



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Kerala Legislative Assembly – Revision of Salaries and Allowances of the Ministers, the Speaker, the Deputy Speaker, the Leader of Opposition, the Government Chief Whip and the Members of Legislative Assembly – to study and recommend suggestions – Appointment of Justice J.M. James, Retired Judge, High Court of Kerala as Commission - Orders issued.

SECRETARIAT OF THE KERALA LEGISLATURE

G.O. (Rt) No. 1000 /2017/Leg.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram 04.05.2017.

Read:- 1. G.O (Rt) No.1370/2011/Leg. Dated 1/9/2011

ORDER

The previous comprehensive revision of Salaries and Allowances of the Ministers, the Speaker, the Deputy Speaker, the Leader of Opposition, the Government Chief Whip and Members of the Legislative Assembly was done in the year 2012, based on the recommendations of Justice R. Rajendra Babu Commission appointed by the then Hon'ble Speaker vide Government Order read as (1) above.

The Leader of Opposition has now requested the Chief Minister for a revision of Salaries and Allowances of Members and Pension and Allowances of Ex-Members. The request was forwarded to the Honourable Speaker for consideration and necessary action. Considering the request and giving due regard to the substantial increase in the cost of living, the Honourable Speaker in consultation with the Honourable Chief Minister is pleased to appoint Justice J.M. James (Retired Judge, High Court of Kerala and Former Secretary, Kerala Legislative Assembly) as Commission to study and make recommendations for the revision of Salaries and Allowances of Ministers, the Speaker, the Deputy Speaker, the Leader of Opposition, the Government Chief Whip and the Members and the pensionary benefits of Ex-Members of the Legislative Assembly.

I. The terms of reference of the study shall be as follows:

(1) to consider and suggest modifications or enhancement, if found necessary, for

- (i) the Salaries and Allowances of the Ministers, the Speaker, the Deputy Speaker, the Leader of Opposition and the Government Chief Whip.
- (ii) the various Allowances Including Travelling Allowance of the Members of the Legislative Assembly.
- (iii) the Medical Facilities and Accident Insurance to the Ministers, the Speaker, the Deputy Speaker, the Leader of Opposition, the Government Chief Whip, and the Members of the Legislative Assembly.
- (v) the Pension, Allowances, Medical facilities and free Transit facility to the Ex-Members of the Kerala Legislative Assembly with special emphasis on the Medical Attendance to the Ex-Members of the Kerala Legislative Assembly Rules, 1988.

(2) to examine and suggest the feasibility of providing free air travel facility to Members for performing official journey.

(3) to examine and suggest the amendments to be made to The Payment of Salaries and Allowances Act 1951, The Kerala Payment of Pension to Members of Legislature Act, 1976 and the Rules made thereto, in accordance with the modifications recommended.

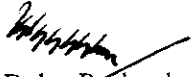
(4) to examine and suggest any allied matters in connection with the above subjects.

II. While making recommendations:

- i) The Salaries, Allowances and other benefits of the Members of Parliament and other State Legislatures and Pensionary benefits extended to Ex-Members of Parliament and other State Legislatures shall be taken into account.

- ii) The financial position of the State shall be taken into consideration.
- III. The Report shall be submitted on or before 31st August, 2017.

By Order of the Governor.


V.K. Babu Prakash,
Secretary.

To:

1. The Principal Accountant General(Audit) Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
2. The Accountant General (E&RSA), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
3. The Private Secretary to Speaker.
4. The Private Secretary to Chief Minister.
5. The Private Secretary to Minister for Finance & Coir.
6. The Private Secretary to Leader of Opposition
7. The Chief Secretary.
8. The Principal Secretary, Parliamentary Affairs Department.
9. Justice J.M. James (Retired Judge, High Court of Kerala)
10. PA to Secretary
11. PA to Special Secretary
12. Joint Secretary, Services
13. Finance Officer
14. The Stock file.