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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 2020. 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.

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Thiruvananthapuram,

12.02.2024

TABLE I
NATIONAL PARTIES

Serial Number	Name of Political Party	Symbol Reserved	
1	Aam Aadmi Party(AAP) ആം ആദ്മി പാർട്ടി	Broom ചൂല് ചോരകി വിளக்குമാறு	
2	Bahujan Samaj Party ബഹുജൻ സമാജ് പാർട്ടി	Elephant ആന ഈട യാണ	
3	Bharatiya Janata Party ഭാരതീയ ജനതാ പാർട്ടി	Lotus താമര താപർ താമരൈ	
4	Communist Party of India (Marxist) കമ്യൂണിസ്റ്റ് പാർട്ടി ഓഫ് ഇന്ത്യ(മാർക്സിസ്റ്റ്)	Hammer, Sickle and Star ചുറ്റികയും അരിവാളും നക്ഷത്രവും സൂട്ടിന് കട്ടി ಮತ್ತು നക്ഷത്ര അറിവാள் കുത്തിയൽ നടകുത്തിരം	
5	Indian National Congress ഇന്ത്യൻ നാഷണൽ കോൺഗ്രസ്സ്	Hand കൈ കൈ കൈ	
6	National People's Party നാഷണൽ പീപ്പിൾസ് പാർട്ടി	Book പുസ്തകം പുസ്തക പുസ്തകം	

Table I inserted by Notification No.35/2023/SEC, dated 05.07.2023

TABLE II
STATE PARTIES IN KERALA

Serial Number	Name of Political Party	Symbol Reserved	
1	Janata Dal(Secular) ജനതാ ദൾ (സെക്കുലർ)	A Lady Farmer Carrying Paddy on her head തലയിൽ നെൽക്കതിരേന്തിയ കർഷക സ്ത്രീ ಭತದ ಕಟ್ಟನು ತಲೆಯ ಮೇಲೆ ಹೊತ್ತಿರುವ ಕೈಷಿಕ ಮಹಿಳೆ தலையில் நெல் கட்டு சமக்கும்	
2	Kerala Congress(M) കേരള കോൺഗ്രസ് (എം)	Two Leaves രണ്ടില ಎರಡೆಲೆ இரட்டை இலை	
3	Indian Union Muslim League ഇന്ത്യൻ യൂണിയൻ മുസ്ലീം ലീഗ്	Ladder ഏണി ಬಣಿ ஏணி	
4	Revolutionary Socialist Party റവല്യൂഷണറി സോഷ്യലിസ്റ്റ് പാർട്ടി	Spade and Stoker മൺവെട്ടിയും മൺകോരിയും ಹಾಕೆ ಮತ್ತು ಗುದ್ದಲಿ மண்வெட்டியும் மண்கோரியும்	
5	Communist Party of India കമ്മ്യൂണിസ്റ്റ് പാർട്ടി ഓഫ് ഇന്ത്യ	Ears of Corn and Sickle ധാന്യക്കതിരും അരിവാളും ಧಾನ್ಯ ತೆನೆ ಮತ್ತು ಕತ್ತಿ கதிர் அரிவாள்	

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TABLE III

STATE PARTIES OF OTHER STATES AND UNION TERRITORIES AND REGISTERED UN RECOGNISED 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

Serial Number	Name of Political Party	Symbol Reserved
1	All India Anna DMK (AIADMK) ആൾ ഇന്ത്യ അണ്ണാ ഡി.എം.കെ (എഐഎഡിഎംകെ)	Hat തൊപ്പി ടോപ്പി തൊപ്പി 
2	All India Forward Block ആൾ ഇന്ത്യ ഫോർവേർഡ് ബ്ലോക്ക്	Lion സിംഹം ട്രോഫി ശിങ്കം 
3	CPI (ML) Red star സി.പി.ഐ(എം.എൽ) റെഡ് സ്റ്റാർ	Bell മണി ഘോഷി മണി 
4	Communist Marxist Party Central Council (CP John faction) കമ്മ്യൂണിസ്റ്റ് മാർക്സിസ്റ്റ് പാർട്ടി സെൻട്രൽ കൗൺസിൽ (സി പി ജോൺ ഘടകം)	Star നക്ഷത്രം നക്ഷത്രം നക്ഷത്രം 
5	Congress(Secular) കോൺഗ്രസ്സ് (സെക്കുലർ)	Coconut tree bearing fruits കായ്ഫലമുള്ള തെങ്ങ് ഫലമുള്ള തേങ്ങ കായ്ഫലമുള്ള തെങ്ങ് 
6	Indian National League (INL) ഇന്ത്യൻ നാഷണൽ ലീഗ് (ഐ.എൻ.എൽ)	Scales ത്രാസ് ത്യാഗം തൂണി 

