

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA
NIRVACHAN SADAN, ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI-110001.

No. 218/6/2019-EPS

Dated: 10th April, 2019

To

1. The Chief Secretaries of all States/UTs,
2. The Chief Electoral Officers of all States/UTs

Subject: Payment of ex-gratia compensation to family of polling personnel- Revised Slabs- regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Commission's letter 218/6/2014EPS dated 25th April, 2014 on the subject cited and to state that earlier the Commission revised slabs for ex-gratia payment in the event of any mishap to the election related. Now, the Commission has considered the matter and revised slabs as follows-

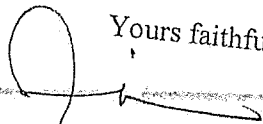
- I. An amount of Rs.15 Lakhs as the minimum amount to be paid to the next of kin of the official in the unfortunate event of death of the official while on election duty.
- II. If the death is unfortunately caused due to any violent acts of extremist or unsocial elements like, road mines, bomb blasts, armed attacks, etc. the amount of compensation would be Rs.30 Lakhs.
- III. In the case of permanent disability, like loss of limb, eye sight, etc., a minimum ex-gratia payment of Rs.7.5 Lakhs would be given to the official (which would be doubled in the case of such mishaps being caused by extremist or unsocial elements as aforesaid).

2. Further, the following clarifications are also issued-

- a. Payment of ex-gratia compensation to family of polling personnel who die or sustain injuries while on election duty will be applicable to all personnel deployed in all types of election related duties, all security personnel including (CAPFs, SAPs, State Police, Home Guards, etc.) any private persons like drivers, cleaners, etc., hired for deployment for election duty. (The category of persons has been defined vide Commission's letter No.218/6/98PLN-I dated 25.11.1998 & No.218/6/2003 PLN-I dated 06.02.2003)
- b. The applicable period of election duty would start from the date of the announcement of the elections.

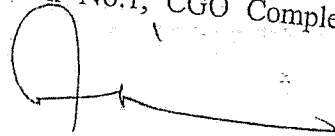
- c. It is clarified that it would be reasonable to consider a person on election duty as soon as he/she residence/office to report for any election related duty including training and until he/she reaches back his/her residence/office after performance of his/her election related duty. If any mishap takes place during this period, it should be treated as having occurred on election duty subject to condition that there should be a causal connection between occurrence of death/injury and the election duty. (As explained in Commission's letter No.218/6/2006/EPS dated 05.11.2008).
- d. The expenditure on account of payment of ex-gratia compensation to the polling personnel is wholly borne by Government of India during elections to Lok Sabha and by the State Government during election to Legislative Assemblies and shared on a 50:50 basis during simultaneous election to Lok Sabha and Legislative Assembly by the Government of India and concerned State Governments. The share of the Government of India is paid by the Ministry of Law, Justice & Company Affairs(Legislative Departments). (As explained vide Commission's letter No.218/696-PS-II dated 08.10.1996).
- e. It may be further clarified that in case of Lok Sabha elections, the payment of ex-gratia compensation shall be made by the State Government initially and the claims shall be made to the Government of India later on.
- f. The CEOs and DEOs shall track death/injury cases and send a consolidated report from time to time to the Commission.

Yours faithfully,


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