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PREFACE

The Constitutional mandate under Articles 243K and 243ZA limns the indispensable role of Kerala State Election Commission in the democratic process. The superintendence, direction, control and conduct of all elections to Local Self Government Institutions in the State of Kerala are therefore vested in the State Election Commission. The reservation, allotment and assignment of symbols is a requisite for the conduct of elections in a free, fair and efficient manner. The State Election Commission had issued an order, viz. Local Authorities Election symbols (Reservation and Allotment) order, 2017. The order mandates the publication of the symbols reserved and allotted to the political parties and also the free symbols which can be used in the elections. This Handbook is a revision of handbook published in the year 2024. The handbook commence with Part-I, list of National parties and the symbols reserved to them, list of State parties in Kerala and the symbols reserved to them in Part II, the list of parties coming under recognized State parties of other States or Union Territories and the registered unrecognized political parties having a member or members in the Kerala Legislative Assembly or having a member or members in any of the Local Self Government institutions in the State of Kerala and the symbols respectively allotted to them in Part III and list of free symbols for the independent candidates which include the symbols allotted to registered unrecognized political parties having no member or members in the Kerala Legislative Assembly or in any of the Local Self Government institutions in the State of Kerala in Part IV. The insignia of all symbols, descriptions of each symbol in English, Malayalam, Tamil and Kannada languages are also included for further reference. The Candidates of any political parties not figured in the Tables and independent candidates shall be allotted symbols from Part IV. The Local Authorities Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 2017 is attached.

Thiruvananthapuram, 6-11-2025.

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State Election Commissioner.

TABLE I

SYMBOLS RESERVED FOR NATIONAL PARTIES

ദേശീയ രാഷ്ട്രീയ കക്ഷികൾക്കുള്ള ചിഹ്നങ്ങൾ

1. Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) ആഠ ആദ്മി പാർട്ടി (എ.എ.പി.)	Broom ചൂല് ಫೊರಕೆ விளக்குமாறு	
2. Bahujan Samaj Party ബഹുജൻ സമാജ് പാർട്ടി	Elephant ആന ಆನೆ யானை	

3.	Bharatiya Janata Party ഭാരതീയ ജനതാ പാർട്ടി	Lotus താമര ತಾವರೆ தாமரை	
4.	Communist Party of India (Marxist) കമ്മ്യൂണിസ്റ്റ് പാർട്ടി ഓഫ് ഇന്ത്യ (മാർക്സിസ്റ്റ്)	Hammer, Sickle and Star ചുറ്റികയും അരിവാളും നക്ഷത്രവും ಸುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಕತ್ತಿ ಮತ್ತು ನಕ್ಷತ್ರ அரிவாள் சுத்தியல் நட்சத்திரம்	
5.	Indian National Congress ഇൻഡൃൻ നാഷണൽ കോൺഗ്രസ്	Hand കൈ ಕೈ കൈ	

6. National People's Party നാഷണൽ പീപ്പിൾസ് പാർട്ടി

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TABLE II SYMBOLS RESERVED FOR STATE PARTIES IN KERALA

കേരള സംസ്ഥാന രാഷ്ട്രീയ കക്ഷികൾക്കുള്ള ചിഹ്നങ്ങൾ

1.	Communist Party of India കമ്മ്യൂണിസ്റ്റ് പാർട്ടി ഓഫ് ഇന്ത്യ	Ears of Corn and Sickle ധാന്യക്കതിരും അരിവാളും ಧಾನ್ಯ ತೆನೆ ಮತ್ತು ಕತ್ತಿ കളിന് அரிவாள்	
2.	Janata Dal (Secular) ജനതാദൾ (സെക്കുലർ)	Lady Farmer Carrying Paddy on her head തലയിൽ നെൽക്കതിരേന്തിയ കർഷക സ്ത്രീ ಭತ್ತದ ಕಟ್ಟನ್ನು ತಲೆಯ ಮೇಲೆ ಹೊತ್ತಿರುವ ಕೃಷಿಕ ಮಹಿಳೆ தலையில் நெல் கட்டு சுமக்கும் விவசாய பெண்	