7	Janata Dal (United) ജനതാദൾ (യുണൈറ്റഡ്)	Arrow അമ്പ് ചാറ அம்பு	
8	Janadhipathya Kerala Congress ജനാധിപത്യ കേരള കോൺഗ്രസ്	Scooter* സ്കൂട്ടർ സ്കൂട്ടർ ஸ்கூட்டர்	
9	Janadhipatya Samrakshana Samithi (JSS) ജനാധിപത്യ സംരക്ഷണ സമിതി (എസ്.എസ്.ജെ)	Bus ബസ് ബസ്സ് பேருந்து	
10	Janadhipatya Samrakshana Samithi (RajanBabu) ജനാധിപത്യ സംരക്ഷണ സമിതി (രാജൻ ബാബു)	Jeep ജീപ്പ് ജീപ്പ് ஜீப்	
11	Kerala Congress കേരള കോൺഗ്രസ്	Chair കസേര കുർഷ് நாற்காலி	
12	KeralaCongress(B) കേരള കോൺഗ്രസ് (ബി)	Rising Sun ഉദയ സൂര്യൻ ഉദയം സൂര്യൻ உதயசூரியன்	
13	Kerala Congress (Jacob) കേരള കോൺഗ്രസ് (ജേക്കബ്)	Battery Torch ബാറ്ററി ടോർച്ച് ബാറ്ററി ടോർച്ച് பாட்டரி விளக்கு	
14	Kerala Congress Secular കേരള കോൺഗ്രസ് (സെക്കുലർ)	Electric Bulb വൈദ്യുത ബൾബ് വിദ്യുത് ബൾബ് மின்சார பல்பு	

15	Lok Janshakthi Party (LJP) ലോക് ജന ശക്തി പാർട്ടി (എൽ.ജെ.പി)	Bungalow ബംഗ്ലാവ് ബംഗ്ല പங்களാ	
16	Marxist Communist Party of India (United) മാർക്സിസ്റ്റ് കമ്മ്യൂണിസ്റ്റ് പാർട്ടി ഓഫ് ഇന്ത്യ (യുണൈറ്റഡ്)	Flag കൊടി ചായുട കൊടി	
17	National Secular Conference നാഷണൽ സെക്കുലർ കോൺഫറൻസ്	Glass Tumbler ഗ്ലാസ് ടംബ്ളർ ഗ്ലാസ് ടംബ്ളർ കண்ணാടി ടംബ്ളർ	
18	Nationalist Congress Party നാഷണലിസ്റ്റ് കോൺഗ്രസ് പാർട്ടി	Clock നാഴികമണി നടയോര കുടി കാര്യം	
19	Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) പീപ്പിൾസ് ഡമോക്രാറ്റിക് പാർട്ടി	Boat വഞ്ചി ചോല പട്രൂ	
20	Rashtriya Janata Dal രാഷ്ട്രീയ ജനതാ ദൾ	Hurricane Lamp റാത്തൽ വിളക്ക് ലാമ്പാസ കண்ணാടി കൂട്ടി വിളക്കു	
21	Rashtriya Lok Dal Party രാഷ്ട്രീയ ലോക്ദൾ പാർട്ടി	Hand Pump കൈ പമ്പ് കീഴപ്പു കൈപ്പമ്പ	
22	Rashtriya Lok Samta Party രാഷ്ട്രീയ ലോക് സമതാ പാർട്ടി	Ceiling Fan സീലിംഗ് ഫാൻ സീലിംഗ് ഫാൻ കുരേ മിൻവിഴി	

