

# ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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To,  
**Supratim Sarkar**  
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Observer Code  
P-20197

Subject: General Elections to Legislative Assemblies of Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and West Bengal and Bye-Elections, 2026 - Appointment of Police Observer - reg.

Dear Sir/Madam,

In exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 324 of the Constitution of India and Section 20B of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, the Election Commission, hereby, appoints you as its Police Observer for the General Elections to Legislative Assemblies of Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and West Bengal and Bye-Elections, 2026.

## 2. You Will be Observer in -

<b>Name Of State/UT:</b>	<b>Tamil Nadu</b>
<b>No. &amp; Name of Assembly Segments[District]</b>	<b>224-Tirunelveli(Tirunelveli), 225-Ambasamudram(Tirunelveli), 226-Palayamkottai(Tirunelveli), 227-Nanguneri(Tirunelveli), 228-Radhapuram(Tirunelveli)</b>
<b>Date of Reporting:</b>	<b>You are Allocated in above mentioned Constituency(ies). You are required to report to the assigned AC/District on 01/04/2026.</b>

3. This allocation is subject to change, if the situation so warrants. Under Section 13CC of the Representation of the People Act, 1950 and Section 28A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, you will be deemed to be on deputation to the Election Commission during the period you are deployed as Observer. You will be subject to the control, superintendence, and discipline of the Election Commission.

4. As Observer of the Commission, you are entitled for TA/DA as admissible on tour. You will draw TA/DA from your Ministry/Department/ Office. The expenditure will be debitible to the Budget grant of your Ministry/ Department/Office. You are also entitled to travel by air by any scheduled commercial flight of any Airlines. However, whenever you travel by train, it shall be as per your entitled class.

5. Request of permission for temporary absence, leave etc. in case of undeployed Observers, should be taken up with Observer Planning Section/Secretary concerned. However, in case of deployed Observers, the request of permission for temporary absence, leave etc. should be taken up with Zonal Deputy Election Commissioner/ Secretary concerned and the same will be processed by Zonal Division concerned with the approval of Zonal DEC, who shall be competent Authority to approve the same. In all such aforementioned cases, unless a reply is received in that regard, the permission shall not be deemed to have been accorded.

6. All requests for exemption should be routed through your Sponsoring Authority. No exemption requests shall be deemed to have been accepted unless you receive communication in writing from Commission that your exemption requests have been accepted by the Commission.

7. Your visit schedule and duration of stay will be as per the visit schedule prescribed in attached Annexure – A for the respective phase of the assigned AC(s)/District(s).

8. You are also directed that no appreciation letter of any kind will be issued by you to the Returning Officer or to any other election related official while you are working as Observer of the Election Commission of India or even later on in the same capacity. If the Observer is of the view that any election related official needs to be appreciated, he/she should send his/her proposal to Election Commission giving full reasons. The Observer will not issue any direction regarding transfer of officers etc. to the District Election Officer /Returning Officer or to any other election related official. In case any deviation in the conduct of officials is noted by the Observer, the same may be brought to the notice of the Commission immediately so that the Commission may take appropriate action on the matter.

9. Kindly upload your photograph on Observer portal and print your ID card. You may also update your Bank Details in the Personal Information Sheet on Observer portal if not yet done. This information is required for transferring honorarium through NEFT i.e. Account Holder Name, Account No., Bank Name, Branch Name and IFSC Code. You should change your password on first login. For 1st time user, please set your password through forgot password link. The link to the Observer Portal is <https://observers.eci.gov.in/>

10. The detailed Election schedule is available on the Commission's Website.

(Observer's Helpline number:011-23360018/+91-6376600124 Email: support-oms@eci.gov.in)

Yours faithfully,



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