3.	Indian Union Muslim League ഇന്ത്യൻ യൂണിയൻ മുസ്ലീം ലീഗ്	Ladder ഏണി ಏಣಿ ஏணி	A CHARLES OF THE PARTY OF THE P
4.	Kerala Congress (M) കേരള കോൺഗ്രസ് (എം)	Two Leaves രണ്ടില ಎರಡೆಲೆ இரட்டை இலை	
5.	Kerala Congress കേരള കോൺഗ്രസ്	Auto Rickshaw ഓട്ടോറിക്ഷ ಆಟೋರಿಕ್ಷಾ ஆட்டோ ரிக்ஷா	

6. Revolutionary Socialist Party റവല്യൂഷണറി സോഷ്യലിസ്റ്റ് പാർട്ടി Spade and Stoker മൺവെട്ടിയും മൺകോരിയും ങ്കാറ് ಮತ್ತು സದ്ದಲಿ ഥഞ്ഞിെല്ച്ച്രധ് ഥഞ്ക് ക്നേറിயുம്



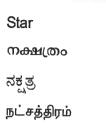
TABLE III

STATE PARTIES OF OTHER STATES AND UNION TERRITORIES AND REGISTERED UNRECOGNISED POLITICAL PARTIES HAVING MEMBER OR MEMBERS IN THE KERALA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OR HAVING MEMBER OR MEMBERS IN ANY OF THE LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS IN THE STATE OF KERALA

1.	All India Anna DMK (AIADMK) ആൾ ഇന്ത്യ അണ്ണാ ഡി.എം.കെ. (എ.ഐ.എ.ഡി.എം.കെ.)	Hat തൊപ്പി ಟೊಪ್ಪಿ தொப்பி	
2.	All India Forward Block ആൾ ഇന്ത്യ ഫോർവേഡ് ബ്ലോക്ക്	Lion സിംഹം ^{ಸಿಂಹ} சிங்கம்	

3.	All India Trinamool Congress ആൾ ഇന്ത്യ തൃണമൂൽ കോൺഗ്രസ്	Flowers & Grass പുഷ്പങ്ങളും പുല്ലും ಹೂಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಹುಲ್ಲು பூச்செடியும் புல்லும்
4.	Bharath Dharma Jana Sena (B.D.J.S) ഭാരത് ധർമ്മ ജനസേന (ബി.ഡി.ജെ.എസ്.)	Earthen Pot മൺകലം ಮಡಿಕೆ மண்பானை
5.	CPI (ML) Red Star സി. പി. ഐ. (എം. എൽ.) റെഡ് സ്റ്റാർ	Bell മണി ಘoಟೆ மணி

6.	Communist Marxist Party Central Council (CP John faction) കമ്മ്യൂണിസ്റ്റ് മാർക്സിസ്റ്റ് പാർട്ടി സെൻട്രൽ കൗൺസിൽ (സി. പി. ജോൺ ഘടകം)
7.	Congress (Secular) കോൺഗ്രസ്സ് (സെക്കുലർ)



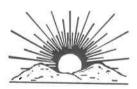


Coconut tree bearing fruits കായ്ഫലമുള്ള തെങ്ങ് ಫಲಗಳಿರುವ ತೆಂಗು காயுள்ள தென்னை



8. Dravida Munnetra Kazhakam ദ്രാവിഡ മുന്നേറ്റ കഴകം

Rising Sun ഉദയ സൂര്യൻ സದಯ ಸೂರ್ಯ உதயசூரியன்



9. Indian National League (INL) ഇന്ത്യൻ നാഷണൽ ലീഗ് (ഐ. എൻ. എൽ.)	Scales முறைஸ் துராசு
10. Janata Dal (United) ജനതാദൾ (യുണൈറ്റഡ്)	Arrow അമ്പ് ^{മാങ} அம்பு
11. Janadhipathya Kerala Congress ജനാധിപതൃ കേരള കോൺഗ്രസ്	Scooter സ്കൂട്ടർ ಸ್ಕೂಟರ್ ஸ்கூட்டர்