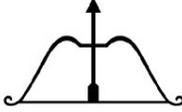
23	Revolutionary Marxist Party of India റവല്യൂഷണറി മാർക്സിസ്റ്റ് പാർട്ടി ഓഫ് ഇന്ത്യ	Foot Ball * ഫുട്ബോൾ കാലോടോ കാൽപ്പന്തു	
24	Samajwadi Party (SP) സമാജ് വാദി പാർട്ടി (എസ്.പി)	Bicycle സൈക്കിൾ സ്പീട്രൽ സൈക്കിൾ	
25	Shiv Sena (SS) ശിവസേന (എസ്.എസ്)	Bow and Arrow വില്ലും അമ്പും വില്ലുചാര അമ്പും വിലും	
26	Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI) സോഷ്യൽ ഡമോക്രാറ്റിക് പാർട്ടി ഓഫ് ഇന്ത്യ (എസ്.ഡി പി ഐ)	Spectacles കണ്ണട കണ്ണടക മൂക്കു കണ്ണാടി	
27	Twenty- 20 Party ട്വന്റി- 20 പാർട്ടി	Mango മാങ്ങ മാവിൻ ഫലം മാങ്കായ്	
28	Welfare Party of India വെൽഫെയർ പാർട്ടി ഓഫ് ഇന്ത്യ	Gas Cylinder ഗ്യാസ് സിലിണ്ടർ ഗ്യാസ് സിലിണ്ടർ ഗ്യാസ് സിലിണ്ടർ	

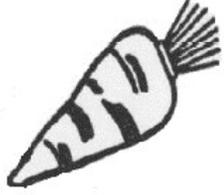
TABLE IV

FREE SYMBOLS FOR THE INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES WHICH INCLUDE THE SYMBOLS ALLOTTED TO REGISTERED UN RECOGNIZED 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. 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.

Serial Number	Symbols
1	Almirah അലമാര ಅಲಮಾರ ಅಲಮಾರಿ 
2	Antenna ആന്റീന ಆಂಟೆನ ಆನ್‌ടെನಾ 
3	Apple* ആപ്പിൾ ಆപ്പಲ್ ಆപ്പിள் 
4	Auto Rickshaw * ഓട്ടോറിക്ഷ ಆಟോറിക്വ ഓട്ടോ റിക്‌ഷാ 
5	Axe മഴു കോടലി കോടാരി 

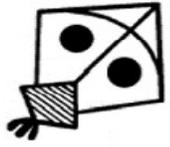
6	<p>Balloon ബലൂൺ പുറ്റ് പലൂൺ</p> 
7	<p>Bench ബെഞ്ച് ബെഞ്ചു പെஞ்சു</p> 
8	<p>Black Board ബ്ലാക്ക് ബോർഡ് ബ്ലാക് ബോർഡ് കറുത്തപലക</p> 
9	<p>Bottle കുപ്പി ബോട്ടി പുറ്റി</p> 
10	<p>Briefcase ബ്രീഫ്കെയ്സ് ബ്രീഫ് കേസ് കൈപെട്ടി</p> 
11	<p>Brush ബ്രഷ് ബ്രഷ് തൂരിക</p> 

12	<p>Bucket തൊട്ടി (ബക്കറ്റ്) బాల్లి వాளி</p> 
13	<p>Camera ക്യാമറ క్యూమర కేమర</p> 
14	<p>Candles* മെഴുകുതിരികൾ ಪಯಣದ ಬತ್ತಿಗಳು మెఝుక్రవర్తతிகள்</p> 
15	<p>Car* കാർ కారు కార్</p> 
16	<p>Carom Board కారం బోర్డు కేరం బోర్డు కేరంబోర్డు</p> 

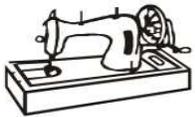
17	<p>Carrot കാരറ്റ് ಕ್യാര്പ് കേരட்</p> 
18	<p>Cart കൈവണ്ടി ക്യൂനാಡಿ കൈവണ്ണി</p> 
19	<p>Chenda ചണ്ട ചേണ്ട ചെണ്ണൈ</p> 
20	<p>Coat കോട്ട് കോഴ് മേற்സുടൈ (കോട്ടു)</p> 
21	<p>Conch * ശമ്പ ശംഖ சங்கு</p> 

22	<p>Cricket Bat ക്രിക്കറ്റ് ബാറ്റ് ക്രീക്ക് ബാറ്റ് കിരീകകെട് മട്‌ടൈ</p> 
23	<p>Cultivator cutting Crop* വിളവെടുക്കുന്ന കർഷകൻ ಬ്ലേ കോയ്യുവ രൂട്ട അളുവடை ചെയ്യും വിവസായി</p> 
24	<p>Cup and Saucer കപ്പും സോസറും കപ്പ് ಮತ್ತು സാസർ കപ്പും ചാസരും</p> 
25	<p>Earthen Pot മൺകലം ചെടികേ മണ്ണുപാണെ</p> 
26	<p>Electric Switch ഇലക്ട്രിക് സ്വിച്ച് ഇലക്ട്രിക് സ്വിച്ച് മിൻസാര പൊത്താൻ</p> 

