

## **GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

## Abstract

Finance Department – Special Leave for Covid-19 – Clarification – Orders issued.

## FINANCE (RULES-B) DEPARTMENT

G.O. (P) No. 179/2021/Fin

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 30/12/2021

Read: 1. G.O. (Rt) No.1247/2020/GAD dt. 20.03.2020

2. G.O. (Ms) No.112/2020/GAD dt. 07.06.2020

3. G.O. (Ms) No.117/2020/GAD dt. 18.06.2020

4. G.O. (Ms) No. 128/2020/GAD dt. 02.07.2020

5. Circular No. DMA2/1021/2020/DMD dt. 23.03.2021

6. G.O. (Rt) No. 634/2021/DMD dt. 15.09.2021

7. G.O. (Rt) No. 662/2021/DMD dt. 28.09.2021

## ORDER

As per the Government Orders and the Circular read above, officers have been granted Special Casual Leave for management of Covid-19 infection and related issues. Now, several doubts have been raised regarding combination of this leave with other kinds of leave and also as to whether this leave period will be considered as duty for probation.

Considering the various orders regarding functioning of Government offices during the period of Covid-19 pandemic and the special circumstances that necessitated the sanctioning of this leave, Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to issue the following orders in continuation of the orders read above:

- (i). Special Casual Leave sanctioned for Covid-19 is renamed as 'Special Leave for Covid-19.'
- (ii). Such leave will be combined with Casual Leave and/or any other kind of leave due and admissible. It is permissible to allow public holidays or vacation to intervene between two kinds of leave. Similarly, public holidays or vacation may be prefixed or suffixed to leave or both prefixed and suffixed.
- (iii). Employees on Leave without Allowance under Appendix XII-A, XII-B, XII-C, Part I, the Kerala Service Rules will not be eligible for Special Leave for Covid-19 during the currency of or in continuation of LWA under those rules.
- (iv). The period of Special Leave for Covid-19 will be treated as duty for probation as a special case.
- (v). The leave salary will be as under Rule 92, Part I, the Kerala Service Rules.
- (vi). Appointing Authority/Controlling Authority will be competent to sanction the leave subject to these conditions and those specified in the Government Orders and the Circular read above.

By order of the Governor,

GEETHA M. ADDITIONAL SECRETARY (FINANCE)

The Principal Accountant General (A&E), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Accountant General (Audit)-II, Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

All Additional Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries/Secretaries/Special

Secretaries/Additional Secretaries/Joint Secretaries/Deputy Secretaries/Under

Secretaries to Government.

The Secretary to Governor, Raj Bhavan.

The Private Secretary to Speaker/Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

The Additional Secretary to the Chief Secretary.

The Private Secretaries to the Chief Minister and other Ministers.

The Private Secretary to the Leader of Opposition.

All Heads of Departments / Offices.

All Departments and Sections of the Secretariat.

The Director of Treasuries, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Secretary, K.P.S.C., Thiruvananthapuram (with C.L.)

The Registrar, High Court of Kerala, Ernakulam (with C.L.)

The Registrar, University of Kerala/Kochi/Calicut/Mahatma Gandhi/Kannur (with C.L.)

The Registrar, Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies (with C.L.)

The Registrar, Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (with C.L.)

The Registrar, Kerala University of Health & Allied Sciences (with C.L.)

The Registrar, National University of Advanced Legal Studies (with C.L.)

The Registrar, Central University of Kerala (with C.L.)

The Registrar, Thunchath Ezhuthachan Malayalam University (with C.L)

The Registrar, Kerala Lok Ayukta, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Registrar, Kerala Agricultural University, Mannuthi.

The Registrar, Sree Sankara Sanskrit University, Kalady (with C.L.)

The Secretary, Ombudsman for Local Self Government, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Advocate General, Kerala, Ernakulam (with C.L.)

The Secretary, K.S.E.B., Thiruvananthapuram (with C.L.)

The General Manager, K.S.R.T.C., Thiruvananthapuram.

The Secretary, Human Rights Commission, Thiruvananthapuram.

The State Election Commissioner, Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

The State Chief Information Commissioner (with C.L.)

Disaster Management (A) Department (vide File no DMA2/433/2021-DMD)

P&AR (Adv-A) Department (vide File no ADV-A1/313/2021-P&ARD)

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