12.	Kerala Congress (B) കേരളാ കോൺഗ്രസ്സ് (ബി)	Bus வஸ் ^{ಬಸ್ಸು} பேருந்து
13.	Kerala Congress (Jacob) കേരളാ കോൺഗ്രസ്സ് (ജേക്കബ്)	Battery Torch ബാറ്ററി ടോർച്ച് മാലർ ಟಾರ್ಚ್ பாட்டரி விளக்கு
14.	Lok Janshakthi Party (LJP) ലോക് ജനശക്തി പാർട്ടി (എൽ. ജെ. പി.)	Bungalow ബംഗ്ലാവ് ^{വര്}

15.	Marxist Communist Party of India (United) മാർക്സിസ്റ്റ് കമ്മ്യൂണിസ്റ്റ് പാർട്ടി ഓഫ് ഇന്ത്യ (യുണൈറ്റഡ്)	Flag കൊടി ಬಾವುಟ கொடி
16.	National Secular Conference നാഷണൽ സെക്കുലർ കോൺഫറൻസ്	Glass Tumbler ഗ്ലാസ് ടംബ്ളർ ന്നുಸ್ ಟಂಬ್ಲರ್ കண்ணாடி டம்ளர்
17.	Nationalist Congress Party നാഷണലിസ്റ്റ് കോൺഗ്രസ് പാർട്ടി	Сlock നാഴികമണി നിരുയ്താർ கடிகாரம்

18.	Nationalist Congress Party- Sharadchandra Pawar നാഷണലിസ്റ്റ് കോൺഗ്രസ് പാർട്ടി- ശരത്ചന്ദ്ര പവാർ	Man Blowing Turha കാഹളം മുഴക്കുന്ന മനുഷ്യൻ ಕಹಳೆ ಮೊಳಗಿಸುವ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿ மனிதன் டர்ஹாவை ஊதுகிறார்
19.	Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) പീപ്പിൾസ് ഡെമോക്രാറ്റിക് പാർട്ടി (പി.ഡി.പി.)	Boat വഞ്ചി ഫീൻ படகு
20.	Rashtriya Janata Dal രാഷ്ട്രീയ ജനതാ ദൾ	Hurricane Lamp റാന്തൽ വിളക്ക് ഇಟಾನು കൽങ്ങൂം കുட்டு விளக்கு

21.	Rashtriya Lok Dal Party രാഷ്ട്രീയ ലോക്ദൾ പാർട്ടി	Hand Pump കൈ പമ്പ് ಕೈಪಂಪು കെப்பம்பு
22.	Rashtriya Lok Samta Party രാഷ്ട്രീയ ലോക് സമതാ പാർട്ടി	Ceiling Fan സീലിംഗ് ഫാൻ ஃ°ോസ് ಫ್ಯಾನ್ கூரை மின்விசிறி
23.	Revolutionary Marxist Party of India റവല്യൂഷണറി മാർക്സിസ്റ്റ് പാർട്ടി ഓഫ് ഇന്ത്യ	Foot Ball ഫുട്ബാൾ ങല്പാര്മ കൂർവ്

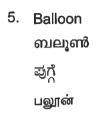
24.	Samajwadi Party (SP) സമാജ്വാദി പാർട്ടി (എസ്. പി.)	Bicycle സൈക്കിൾ ಸೈಕಲ್ തசக்கிள்
25.	Shiva Sena (SS) ശിവസേന (എസ്. എസ്.)	Bow and Arrow വില്ലും അമ്പും മല്ലുമാനു அம்பும் வில்லும்
26.	Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI) സോഷ്യൽ ഡമോക്രാറ്റിക് പാർട്ടി ഓഫ് ഇന്ത്യ (എസ്. ഡി. പി. ഐ.)	Spectacles குണ്ണട ಕನ್ನಡಕ மூக்கு கண்ணாடி

Mango Twenty 20 Party മാങ്ങ ട്വന്റി 20 പാർട്ടി ಮಾವಿನ ಹಣ್ಣು யாகள்ள Gas Cylinder 28. Welfare Party of India ഗ്യാസ് സിലിണ്ടർ വെൽഫെയർ പാർട്ടി ഓഫ് ഇന്ത്യ ಗ್ಯಾಸ್ ಸಿಲಿಂಡರ್ எரிவாயு உருளை

