

**PRESS RELEASE**

**DECISIONS TAKEN IN THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 31/07/2019.**

**The following decisions were taken by the Council of Ministers in the Cabinet meeting held on July 31, 2019 at Assembly Complex, Porvorim.**

Council of Ministers resolved to grant ex-post facto approval for re-designation of the post of Section Officer in Office of Hon'ble Chief Minister in Level 7 (Rs.44,900) of Pay matrix as per Seventh Pay Commission to OSD-V in Level 7 (Rs.44,900) of Pay matrix as per Seventh Pay Commission.

The Council of Ministers further resolved to accord approval to substitute clause (g) sub-section (2) of Section 3 of the Goa State Higher Education Council Act, 2018 (Goa Act 14 of 2018) so as to allow the Goa State Higher Education Council to co-opt members on the said Council having expertise across the field, including from outside the State of Goa and approved the draft "The Goa State Higher Education Council (Amendment) Bill, 2019" appended herewith at **Annexure "A"** in the Legislative Assembly of Goa in the Seventieth Year of the Republic of India during the ensuing monsoon session to be held from 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 onwards.

Council of Ministers also resolved to grant ex-post facto approval to procure 21,965 sq. mtrs. of land of Villages Chandor, Guirdolim, Sao Jose de Areal and Davorlim of Salcete Taluka for Kulem – Madgaon Doubling of South Western Railway Project for an amount of Rs.10,32,90,413/- as per the policy on procurement of land under Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013.

The Council of Ministers further resolved to approve the proposal for insertion of the proviso in Section 4 of the Goa, Daman and Diu Motor Vehicles Tax Act, 1974 (Act 8 of 1974), **annexed hereto** so as to allow the owners of trucks/tippers to pay the tax on quarterly basis.

The Council of Ministers further resolved to exempt from payment of tax applicable on Motor Vehicle registered with Mines Department which remained out of mining business for period from 1/4/2018 to 30/09/2019. However, if the mining activities resume anytime before 30/09/2019 and the vehicle is back into the business, then the said vehicles shall have to pay the tax applicable for that quarter.

Council of Ministers further resolved to amend the Goa Fisheries Act, 1980 as per the bill **annexed** hereto.

The Council of Ministers also resolved to approve that Government of Goa be the Principal Partner of Vibrant Goa Global Expo and Summit 2019 scheduled from 17/10/2019 to 19/10/2019 by way of Grant to Vibrant Goa Foundation to the tune of Rs.2.00 crore and other miscellaneous expenses for participation of Government Departments/officials for various roadshows in different countries from the Budget provision made by Directorate of Industries, Trade and Commerce (DITC) for Goa-IPB

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