27	Flaming Torch * എറിയുന്ന പന്തം ದೀವಟಗಿ ಳರಿಯುಂ ಪಢ್ತಮ್	
28	Flute ಓಢಕುಘಠ ಕುಲಳಲು ಪುಲಲಾಢ್ಗುಠುಲ	
29	Gas Stove ಗ್ಯಾಸ್ ಠ್ಠುವ ಗ್ಯಾಸ್ ಠ್ಠುವ ಳರಿವಾಯು ಅಢುಪು	
30	Grapes ಢುಢಿರಿಕುಲ ದ್ರಾಕೈ ತಿರಾಢ್ ಠಠಕಕೂಢ್ತು	
31	Harmonium ಹಾರ್ಢೂಢಿಯಂ ಹಾರ್ಮೋಢಿಯಂ ಹೂರ್ಢೂಢಿಯಮ್	
32	Helmet ಹೂಠುಢ್ಠ ಹೆಲ್ಮೆಟ್ ತಲೂಕಕವಠಮ್	

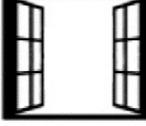
33	<p>Hockey Stick & Ball ഹോക്കി സ്റ്റിക്കും പന്തും ಹೋಕಿ ಸ್ಟಿಕ್ ಮತ್ತು ಚೆಂಡು ஹாக்கி மட்டையும் பந்தும்</p>	
34	<p>Hut * കുടിൽ ಗುಡಿಸಲು குடிசை</p>	
35	<p>Inkpot and Pen മഷിക്കുപ്പിയും പേനയും ಶಾಯಿಕುಪ್ಪಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪೆನ್ನು மைக்குப்பியும் பேனாவும்</p>	
36	<p>Iron ഇസ്തിരിപ്പെട്ടി ಇಸ್ತ್ರಿ ಪೆಟ್ಟಿಗೆ சலவைப்பெட்டி</p>	
37	<p>Kettle കെറ്റിൽ ಕೆಟ್ಲ್ கெட்டில்</p>	
38	<p>Kite* പട്ടം ಗಾಳಿಪಟ பட்டம்</p>	

39	<p>Laptop* ലാപ്ടോപ്പ് ലാപ്ടോപ്പ് കണിനി ഇയന്തിര പെட்டി</p>	
40	<p>Letter Box എഴുത്തു പെട്ടി അച്ചി പെട്ടി തപാൽ പെട്ടി</p>	
41	<p>Lock and Key * താഴും താക്കോലും ബന്ദു മത്തു ബന്ദു കീ പൂട്ടും ശാഖിയും</p>	
42	<p>Mobile Phone * മൊബൈൽ ഫോൺ മോബ്ബീൽ ഫോൺ കൈപേഴി</p>	
43	<p>Pineapple പൈനാപ്പിൾ അനാനാസു അന്നാസിപ്പഴം</p>	
44	<p>Plough കലപ്പ നേരില കലപ്തൈ</p>	
45	<p>Pressure Cooker പ്രഷർ കുക്കർ പ്രഷർ കുക്കർ പിരഷർ ക്രൂകർ</p>	

46	Railway Engine * തീവണ്ടി എൻജിൻ റೈലു എഞ്ചിൻ ഇരയിൽ ഇൻജിൻ	
47	Ring * മോതിരം ഡിംഗ് മോതിരം	
48	Rose * റോസാപൂവ് റൂലാല റോസാപ്പൂ	
49	Rubber Stamp റബ്ബർ സ്റ്റാമ്പ് റബ്ബർ സ്റ്റാമ്പ് ഇരപ്പർ സ്റ്റാമ്പ്	
50	Scissors ക്രതിക കട്ടുറ കത്തിരിക്കുകോൾ	
51	Sewing Machine * തയ്യൽ മെഷീൻ ഷീലിം യന്ത്ര തെയൽ മിഷിൻ	
52	Ship കപ്പൽ ഷിപ്പ് കപ്പൽ	

