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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA

No. EC-CON-COE-0009-2026- **2178**/Elec. Bhubaneswar, Dated the **2nd** April, 2026
From

Sri Gopinath Kuanr,
Joint Chief Electoral Officer-cum-
Joint Secretary to Government

To

Addl. Chief Secretaries/ Principal Secretaries/
Commissioner-cum-Secretaries of Govt.
All Heads of Department,
All Revenue Divisional Commissioners,
All DEOs & Collectors,
All Public Sector Undertakings / Corporations / Boards

Sub: **General Elections to the Legislative Assembly of Puducherry, 2026 – Grant of Paid holiday to employees on the day of Poll who are electors of Puducherry- regarding.**

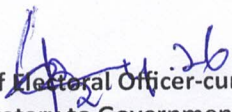
Sir,

In inviting a reference to the subject cited above, I am directed to enclose herewith the letter dt.24.03.2026 of the Deputy Chief Electoral Officer, Puducherry along with its enclosures (instructions of ECI) relating to grant of paid holiday to employees who are working in Odisha and entitled to vote at elections to the Legislative Assembly of Puducherry on the day of poll i.e on **09.04.2026 (Thursday)**.

It is to mention here that Section 135 B of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 provides grant of paid holiday to the employees on the day of poll. The provisions under the said Section require that all employees of establishments and shops including those who work on shift basis shall be granted a paid holiday on the day of poll in the constituency where an election is to be held. Further, there may be cases where a person who is ordinarily a resident of the Constituency and registered as an elector, may be serving / employed in an industrial undertaking or an establishment located outside the constituency having an election. It is clarified that in such a situation, even those electors including casual workers working outside the constituency concerned would be entitled to the benefit of a paid holiday extended under the Section 135B (1) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 and the daily wage/casual workers are also entitled for a holiday and wages on poll day as provided in Section 135B of the R.P.Act, 1951.

This is for favour of kind information and necessary action.

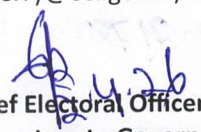
Yours faithfully,


Joint Chief Electoral Officer-cum-
Joint Secretary to Government

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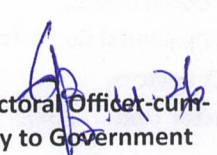
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Copy along with copy of enclosures forwarded to the Dy. CEO-cum-Deputy Secretary to Govt (OE Section), O/o-CEO, Odisha for information & necessary action.


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Joint Secretary to Government