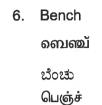
TABLE IV

FREE SYMBOLS FOR THE INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES WHICH INCLUDE THE SYMBOLS ALLOTTED TO REGISTERED UNRECOGNIZED POLITICAL PARTIES NOT COMING UNDER TABLE I TO III – SYMBOLS FROM THIS TABLE CAN BE ALLOTTED TO INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES WHERE NO CANDIDATES ARE SET UP BY THE REGISTERED UNRECOGNIZED POLITICAL PARTIES CONCERNED UNDER THIS TABLE

1. Almirah	2. Antenna
അലമാര	ആന്റീന
ಅಲಮಾರ	ಆಂಟೆನ
அலமாரி	ஆன்டெனா
3. Apple*	4. Axe
ആപ്പിൾ	മഴു
ലുಪ್	ಕೊಡಲಿ
ஆப்பிள்	கோடாரி









7. Black Board* ബ്ലാക്ക് ബോർഡ് വ്നൂಕ್ ಬೋರ್ಡ್ കரும்பலகை



8. Bottle கുപ്പി ಬಾಟ್ಲೆ புட்டி



9. Briefcase ബ്രീഫ്കെയ്സ് ധ്യുണ് ಕೇಸ್

கைப்பெட்டி



10. Brush ബ്രഹ്ഷ് బ్రహ్హ தூரிகை



11.	Bucket	
	തൊട്ടി (ബക്കറ്റ്)	
	ಬಾಲ್ದಿ வாளி	
12	Caralli	
ıs.	Candles	



12. Camera ക്യാമറ கുಮರ கேமரா



13. Candles മെഴുകുതിരികൾ ಮಯಣದ ಬತ್ತಿಗಳು மெழுகுவர்த்திகள்



14. Car കാർ ಕಾರು கார்

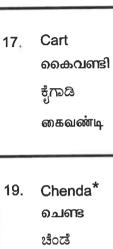


 Carrom Board കാരം ബോർഡ് ಕೇರಂ ಬೋರ್ಡ್ கேரம்போர்டு



16. Carrot கാരറ്റ് கുರೆಟ್ கேரட்







18. Chair* കസേര ಕುರ್ಚಿ நாற்காலி



செண்டை



Coat 20. കോട്ട് ಕೋಟ್ மேற்சட்டை (கோட்டு)



Conch* 21. ശംഖ് ಶಂಖ சங்கு



Cricket Bat* ക്രിക്കറ്റ് ബാറ്റ് ಕ್ರಿಕೆಟ್ ಬ್ಯಾಟ್ கிரிக்கெட் மட்டை



23. Cultivator cutting Crop* വിളവെടുക്കുന്ന കർഷകൻ ಬೆಳೆ ಕೊಯ್ಯುವ ರೈತ அறுவடை செய்யும் விவசாயி



24. Cup and Saucer
കപ്പും സോസറും
ಕಪ್ ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಸರ್
கப்பும் சாஸரும்



25. Electric Bulb വൈദ്യുത ബൾബ് ವಿದ್ಯುತ್ ಬಲ್ಬ್ மின்சார பல்பு



26. Electric Switch ഇലക്ട്രിക് സ്വിച്ച് ಇಲೆಕ್ಟ್ರಿಕ್ ಸ್ವಿಚ್ மின்சார பொத்தான்



27. Flaming Torch എരിയുന്ന പന്തം ದೀವಟಿಗೆ எரியும் பந்தம்



28. Flute*ഓടക്കുഴൽಕೊಳಲುபுல்லாங்குழல்



29. Gas Stove ഗ്യാസ് സ്റ്റൗവ് നു, ফ് ফ്টൂ ച് ങ്നിഖന്ധ്യ அடுப்பு



30. Grapes*

മുന്തിരിക്കുല

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திராட்சைக்கொத்து

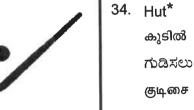




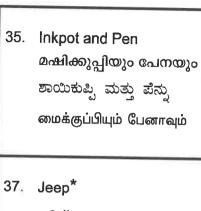
32. Helmet ഹെൽമറ്റ് ಹೆಲ್ಮೆಟ್ தலைக்கவசம்



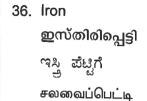
33. Hockey Stick & Ball ഹോക്കി സ്റ്റിക്കും പന്തും ಹೋಕಿ ಸ್ಟಿಕ್ ಮತ್ತು ಚೆಂಡು ஹாக்கி மட்டையும் பந்தும்













