

**TIME BOUND**  
**ZILLA PANCHAYAT**  
**ELECTIONS -2020**



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**ORDER U/S 144 OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE CODE, 1973**

**WHEREAS** the **General Election to Zilla Panchayat-2020** for State of Goa is scheduled on **22/03/2020** and Counting of polled votes fixed on **23/03/2020** for the Zilla Panchayat Constituencies and the Election Model Code of Conduct is already in force with effect from **21/02/2020**. The Goa State Election Commission has issued directions to ensure free, fair, and peaceful Elections;

**AND WHEREAS** there is possibility of political disputes, confrontation, violence and breach of peace on the eve of the poll mainly due to misuse of Hotels, Restaurants, Tea Shops, Pan Shops and other food shops/joints (Dhabas, Gaddas) etc., while carrying out door to door campaigning and due to gathering of crowd at places within the vicinity of 200 meters of the polling stations and Counting Centres which creates nuisance and law and order problems.

**AND WHEREAS** Sections 171-B and 171-C of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) clearly disallow attempts of bribery and undue influence on any person or voter and whoever commits offence of bribery is punishable under section 171-E of IPC and whoever commits the offence of undue influence or impersonation at an election is punishable under section 171-F of IPC.

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**AND WHEREAS**, I am satisfied that the circumstances do not permit the serving, in due time, of the notices individually upon the persons against whom this order is directed and therefore, under the powers vested in me under sub section (2) of Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 I hereby pass the order ex-parte.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, **R. Menaka, IAS**, District Magistrate, North Goa District, in exercise of the powers vested in me under sub section (1) of section 144 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 hereby issue following Prohibitory orders:

1. That all Restaurants, Bars, Tea shops, Pan shops, Eateries and other Food shops/joints (Dhabas, Gaddas) etc., situated in Rural areas of Village Panchayat jurisdiction within **200 mtrs** of the polling station from **06.00 hrs to 18.00 hrs on the day of poll i.e. on 22/03/2020 and from 06.00 hrs to till end of counting of votes on 23/03/2020** at Counting Centres of respective Talukas in North Goa District, shall remain closed.
2. Ban any gathering or crowd comprising of **more than 5 persons within 200 meters of any polling stations** in the entire North Goa District on the day of Poll i.e. on **22/03/2020**.

I further direct that the above restrictions shall not apply to public servants on duty and to bonafide marriage or funeral processions or religious processions/functions.

Failure to comply with this order shall be liable for penal action under section 188 of Indian Penal Code and other relevant provisions of laws in force.

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Given under my hand and seal of this office on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.



R. Menaka  
18/3/2020

(R. Menaka, IAS)  
District Magistrate & ZPEO,  
North Goa District

To,

The Director, Government Printing Press, Panaji with a request to publish the above Order in the extra-ordinary Gazette.

**Copy to:**

1. The Commissioner of Excise, Old High Court Bldg., Panaji for information and to direct all Excise Officers concerned to take note of this Order and enforce compliance.
2. All the Returning Officers/Assistant Returning Officers for Zilla Panchayat Elections in North Goa District.....with instructions to enforce the Order.
3. The Superintendent of Police (North), Porvorim, Bardez-Goa with instructions to enforce the Order.
4. The Sub-Divisional Police Officer, Panaji/Mapusa/Bicholim/Porvorim with instructions to enforce the Order.
5. The Director of Information and Publicity, Panaji **with a request to give wide publicity through all local dailies.**
6. The Station Director, All India Radio, Panaji for giving wide publicity.
7. The Director of Doordarshan, Panaji for giving wide publicity.

**Copy for information to:**

1. The Goa State Election Commission, Altinho Goa.
2. The Secretary to His Excellency the Governor of Goa, Raj Bhavan, Dona-Paula, Panaji.
3. The Chief Secretary, Govt. of Goa, Secretariat, Porvorim-Goa.
4. The Addl. Secretary (Home), Govt. of Goa, Secretariat, Porvorim-Goa.
5. The Director General of Police, Panaji - Goa.
6. The Election Branch of this Collectorate.

