COMMON MINIMUM PROGRAMME

On the 14th of March 2017, an alliance of BJP, MGP and Goa Forward Party, along with the support of independents, formed a government with a commitment to work for the betterment of Goans through an agreed Common Minimum Program under the theme of “SABKA SAATH SABKA VIKAS - WITH GOEMKARPONN ”. Given below are the highlights of the program that would be the priority for this government, and would go a long way towards the welfare of the state of Goa.
1. Agriculture /Animal Husbandry / Fisheries

These are the traditional sectors in Goa that have suffered and have had a negative growth all along except for the past five years. In order to enhance their potential and generate employment in these sectors, the government will take the following steps:-

1) Revisit the Agricultural Tenancy Act and make necessary amendments to ensure speedy disposal of cases through special Mamlatdar courts.

2) Necessary amendments in the legislation to recognise coconut as a state tree.

3) Ensure protection of agricultural and Khazan lands through local legislation if required.

4) Formulate suitable policies and financial support to encourage mechanised farming and agriculture.

5) Create local farmers' markets at designated spaces along the highway for local farmers to display and sell their produce.

6) Brand Goan farm products.

7) Encourage and facilitate setting up of agriculture schools / colleges.

8) Encourage and facilitate setting up of agriculture / floriculture estates.

9) Interest waiver on agricultural loans upto Rs. 1 lakh.
2. Investments / Employment

1. Review all cases approved by the IPB to ensure that they are in tune with the State Investment Policy. Make necessary amendments to the IPB Act to make Goa truly an investor-friendly state by facilitating single-window clearances for all proposals, thus generating employment for locals.

2. Introduce incentive schemes under investment promotion to those investors employing 80% locals to ensure and encourage local employment.

3. Impart skill training to enable our youth to be better suited to avail of the employment opportunities within the state.

4. Modify tourism policy to ensure high employment and employability of local youth.

3. Housing

Housing for all by 2022 is the motto of this Government.

1. Create special hubs of affordable housing through Housing Board on land parcels available with government and government bodies.

2. Rehabilitate slums that exist in the state.

3. Rehabilitate worn-down and congested wadas/clusters through special support package.
4. **Infrastructure**

1. Complete various bridges and road widening on NH 17 and NH4A as also NH17B for port connectivity.

2. Formulate and implement a comprehensive mobility plan for efficient connectivity using roads and other means of transport.

3. Complete all sports related facilities for conducting under 17 world cup football games, National Games and other national and international events.

4. Ensure better facilities at Goa Medical Complex including a super speciality complex.

5. Strengthen and enhance the existing network of water, sewerage and electricity.
5. Regional Plan

1. Frame a clear cut land use policy. While usage of land under forest, Khazan, CRZ (with Regulations), steep slope, eco-sensitive zones, wild life and open spaces will not be permitted, the owners of these lands however could be considered for compensation through transferable development rights. These aspects and other issues shall be part of the deliberations towards putting the policy framework in place.

2. Regional Plan for 2030 will be taken up Taluka-wise for completion after policy is in place.

3. Amend the Town & Country Planning Act to ensure open spaces and road widening areas are handed over to respective local authority for further development.
6. Education

1. Quality of the education will be the hallmark of educational policy of the Government. Impart skill training, value education and other initiatives to ensure all-round development of our youth, to make them confident and employable, and also make them entrepreneurship oriented while continuing the current policy on MOI without any change.

2. Implement the neighbourhood school concept along with upgradation of primary education, especially Government Primary Schools.

3. Set up Institutions of Physiotherapy, Sports and Sports Medicines and Centre for Film Production & Studies.
7. Social Welfare

1. Strengthen all existing social welfare schemes like, DSSY, Griha Adhar and Ladli Laxmi Deenadayal Swastha Yojana initiated by the government in the past after a comprehensive review on its impact on the beneficiaries.

2. Enhance and strengthen the schemes and facilities for senior citizens and special children.

3. Activate and support the Minority Finance Corporation to ensure benefits to the deserving.

4. Formulate policy on crematorium/burial facilities for all communities.

8. Scheduled Tribe Welfare

1. Take up the issue with Government of India regarding inclusion of Dhangar community in ST.

9. Solid Waste Management

1. Set up waste management facilities along with all requisite support system to segregate and collect garbage to ensure a garbage-free Goa by 2022.
10. General

1. Ensure sensitive, responsive and accountable governance by implementing the Services Guarantee Act.

2. Preserve the environmental, architectural and cultural heritage of Goa.

3. Review, with help of MOFE, GOI all aspects of Private Forest Rules thereby giving relief to general public.

4. Formulate and implement policy on floating casinos on the river Mandovi to shift them from the present location.

5. Amend the Municipalities Act to devolve more power to elected councils and implement common cadre for municipalities.

6. Form new municipalities wherever feasible, and wherever needed, to ensure better and efficient service to the people.

7. Create special tourist designated areas with appropriate concessions in restrictions on sound under the Environment Act, with the support of the Environment Ministry, Government of India.

8. Further support and implementation of the Official Language Act.

9. Execute tripartite MOU between Inland Waterways Authority of India, MPT and Captain of Ports to ensure that the rivers of Goa are managed by the Government of Goa.

10. Establish a support mechanism to provide staple Goan food items like rice, pav, coconuts, fish etc to the local population by modifying the Griha Adhar Scheme.