

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



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

**WHEREAS** Polling to the **General Election to Zilla Panchayat-2020** for State of Goa is scheduled on **22/03/2020** for the Zilla Panchayat Constituencies and the Election Model Code of Conduct is already in force with effect from **21/02/2020**;

**AND WHEREAS** Section 29(A) of Goa Excise Duty Act 1964 empowers the District Magistrate to order the closure of the licensed premises "**for the sale of liquor**" within his/her jurisdiction for such period as may be necessary and appropriate for maintenance of law and order.

**AND WHEREAS** in my considered opinion, there is sufficient grounds for proceeding under sub section (1) of section 144 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for closure of all the licensed premises "**for the sale of liquor**" within North Goa District from **17:00 hrs of 20/03/2020 to till 21.00 hrs on 22/03/2020 and from 08.00 hrs to till end of Counting of Votes on 23/03/2020**, in view of General Election to Zilla Panchayat-2020;

**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.

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**NOW THEREFORE, I, R. Menaka, IAS, District Magistrate, North Goa District, in exercise of the power vested in me under sub section (1) of section 144 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 read with section 29A of the Goa Excise Duty Act, 1964 do hereby order that all the licensed premises "for the sale of liquor" shall remain closed from "17:00 hrs of 20/03/2020 to till 21.00 hrs on 22/03/2020 and from 08.00 hrs to till end of Counting of Votes on 23/03/2020, in view of polling and counting of votes for General Election to Zilla Panchayat-2020.**

Further, the licensed premises having license for Bar and Restaurant are allowed to keep the Restaurant open for serving food only and the Bar counter shall be closed and no liquor shall be allowed to be served on the above mentioned days and time. The owners of the licensed premises having Bar and Restaurant shall display a board in the premises stating that No Liquor will be served on the said days and time and that only the Restaurant is open for serving food.

Failure to comply with this order shall result in the cancellation of licences and the owner or offender shall be liable for penal action under section 188 of Indian Penal Code, section 30 of the Excise Duty Act, 1964 and other relevant provisions of laws in force.

Given under my hand and seal of this office, this 18 day of March, 2020.



*R. Menaka*  
18/3/2020  
**(R. Menaka, IAS)**  
District Magistrate & ZPEO  
North Goa

To,  
All concerned.

**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.

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