37. Jeep* ജീപ്പ് జೀಪు జ్రోப்



38. Kettle கைറ്റിൽ ಕೆಟ್ಲ್ கெட்டில்

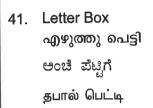


39. Kite* പട്ടം ಗಾಳಿಪಟ பட்டம்



40. Laptop ലാപ്ടോപ് ಲಾಪ್ಟೋಪ್ കഞ്ഞിൽി இயந்திர பெட்டி







42. Lock and Key*
താഴും താക്കോലും മനേ ಮತ್ತು മനേದ ಕೈ பூட்டும் சாவியும்



43. Mobile Phone*
മൊബൈൽ ഫോൺ
ಮೆಬೈಲ್ ಫೋನ್
கைபேசி



44. Pineapple പൈനാപ്പിൾ ಅನಾನಾಸು அன்னாசிப்பழம்



45. Plough* കലപ്പ ര്നീയ ഒலப்பை



46. Pressure Cooker புவூர் குக்கர்



47. Railway Engine തീവണ്ടി എൻജിൻ റೈಲು ಎಂಜೀನ್ இரயിல் இன்ஜின்



48. Ring മോതിരം സാസ് ഥോളിரம்



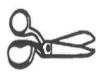
49. Rose* റോസാപൂവ് സലാമ ரோசாப்பூ



50. Rubber Stamp റബ്ബർ സ്റ്റാമ്പ് ರಬ್ಬರ್ ಸ್ಟಾಂಪ್ இரப்பர் ஸ்டாம்பு



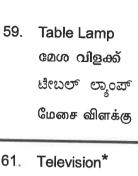
51. Scissors கருவிக் ಕತ್ತರಿ கத்திரிக்கோல்



52. Sewing Machine*
തയ്യൽ മെഷീൻ
ಹೊಲಿಗೆ ಯಂತ್ರ
ഇെயல் மிஷின்



53.	Ship കപ്പൽ ಹಡಗು കப்பல்	54. Slate య్యాగ్గ స్లోటు சிவேட்
55.	Stethoscope സ്റ്റെതസ്ക്കോപ്പ് ಸ್ಟೆತೋಸ್ಕೋಪ್ இதயத்துடிப்பு மணி	56. Stool గ్గ్యుంలి స్టాలు తుండి
57.	Table മേശ ಮೇಜು மேசை	58. Table Fan* ടേബിൾ ഫാൻ ಟೇಬಲ್ ಫ್ಯಾನ್ மேசை மின்விசிறி





60. Telephone* ടെലിഫോൺ ಟೆಲಿಫೋನ್ தொலைபேசி



61. Television* ടെലിവിഷൻ ಟೆಲಿವಿಷನ್ தொலைக்காட்சி

பெட்டி



62. Tennis Racket ടെന്നീസ് റാക്കറ്റ് ಟೆನ್ಫೀಸ್ ರಾಕೆಟ್ இறகுபந்து மட்டை

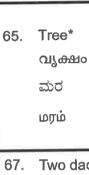


63. Tom Tom* പെരുമ്പറ അേലോ முரசு



64. Top പമ്പരം ധന്റ பம்பரம்







66. Trumpet ട്രംപറ്റ് ಕಹಲೆ கொம்பு



67. Two daos intersecting* കോർത്തിരിക്കുന്ന രണ്ടു വാൾ ಪರಸ್ಪರ ಛೇದಿಸುವ ಎರಡು ಕತ್ತಿಗಳು ക്രമ്പ്രക്കേ ബെക്കല്பட்ட

இரண்டு வாள்



68. Two Swords and a Shield* രണ്ടുവാളും ഒരു

> പരിചയും ಎರಡು ಖಡ್ಡಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಒಂದು ಗುರಾಣಿ

