

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Parliamentary Gateway-Students Parliament –Conducting of student parliament-
Approved-Orders issued-

Parliamentary Affairs (A) Department
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ORDER

The Govt.have accorded sanction for the innovative initiative – Parliamentary Gateway” – an eleven point action plan to nurture, promote and foster healthy regard to parliamentary practices, vide the order read above. This was declared as a policy of the Govt.in the Governors Address to the Legislative Assembly on 24.1.03. Setting up student Parliament is one of the activities envisaged in the Parliamentary Gateway.

The objectives of student parliament scheme are to strengthen the roots of democracy, to inculcate in the young minds healthy habits of discipline, tolerance of views of others and to equip them with the knowledge of Parliamentary procedure and practices; in order to give them an opportunity to know the avenues available to their elected representatives for bringing before parliament public grievances and to discuss matters of urgent National and public importance and also to provide a forum for the students to develop an awareness of social needs and a habit of arriving at decisions after free and frank debates and discussions.

The programme involves District level and State level competitions as per the detailed scheme appended to this order. The District level competitions will be completed by the end of December 2003 and the State level competition during January 2004. The District level competitions will be conducted by the District Collectors with the participation and Co-operation of he Educational authorities and District information Officers.

Rupees 50000/- will be allotted to each District for conducting District level competitions. Rupees 200000/- will be allotted for conducting state level competitions. PRD will give vide publicity of the student parliament competitions in leading News papers. Sanction is accorded for the conduct of the programme student Parliament as per the scheme appended to this order at an estimated expenditure of Rs.9 lakhs (Rupees Nine lakhs only).

The total expenditure of Rs.9 lakh will be met from the amount of Rs.One crore provided under the Head of Account 2052-00-090-86 PAD in the current years' Budget.

(By Order of the Governor)

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To

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The Director of Public Relations, Thiruvananthapuram
The Director of Collegiate Education, Thiruvananthapuram
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The Higher Education Dept.s
The Finance Department
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Section Officer

Student Parliament

Introduction

Institute of Parliamentary Studies set up by Government in Parliamentary Affairs Department is conducting "Student Parliament competitions" for College students during the year 2003-04.

1.OBJECTIVE OF THE SCHEME

With a view to develop democratic ethos in Younger generation, to strengthen the roots of democracy, inculcate healthy habits of discipline, tolerance of views of others and to enable the student community to know about the Parliamentary practices, the scheme 'Student Parliament' is evolved. The likely gains from such an exercise include Giving young people training in democracy and politics and to kindle an interest in national issues.

2. OPERATION OF THE SCHEME

The scheme 'Student Parliament' will be operated by the Institute of Parliamentary studies in Parliamentary Affairs Department in collaboration with the District administration and the Education Department.

3.ELEGIBILITY FOR ENTRY INTO COMPETITIONS

All recognized Arts and Science colleges in the State can take part. The District Collector concerned will finalize the list of participants in consultation with the Department of Parliamentary Affairs and the Department of Education.

4.Period of competition

The student Parliament competition will be held every year. The detailed Programme shall be drawn up by the Parliamentary Affairs Dept. and circulated to the Education authorities for information

5.DURATION OF A SESSION

The duration of a student Parliament sitting should not be more than eight hours and out of the above 60 minutes may be devoted to questions.

6.SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE YOUTH PARLIAMENT

No particular subject is proposed. However it is desirable that subject, relate to welfare activity, social Justice, Social Reforms, economic development, communal harmony, health, student discipline, development of the State and Gender mainstreaming. The subject will be informed to the participants at District level and State levels during the time of orientation and training prior to the actual competition.

7) Language: -English, or Malayalam

8. COMMITTEE OF JUDGES

A Committee of judges having 3 members will be constituted by the District Collector for the District level competition and by Parliamentary Affairs Department for the State level competition. Judges may be chosen from different walks of life.

9.COMPETITIONS

Competition will be held at two Levels.1 District levels 2. State Level.

District Level Competition

Each College interested to participate in the competition shall nominate 5 students of whom a minimum of 2 shall be girls. The College shall take care to nominate students

who are well informed in Parliamentary and Legislative procedures, good orators and role models.

The District Collector, with the help of the Educational authorities, will conduct the District Level Competition. The nominated students from each college may be formed into assorted groups consisting of boys and girls and they will be briefed and oriented in Parliamentary procedures. The District Collector will arrange to conduct the above orientation programme carried out in two sessions spread over a day. The competitions will be provided simple reference materials containing rules, regulations, practices and procedures in the Parliament/Assembly. Each candidate will be assigned a specific role (e.g. Chief Minister, Leader of opposition, Ministers, Members etc.) during the day of the orientation. The Youth Parliament competition will be held with in a week of the orientation programme.

Time Management- Each Candidate shall be allowed a maximum of 5 minutes to speak in the Parliament.

2. Selection to State Level

From each district three candidates, on the basis of evaluation of merit of their performance, will be selected and nominated by the District Collector to the State level competition. The District level selection may be based on the following criteria.

1) Role clarity	5 Marks
2) Tone and tenor of presentation	4 Marks
3) Content	5 Marks
4) Convincing capacity	3 Marks
5) Tolerance of views of others	3 Marks
6) Time management	2 Marks
7) Body language	3 Marks
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	25 Marks

If there is a tie in the assessed marks the name will be put to lot and the winner will be decided.

Prizes

Candidates securing 1st, 2nd and 3rd place at district level will be awarded cash prizes for Rs.2500/-, 2000/-, & Rs.1500/- respectively.

T.A./D.A

Candidates nominated from the college and attending the district level Competition will be given T.A./Food Allowance at the rate of Rs.200/- (Two hundred rupees only) for each day. The T.A./food Allowance will be given for both the days- the day of orientation and the day of competition.

State level

State level competition is expected to have a maximum of 42 parliamentarians (3 winners each from 14 districts). The State level competition will be conducted in two days. A training and orientation programme will be conducted on the first day during which each candidate will be assigned a specific role to be performed on the day of the competition. Three candidates will be selected, based on their performance, for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize which will carry a prize money of Rs.5000/-, 4000/-, 3000/- respectively. Candidate securing 4th & 5th places will be awarded consolation prizes of Rs.2000/- each. In case of a tie the winner will be decided by lot. The participants in the state level competition will be given

T.A /Food Allowance at the rate to be fixed later by the Parliamentary Affairs Department.

The criteria for selection at state level competition will be

1) Mode of presentation	6 Marks
2) Non verbal communication skills	3 marks
3) Capacity for counter arguments	4 marks
4) Enlisting support of fellow-Parliamentarians	2 marks
5) Convincing capacity	3 marks
6) Content	5 marks
7) Appreciation by the opposition	2 marks
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	25 Marks

10. Funds

An Amount of Rs.50, 000 (Fifty Thousand Rupees) will be placed at the disposal of the District Collector for the conduct of the competitions at District level. The District Collector shall send a detailed expenditure statement along with supporting vouchers on conclusion of the competition. Savings if any after the actual expenditure will be returned to Parliamentary Affairs Department.

11. Report

The District Collector /the District Education authorities concerned will send on conclusion of the competition, a report to Parliamentary Affairs Department indicating the number of colleges which participated, evaluating the performance based on merit, the details of individual prizes awarded, details of other connected expenses etc.

12.Co-ordinator

The District Collector may nominate any officers/non official as the Co-ordinator of the ocompetition at the District level and he/she shall be responsible for the successful conduct of the competion observing all norms and proprieties.