



STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, KERALA
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM-695033

No: **B5/44/2024-SEC**

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Sub:- State Election Commission-General Election to Local Self Government Institutions-2025-Web Casting and Videography-Criteria for Determining Sensitive Polling Booths

Ref:- Letter of even no. dated 08.10.2025 of the Secretary, State Election Commission, Kerala

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The State Election Commission have decided to provide Web Casting in Sensitive Polling Stations across the State in the forthcoming General Election to Local Self Government Institutions 2025 as part of ensuring free and fair poll process with utmost transparency. As per the reference 1st cited, the Commission directed all District Election Officers to furnish the list of sensitive Polling Booths under their jurisdiction to Commission before 22.10.2025. The Commission hereby fix the parameters /criteria that shall be used to identify sensitive and hyper sensitive polling stations/booths .

1. Past voting behaviour/patterns: If past elections show very high turnout (e.g. > 90%) or huge vote share for a single candidate (say > 75%).
2. Low turnout polling stations: Very low participation (e.g. < 10%) in previous elections.
3. Re-polls/electoral malpractices earlier : Booths where re-poll was ordered due to irregularities, booth capturing, or where there were allegations of serious violations or obstructions to voters
4. Violence/Law & order incidents: Where there has been violence on

polling days leading to lodging of FIRs, or serious threats in earlier elections (or even pre-poll intimidation). Political reivalry intensity and districts with known political volatility.

5. Vulnerable population segments: Presence of weaker/vulnerable communities (e.g. minorities, Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes, religious or linguistic minorities, etc.), or areas with socio-economic disadvantage.
6. Areas with muscle power / money power / criminal elements. Places where influential persons (local strongmen), groups known to use undue influence or where money/muscle power have been used before.
7. Geographical / remoteness factors : Remote areas, forested, difficult to access, or areas with poor transport / communication infrastructure may be more vulnerable, LWE areas.
8. Intimidation or threats : Pre-poll complaints about threats, harassment, or coercion of voters; reports of defacement of private property linked to campaigns; harassment of political workers or voters
9. Campaigning violations / model code breaches: Frequent violations of MCC (Model Code of Conduct), including misuse of public resources, amenities, or police / administration, may signal a polling station is high risk
Complaints received
10. Complaints received: Pre-poll/post poll complaints about misconduct, threats, vote buying or bribery in that area.

Yours faithfully,

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