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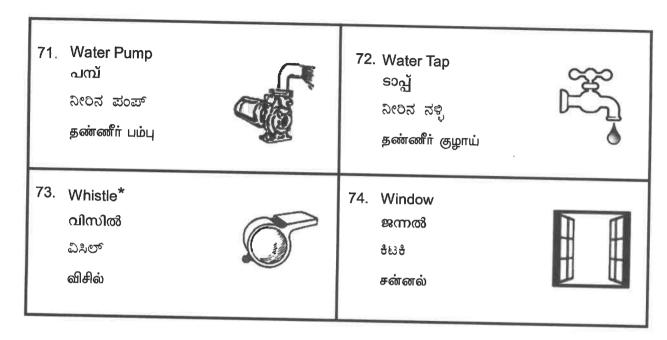
70. Violin

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- * Apple
- * Black Board
- * Chair
- * Chenda
- * Conch

- Allotted to Kerala Janapaksham (Secular) on priority basis.
- Allotted to Kerala Marxist Leninist Party of India (Red Flag) on priority basis.
- Allotted to Equality Party of India on priority basis.
- Allotted to Kerala Pravasi Association on priority basis.
- Allotted to Kerala Janapaksham on priority basis.

* Cricket Bat - Allotted to Kerala Revolutionary Party (Leninist-Marxist) on priority basis.

* Cultivator Cutting Crop - Allotted to Indian Justice Democratic Party on priority basis.

* Flute - Allotted to Democratic Human Rights Movement Party on priority basis.

* Grapes - Allotted to Indian Christian Front on priority basis.

* Hut - Allotted Anna Democratic Human Rights Movement Party of India on priority basis.

* Jeep - Allotted to New Labour Party on priority basis.

* Kite - Allotted to Bharatiya National Janata Dal on priority basis.

* Lock and Key - Allotted to Republican Party of India on priority basis.

* Mobile Phone - Allotted to Pravasi Nivasi Party on priority basis.

* Plough - Allotted to Socialist Party (India) on priority basis.

* Rose - Allotted to All India Samathuva Makkal Kakshi (AISMK)on priority basis.

* Sewing Machine - Allotted to Republican Party of India (A) on priority basis.

* Table Fan - Allotted to Democratic Social Justice Party on priority basis.

* Telephone - Allotted to Bharathiya Jana Shabdh (BJS) on priority basis.

* Television - Allotted to Kerala Democratic Party (KDP) on priority basis.

* Tom Tom - Allotted to Samajvadi Jana Parishad on priority basis.

* Tree - Allotted to Indian Labour Party (Ambedkar phule) onpriority basis.

* Two daos intersecting - Allotted to Bharatheeya Jawan Kisan Party on priority basis.

* Two Swords and a Shield - Allotted to Hindustan National Party on priority basis.

* Whistle - Allotted to Swaraj India Party on priority basis.

NOTIFICATION

No. 57/2017/SEC

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 21st June, 2017

The State Election Commission publishes the following order, for the reservation, allotment and assignment of symbols in the elections to the Local Self Government Institutions in the State of Kerala.

THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES ELECTION SYMBOLS (RESERVATION AND ALLOTMENT) ORDER, 2017

An Order to provide for Reservation, allotment and assignment of symbols in elections to Local Self Government Institutions in the State of Kerala and matters in relation thereto and connected therewith.

WHEREAS, the superintendence, direction, control and conduct of all elections to Local Self Government Institutions in the State of Kerala are vested in the State Election Commission as provided under Articles 243K and 243ZA of the Constitution of India;

AND WHEREAS, it is necessary and expedient to provide, in the interest of purity of elections to such institutions in the State of Kerala and in the interest of the conduct of such elections in a fair and efficient manner, for the reservation, allotment and assignment of symbols, in relation thereto and for matters connected therewith;

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 243 K and 243 ZA of the Constitution of India, the Kerala Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 the Kerala Municipality Act, 1994 and Rule 12 of the Kerala Panchayat Raj (Conduct of Election) Rules, 1995 and the Kerala Municipality (Conduct of Election) Rules, 1995 and all other powers enabling it in this behalf and in supersession of notification no.102/2015/SEC dated 24th June 2015, the State Election Commission, Kerala hereby makes the following Order:

- 1. Short title, extent, application and commencement.—(1) This Order may be called the Kerala Local Authorities Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 2017.
- (2) It extends to the whole of the State of Kerala (except the areas specifically excluded by Section 1(2) of the Kerala Panchayat Raj Act, 1994) in relation to the elections to Local Self Government Institutions.
 - (3) It shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Kerala Government Gazette.

