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ORDER

Under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1973.

WHEREAS, there is a prevailing situation in the Country due to the Health Emergency posed by COVID-19, an infectious disease caused by Coronavirus;

AND WHEREAS, the Public Health Department, Government of Goa vide Notification No. 23/20/2014-I/PHD/Part IV/552 dated 13/03/2020 had declared the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and H1N1 disease to be notifiable diseases for the purposes of Part II of Chapter VII of the Public Health Act, 1985 throughout the State of Goa;

AND WHEREAS, the State Government has taken various measures to contain the spread of Coronavirus;

AND WHEREAS, it is noticed that there are many rumours spread in Society through mass and social media without its proper verification and also there are instances of some misreporting in the newspapers which has lead to doubts and panic in the Society which has potential of likely incitement to violence or threat to public safety and potential danger for maintenance of normal law and order in Society;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, R. Menaka, IAS, District Magistrate, North Goa District, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure 1973, do hereby prohibit all concerned from spreading any kind of rumours, misreporting, and/or any kind of misinformation through social media, electronic media, print media or spread by word of mouth or in any form which may result in any kind of breach of law and order and/or may lead to unrest in Society;

R. Menaka

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Any person contravening this Order shall be liable for punishable under Section 188 of the Indian Penal Code.

As the notice cannot be served individually on all concerned, the Order is hereby passed ex-parte.

The Order shall come into force with immediate effect and shall remain in force till further orders.

Given under my hand and seal on this 21st day of March, 2020.



R. Menaka
21/3/2020
(R. Menaka, IAS)
District Magistrate
North Goa

To,
The Director
Government Printing Press, Panaji Goa with a request to give cause
Publication in Extra Ordinary Gazette immediately.

Copy forwarded for necessary action to:-

1. The Superintendent of Police, North Goa District, Porvorim.
2. The Superintendent of Police, Coastal, Panaji.
3. The Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Panaji /Mapusa/Pernem/
Bicholim/Sattari.
4. The Sub-Divisional Police Officer, Panaji/Porvorim/Mapusa/ Pernem/
Bicholim.
5. The Mamlatdar and Executive Magistrate of Tiswadi/Bardez/Pernem /
Bicholim/Sattari.
6. The Police Inspector/ P.S.I. of Panaji/Mapusa/Pernem/
Bicholim/Valpoi/Agacaim /Old Goa/Anjuna/Saligao/Calangute/Porvorim
Police Stations. They are directed to affix a copy of this order on the
notice board of their Office and **enforce the same strictly.**
7. The Director of Information and Publicity, Panaji with a request to give
wide publicity through all local dailies.
8. The Director of Doordarshan, Altinho, Panaji with a request to broadcast
the order.
9. The Station Director, All India Radio, Altinho, Panaji, for giving wide
publicity.
10. The Under Secretary (Home), Secretariat Porvorim Goa.

Copy for information to:-

1. The Secretary to Governor of Goa, Raj Bhavan, Dona Paula, Panaji.
2. The Secretary to the Chief Minister of Goa, Secretariat, Porvorim.
3. The Chief Secretary, Government of Goa, Secretariat, Porvorim.
4. The Addl. Secretary (Home), Govt. of Goa, Home Department (General),
Secretariat, Porvorim.
5. The Director General of Police Goa, Panaji.