employees present, number of employees unauthorisedly absent, number of
employees on authorized leave and number of applications for leave received in
their offices. The District Collectors will furnish to Government in the General
Administration (Secret Section) Department over telephone on the day of strike a
general situation report by 11.30 a.m. in respect of the employees in their offices as
well as in the Major Offices in the Districts (including non-revenue offices). The
Addl. Chief Secretaries / Principal secretaries / Secretaries/ Special Secretaries will
also forward to General Administration (Secret Section) Department on the day of
strike similar situation reports (Consolidated Department-wise) in respect of the
employees in their Department, in the Secretariat, by 10.30 a.m.

15. In addition to the situation report mentioned above, in the case of the
secretariat departments, the Additional Chief Secretaries/ Principal
Secretaries/Secretaries/Special Secretaries to Government concerned or in his absence the
senior most officer available in the Department should get a list of absentees (with name
and designation) participating in the strike prepared. Consolidated lists of such
employees will be prepared and forwarded to the Secretary to Government, General
Administration (Secret Section) Department on the same day of the strike for
further action. In the case of the offices of Heads of the Department and officers, similar
lists will be prepared on the day of the strike by the officers concerned and forwarded to
the Secretary to Government, General Administration (Secret Section) Department as
early as possible. The attendance position should be furnished at the appointed time.

16. All Heads of Departments and District Collectors should forward a
detailed report to the attendance position on the next day of the strike separately
indicating total number of employees in each Department, number of employees
participated in the strike, number of employees attended office and employees on leave to the Secretary, General Administration (SS) Department without fail.

17. All Heads of Departments / Offices and District Collectors will ensure that the normal functioning of the essential services under their control is not interfered with.

18. The Director General of Police, in consultation with the Heads of Departments will make necessary arrangements to avoid any untoward incidents and tension in the office premises.

19. All concerned are requested to ensure that the above instructions are followed scrupulously.

By order of the Governor,

JIJI THOMSON
Chief Secretary to Government

To

All Addl.Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries/Secretaries/Special Secretaries to Government.
All Heads of Department / All District Collectors, Kerala.
The Director of Information and Public Relations, Thiruvananthapuram,(For Press Release)
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The Secretary, Kerala Public Service Commission, Thiruvananthapuram, Pattom(with C.L).
The Secretary to Governor, Raj Bhavan, Thiruvananthapuram (with C.L).
The Private Secretary to Chief Minister.
The Private Secretary to Speaker, Kerala Legislative Assembly.
The Private Secretaries to All Ministers.
The Private Secretary to Opposition Leader.
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For Director of Social Justice.