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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

GAD (POLITICAL)—PROTOCOL—WARRANT OF PRECEDENCE—ORDER OF
PRECEDENCE TO BE OBSERVED AT STATE FUNCTIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF
KERALA—MODIFIED—ORDERS ISSUED

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (POLITICAL) DEPARTMENT

G. O. (Rt.) No. 8888/2012/GAD. Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 19th October, 2012.

- Read:*—1. Order No. 66398/Pol.1/1995/GAD dated 23-1-1996.
2. G. O. (Rt.) No. 7353/99/GAD dated 4-10-1999.
3. G. O. (Rt.) No. 9286/99/GAD Dated 16-12-1999.

ORDER

Government Order that in supersession of all previous instructions on the subject, the Order of Precedence appended to this order shall be observed at all state functions in Kerala.

By order of the Governor,

K. JAYAKUMAR,

*Chief Secretary to Government and
Chief of Protocol.*

To

All M.P.'s/MLA's.

The Air Officer, Commanding in Chief, Southern Air Command,
Thiruvananthapuram.

The Flag Officer, Southern Naval Command, Kochi.

The Station Commander, Army Headquarters, Pangode, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Director General of Police, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Additional Director General of Police (Int.), Thiruvananthapuram.

The Principal Secretary to Chief Minister.

The Secretary, Kerala Legislature.

The Secretary to Governor, Raj Bhavan, Thiruvananthapuram.

All District Collector's.

The Inspector General of Police (Security), Thiruvananthapuram.

The Commandant, Fire and Rescue Services, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Registrar, All Universities.

All Heads of Departments.

All Commissioner's of Police.

All Superintendents of Police.

The Director, Press Information Bureau, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Director of Information and Public Relations, Thiruvananthapuram
(for giving wide publicity).

The Principal Accountant General (Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

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

The P. S. to Hon'ble Chief Minister.

The Political Secretary to Chief Minister.

The Press Secretary to Chief Minister.

The P. S. to Hon'ble Speaker, Kerala Legislative Assembly (with covering
letter).

The P. S. to All Minister's.

The Additional Secretary to Chief Secretary.

The P. A. to Additional Chief Secretary (Revenue/Home/Fisheries/P&ARD/
Election).

The P. A. to All Principal Secretaries/Secretaries to Government.

The P. A. to Secretary (GAD).

The C A to State Protocol Officer.

The Additional State Protocol Officer.

Web and New Media, I & PRD, Secretariat (for publishing in Government
website)

Copy to:

P. S. to Chief Minister.

P. S. to All Ministers.

Additional Secretary to Chief Secretary.

P. A. to All A.C.S/Principal Secretaries/Secretaries/Special Secretaries.

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APPENDIX

ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

<i>Article of the warrant</i>	<i>Name of the Post</i>
1	President
2	Vice President
3	Prime Minister
4	Governor
5	Former Presidents of India
6	Chief Justice of India Speaker of the Lok Sabha
7	Cabinet Ministers of the Union Chief Minister
7A	Holders of Bharat Retna Decoration
8	Chief Ministers of States outside their respective States Governors of States outside their respective States
9	Judges of Supreme Court
10	Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha Deputy Chief Minister Ministers of State of the Union
14	Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Chief Justice of the High Court Kerala Lok Ayukta
15	Cabinet Ministers of the State Government Chief Government Whip Deputy Ministers of the Union Government Leader of the Opposition Vice Chairman, State Planning Board

<i>Article of the warrant</i>	<i>Name of the Post</i>
17	Chairman, Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes Chairperson, Kerala State Human Rights Commission Kerala Upa Lok Ayukta President, State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission Puisne Judges of the High Court
18	Deputy Speaker, Legislative Assembly Mayor
21A	Members of Parliament
21B	Members of the Legislative Assembly
23	Army Commanders/Vice Chief of Army Staff or equivalent in other Services Chief Secretary to Government Flag Officer Commanding in Chief, Southern Naval Command Members of Kerala State Human Rights Commission Members of the Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes Officers in the Rank of Chief Secretary Officers of the Rank of Lt. General or equivalent Rank
25	Advocate General Chairman and Members of the Kerala Public Service Commission Chief Information Commissioner Commissioners and Secretaries to Government Director General of Police Lt. Governors of Union Territories visiting the State Officers of the Rank of the Director General of Police Presidents of District Panchayats within their jurisdiction Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Members of the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal, Kochi Vice Chancellors

*Article of the
warrant*

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Name of the Post

Accountant General
 Chief Conservator of Forests
 Collector of Customs and Central Excise
 Commissioner of Income Tax
 Director, Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre
 General Manager, Telecommunications
 Inspector General of Police and Officers of the Rank
 of Inspector General of Police
 Major Generals or Officers of equivalent Rank
 Post Master General
 Secretaries to Government and Members of Indian
 Administrative Service on super time scale
 Secretary, Legislative Assembly
 Secretary to Governor

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Chairman of Statutory Corporations
 District and Sessions Judges within their jurisdiction
 District Collectors within their jurisdiction
 Special Secretaries to Government

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Additional Secretaries to Government
 Brigadier in Command of Brigade and Officers of
 equivalent rank
 D. I. G of Police
 Conservators of Forests
 District and Sessions Judges outside their jurisdiction
 District Collectors outside their jurisdiction
 Judicial Officers of the rank of District Judges
 Major Heads of Departments
 Managing Directors of Statutory Corporations

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Chief Judicial Magistrates and Sub Judges within their
 jurisdiction
 Heads of Medium Departments
 Joint Secretaries to Government
 Superintendents of Police within their jurisdiction

*Article of the
warrant**Name of the Post*

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Chief Judicial Magistrates and Sub Judges outside their jurisdiction

Deputy Secretaries to Government

Heads of Minor Departments

Officers in the senior scale of All India Services

Note 1.—The order in this Table of Precedence is meant for State and ceremonial occasions and has no application in the day-to-day business of Government.

Note 2.—Persons in the order of Precedence will take rank in the order of the number of articles. The entries in the same article are arranged alphabetically. Persons included in the same article will take precedence interse according to the date of entry into that Article.

Note 3.—In Article 7, the Chief Minister concerned will take precedence over Cabinet Ministers of the Union in official functions held in the State.

Note 4.—In Article 8, Governors of States outside their respective States will enblock rank above Chief Ministers of State outside their respective States.

Note 5.—In Article 26, Secretary to Governor and Secretary to Legislative Assembly have been placed in position indicated based on the rank equivalent to a Secretary to Government. If Officers of other ranks occupy the position, their rank in the warrant will also automatically change.

Note 6. In all public functions organized by the State Departments/PSU's the guidelines stipulated under G. O. (Ms.) No. 141/2012/GAD dated 11-6-2012 may also be followed.
