

AWARENESS OF MAINTENANCE & WELFARE OF PARENTS AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACT

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The South Goa District Committee for the implementation of Maintenance & Welfare of Parents & Senior Citizens Act 2007 and Goa rules 2009 at its quarterly meeting under the Chairmanship of District Collector, South decided to create Awareness of the Act and Rights of Senior Citizens for information to General Public at large.

The Act came into force in the year 2007 and Rules for Goa were framed and published in the year 2009. A senior citizen, including a parent who is unable to maintain herself or himself from his/her own earning or out of the property owned by her/him is entitled to make an maintenance application.

The application for maintenance has to be filed before the Maintenance Tribunal constituted by the State Government, at every Sub-Division presided by the respective Deputy Collector (Sub-Divisional Officer) for the purpose of adjudicating and deciding upon the order for maintenance.

An application for maintenance may be made by a senior citizen/parent or, if he/she is incapable, by any other person or Registered organization authorized by applicant or the tribunal can take cognizance suo motto.

No party to a proceeding before a tribunal or Appellate Tribunal will be represented by a legal practitioner. However a parent/ senior citizen can be represented by a Maintenance Officer appointed by the State Government, if they so desire.

The Assistant Director (Welfare of Differently Abled) of Social Welfare Department is the Maintenance Officer for South and Asstt. Director (SC & OBC) of Social Welfare Department is the Maintenance Officer for North.

The maintenance application has to be disposed off by the Tribunal within 90 days from the date of service of notice of the application to such person. However, in certain exceptional cases the Tribunal may extend the said period once to a maximum period of 30 days for reasons to be recorded in writing. The Maximum maintenance allowance which may be ordered by the Tribunal will not exceed Rs. 10,000/- per month.

The Senior Citizen or a Parent can appeal to the Appellate Tribunal, presided over by the respective Collector of the District within sixty days from the date of the order in case he/she is aggrieved by the order of a Tribunal.

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