53	<p>Slate സ്ലേറ്റ് സ്ലേటు சிலேட்</p>	
54	<p>Stethoscope സ്റ്റെതസ്കോപ്പ് സ്റ്റீതോസ്കോപ്പ് இதயத்துடிப்பு மணி</p>	
55	<p>Stool സ്റ്റൂൾ സ്റ്റോலு ஸ்டூல்</p>	
56	<p>Table மேசு மேஜு மேசை</p>	
57	<p>Table Fan டேബிൾ ഫാൻ ടേബിൾ ഫാന് மேசை மின் விசிறி</p>	
58	<p>Table Lamp மேசு விளக்கு டேബிൾ லாம்பு மேசை விளக்கு</p>	
59	<p>Telephone * டெலிஹோன் டீலிஹோன் தொலைபேசி</p>	

60	<p>Television ടെലിവിഷൻ ടീലിവിഷൻ തൊலைக்கാட்சി പെட்டി</p>	
61	<p>Tennis Racket ടെന്നീസ് റാക്കറ്റ് ടീന്നീസ് രാക്കറ്റ് ഇറകുപந்து മட்டை</p>	
62	<p>Tom Tom പെരുമ്പറ ടോലോ முரசு</p>	
63	<p>Top പമ്പരം ലൂസറി പம்பരம்</p>	
64	<p>Tree * വൃക്ഷം മര மரம்</p>	
65	<p>Trumpet ട്രംപറ്റ് കപ്പൽ കൊമ്പു (ഇനതും ഇടൈക്കകരുവി)</p>	
66	<p>Two daos intersecting കോർത്തിരിക്കുന്ന രണ്ടു വാൾ പരസ്പര ഘേദിസവ റെടാ കട്ടിങ്ങ് കുறுക്കേ വൈക്കുപപ്റ്റ ഇരண்டு വാள்</p>	
67	<p>Two Swords and a Shield* രണ്ടുവാളും ഒരു പരിചയും റെടാ ഖട്ങൾ പാട്ടു ഓടാ സുരാൻ ഇരண்டு വാണു ഒരു കേഡഗ്രു</p>	

68	<p>Umbrella *</p> <p>കൂട കോട് കുடை</p>	
69	<p>Violin *</p> <p>വയലിൻ വയലിൻ വയലിൻ</p>	
70	<p>Water Pump</p> <p>പമ്പ് നെറീൻ പമ്പ് തண்ணീർ പമ്പു</p>	
71	<p>Water Tap</p> <p>ടാപ്പ് നെറീൻ നല്ലി തண்ணീർ കുഴாய്</p>	
72	<p>Whistle*</p> <p>വിസിൽ വിസിൽ വിസിൽ</p>	
73	<p>Window</p> <p>ജനാൽ കിടകി കണ്ണൽ</p>	

* Apple

- Allotted to Kerala Janapaksham (Secular) on priority basis.

* Auto Rickshaw

- Allotted to Akhila Kerala Trinamool Party on priority basis.

* Candles

- Allotted to Kerala Revolutionary Socialist Party (Leninist-Marxist) on priority basis.

* Car

- Allotted to Kerala Vikas Congress on priority basis.

* Conch

- Allotted to Kerala Janapaksham on priority basis.

- * *Cultivator Cutting Crop* – *Allotted to Indian Justice Democratic Party on priority basis.*
- * *Flaming Torch* – *Allotted to Revolutionary Socialist Party of Kerala (Bolshevik) RSP(B) on priority basis.*
- * *Hut* – *Allotted to Deseeya Praja Socialist Party on priority basis.*
- * *Kite* – *Allotted to Bharatiya National Janata Dal on priority basis.*
- * *Laptop* – *Allotted to Kerala Congress (SkariahThomas) 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.*
- * *Railway Engine* – *Allotted to Social Action Party on priority basis.*
- * *Ring* – *Allotted to National Democratic Party (Secular) 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.*
- * *Telephone* – *Allotted to Bharathiya Jana Shabd (BJS) on priority basis.*
- * *Tom Tom* – *Allotted to Samajvadi Jana Parishad on priority basis.*
- * *Tree* – *Allotted to Indian Labour Party (Ambedkarphule) on priority basis.*
- * *Two Swords and a Shield* – *Allotted to Hindustan National Party on priority basis.*
- * *Umbrella* – *Allotted to Secular National Dravida Party (SNDP) on priority basis.*
- * *Violin* – *Allotted to Kerala Democratic Party (KDP) 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 unrecognised 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 un recognized 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 Union Territories 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 a person 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 a candidate 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 3.00 pm 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 in favour 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 Returning Officer in respect of two or more candidates and the political party fails to indicate in such 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 is wrong 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