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Providing Relief to the Government Officers who are entitled to exercise Political Rights and contested at the Elections/Polls which were postponed

A decision has been taken at the meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers held on 19.07.2019 to grant following reliefs to the government officers, who are entitled to exercise political rights and on leave to contest for an election/poll, at such occasions where the election/poll is postponed.

02. Accordingly, sub section 2:3:2, Chapter XXXII of the Establishments Code is hereby revised with the inclusion of following sub sections immediately after the sub section 2:3:2:1.

2:3:2:2 At such times where the election/poll is postponed after determining the date of election/ poll and accepting nominations due to an order issued by the court or an urgent situation,

- (I) The total period up to the date of issuing the results of the election/poll should be treated as the leave with no pay a such occasion where the date for holding new election/poll within the period of three months from the closing date of nominations.
- (II) At such occasions where new date is not declared for holding new election/poll even by the last date of the period of three months from the date of nomination, the government officers who are on leave with no pay, being the candidates, should be granted opportunity to report for duty, up to the new date for the election declared by the Returning Officer from the date following the closing date of the period of three months. Further, an affidavit should be obtained from the respective officers to the effect that they do not occupy in the works of political parties, publicity/ promotional campaigns taking advantage of his/her employment during the office hours within this period.
- (III) When the date is declared by the returning officer for holding election/poll with an order issued by the court/ settling the urgent situation, the period from the aforesaid date up to the date on which the results are issued holding such election/poll should be treated again as a period on no pay leave.

2:3:2:3 At such occasions where the election/poll, for which the date for holding such election/poll has been notified, is postponed before accepting nominations either on an order issued by the court or urgent situation,

- (I) The officers to whom leave on no pay has been approved by the date on which the notification for the postponement of election/poll has been issued, should report for duty at the service station where he served for the last time, on the day following the issuance of the notification.
- (II) Further, action shall be taken as per the provisions in sub section 2:3:2, Chapter XXXII, Volume I of the Establishments Code when the date for conducting election/poll is notified again.

2:3:2:4 At such occasions where nominations have been handed over for an election/poll and they have been rejected, the officers who are on leave on no pay by the date on which the notification on rejection is issued should report for duty, at the at the service station where he served for the last time, on the day following the issuance of the notification of rejection.

2:3:2:5 At such occasions, where an election/poll has been held but the issuance of the results of such election/ poll has been cancelled on specific grounds, and the period from the date of the notification which has been issued cancelling the election/poll up to the date, on which the date for election/poll is notified again, exceeds more than three months, the public officers, who are on leave on no pay for such election/poll, should be allowed to report for duty during the period from the date, on which that period of three months exceeds, up to the date, on which the date for the election/poll is notified again.

2:3:2:6 The officers may be allowed to obtain unavailed annual leave, if any for these period of leave on no pay mentioned in sub section 2:3:2:2 to 2:3:2:5 above.

03. These provisions are implemented from 19.07.2019

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