- 2. Definitions.—In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires,-
 - (a) 'Act' means the Kerala Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 or the Kerala Municipality Act, 1994;
 - (b) 'Commission' means the State Election Commission, Kerala;
- (c) 'Contested election' means an election to the Panchayats, Municipality or Municipal Corporation where a poll is taken;
- (d) 'Local Authority or Local Self Government Institution' means a Panchayat at any level or a Municipality or a Municipal Corporation;
- (e) 'National Party' means a political party recognised by the Election Commission of India as a National Party;
 - (f) 'Paragraph' means a paragraph of this Order;
- (g) 'Recognised Political Party' means a political party recognised by the Election Commission of India as a National Party or as a State Party in a State or Union Territory;
- (h) 'Registered unrecognised political party' means and includes every political party registered under section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, but classified under Paragraph 6 of the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968 as unrecognized political party;
- (i) 'State Party in the State of Kerala' means and includes any political party recognized by the Election Commission of India as a State Party in the State of Kerala;
- (j)Words and expressions used but not defined in this Order but defined in the Kerala Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 or the Kerala Panchayat Raj (Conduct of Elections) Rules, 1995 or in the Kerala Municipality Act, 1994 or the Kerala Municipality (Conduct of Elections) Rules, 1995 shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them in those Acts and Rules.

- 3. Classification of symbols.—(1) For the purpose of this Order, symbols are either reserved, allotted or free.
- (2) Save as otherwise provided in this Order, a reserved symbol is a symbol which is reserved by the Election Commission of India under the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968 to a National party or a State party in the State of Kerala.
- (3) Allotted symbol means a symbol allotted to the recognized political party of other States or Union Territories or a symbol allotted to the registered unrecognized political parties having a member or members either in the Kerala Legislative Assembly or in any Local Self Government Institution in the State of Kerala.
 - (4) A free symbol is a symbol other than a reserved or allotted symbol.
- 4. Allotment of symbols by the Commission.—(1) The candidates of a recognized National party or a recognized State party in the State of Kerala shall be assigned the same symbol reserved to it by the Election Commission of India.
- (2) The candidates of recognized State parties of other States or UnionTerritories shall be allotted, as far as possible, the same symbols reserved to them by the Election Commission of India:

Provided that where the symbol reserved by the Election Commission of India for the recognized political parties of other States or Union Territories is not available in the list of free symbols published by the Commission, the party concerned shall make available the sketch/drawing of its symbol along with the application to be submitted under paragraph 5.

(3) The candidate of a registered unrecognised political party having a member or members in the Kerala Legislative Assembly or in any Local Self Government Institution in the State of Kerala shall be allotted, as far as possible, the symbol of its choice:

Provided that where the Election Commission of India has allotted a symbol to a political party coming under sub paragraphs 2 or 3 above, the Commission shall, as far as possible, allot the same symbol to the candidates of that party.

- (4) The candidates of registered unrecognized political parties not coming under any of the above sub paragraphs shall be assigned the symbol in the order of preference made by them, subject to availability, from the list of free symbols and in such a case the said symbol shall, as far as possible, be assigned to their candidates throughout the state.
 - (5) Any other candidate shall be given a symbol from the list of free symbols.
- (6) Every independent candidate may give in his or her nomination paper choice of three symbols in the order of preference, from the list of free symbols published by the Commission.
- (7) Where any free symbol has been chosen by only one candidate at such election, the Returning Officer shall allot that symbol to that candidate and to no one else.
- (8) Where a free symbol has been chosen by two or more candidates in such election, then the Returning Officer shall decide, by lot, to which candidate that free symbol shall be allotted and then he shall allot that symbol to the candidate on whom the lot falls and to no one else.
- 5. Procedure for allotment or assignment of symbols.—(1) The political parties referred to sub paragraphs 2, 3 & 4 of paragraph 4 above and desirous of getting specific symbols, may make an application to the Commission for that purpose.
- (2) The Commission, on receipt of such application, shall make an inquiry as it deems fit and pass an order and its decision thereon shall be final.
- 6. Objections to the allotment or assignment of symbols.—(1) Any political party or aperson authorised by it in this behalf may file objection regarding the allotment or assignment of symbols to a political party, before the Commission.
- (2) The Commission, on receipt of such objection, shall make an inquiry as it deems fit and pass an order and its decision thereon shall be final.

- 7. Notification of list of symbols.—(1) The Commission shall, by one or more notifications publish list of,—
 - (a) The National parties and the symbols respectively reserved for them;
 - (b) The State parties in the State of Kerala and the symbols respectively reserved for them;
- (c) Political parties coming under recognised State parties of other States or Union Territories to which symbols have been allotted by the Commission and the registered unrecognised political parties having a member or members in the Kerala Legislative Assembly or having a member or members in any of the Local Self Government Institution in the State of Kerala, and the symbols respectively allotted to them.
- (d) Free symbols for the independent candidates which include the symbols allotted to registered unrecognized political parties having no member or members in the Kerala Legislative Assembly or in any of the Local Self Government Institutions in the State of Kerala.
 - (2) Every such list shall, as far as possible, be kept up to date.
- 8. When a candidate shall be deemed to be set up by a political party.—For the purpose of this Order, a candidate shall be deemed to be set up by a political party, only if—
- (i) The candidate has mentioned the name of the political party in the prescribed column in the nomination paper and has chosen the symbol, if any,reserved or allotted for that party in the nomination paper;

Provided that if a political party recommends the symbol of that party to acandidate who has not mentioned the name of the political party or its symbol in the nomination paper and has mentioned a symbol from the list of free symbols in the nomination paper, he is eligible to get the symbol of that party allotted to him.

(ii) A notice by the political party in writing to that effect, not later than 3.00pm on the last date for withdrawal of nominations, is delivered to the Returning Officer of the constituency;

(iii) The said notice is signed by the person authorized by the political party from time to time to recommend the symbol of that political party;

Provided that no facsimile signature, signature by means of rubber stamp, signature transmitted by electronic means etc. of such authorized person shall be accepted.

- (iv) The State President, Secretary or Convener as the case may be, of the political party shall authorise a person to recommend the symbol of that political party and shall intimate his name and office to the State Election Commission, District Election Officer or the concerned Returning Officer;
- 9. Substitution of a candidate by a political party.—For removal of any doubt it is hereby clarified that a political party which has given a notice in favour of a candidate in a constituency may rescind that notice and may give a revised notice infavour of another candidate for that constituency:

Provided that the revised notice clearly indicating therein that the earlier notice has been rescinded reaches the Returning Officer of the constituency not later than 3.00 pm on the last date for withdrawal of nominations and the said revised notice is duly signed by the authorized person referred to in sub paragraph (iii) of paragraph 8:

Provided further that in case more than one notice is received by the ReturningOfficer in respect of two or more candidates and the political party fails to indicate insuch notices that the earlier notice or notices have been rescinded, the Returning Officer shall accept the notice in respect of the candidate whose nomination paper was first delivered to him and the remaining candidate or candidates in respect of whom notice or notices has or have been received by him, shall not be treated as candidates set up by such political party.

10. Power of the Commission in the case of Splinter Groups.—In the case where a political party recognised by or registered with the Election Commission of India is split into two or more political parties and each of such party raises claim for the same symbol assigned by the Election Commission of India or for which that party was eligible for preference, the Commission shall not assign such symbol to the candidates belonging to those political parties and shall assign one symbol each from the free symbols notified under paragraph 7(1)(d) of this order to the candidates belonging to such political party.

- 11. Power of the Commission to reconsider the action of the Returning Officer.—The Commission may reconsider the action of the Returning Officer in assigning symbol to a candidate and if it is satisfied that the action of the Returning Officer iswrong another symbol may be assigned.
- 12. Power of the Commission to issue instructions and directions.—The Commission may issue instructions and directions—
 - (a) For the purpose of clarifying any of the provision of this Order; or
- (b) For the removal of any difficulty which may arise in relation to the implementation of any such provisions; or
- (c) In relation to any matter with respect to which this Order does not make provision or makes insufficient provision, or such instruction is, in the opinion of the Commission, necessary for the smooth and orderly conduct of elections.

V. BHASKARAN,
State Election Commissioner.