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ORDER

ORDER U/S 144 OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE CODE, 1973

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

AND WHEREAS, in order to contain the spread of the said epidemic, certain measures are required to be taken;

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, it is essential to enforce social distancing of people to prevent the spread of the disease;

AND WHEREAS, in view of this it is necessary to take exigent measures in this regards so as to prevent any danger to human life or safety, to thwart the spread of virus, which may affect the overall security of the State and may create disturbance of larger public order and tranquillity;

AND WHEREAS, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India has appealed to all general public to observe "Janata Curfew" on 22/3/2020.

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.

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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 with effect **from 00:00 hrs of 22/03/2020 (i.e intervening midnight of 21st and 22nd March, 2020) to 00:00 hrs. of 23/03/2020 (i.e intervening midnight of 22nd and 23rd March, 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.

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”** in North Goa District, shall remain closed with effect **from 00:00 hrs of 22/03/2020 (i.e intervening midnight of 21st and 22nd March, 2020) to 00:00 hrs. of 23/03/2020 (i.e intervening midnight of 22nd and 23rd March, 2020).**

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 21st day of March, 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 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. The Superintendent of Police, North Goa District, Porvorim.
3. The Superintendent of Police, Coastal, Panaji.
4. The Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Panaji /Mapusa/Pernem/ Bicholim/Sattari.
5. The Sub-Divisional Police Officer, Panaji/Porvorim/Mapusa/ Pernem/ Bicholim.
6. The Mamlatdar and Executive Magistrate of Tiswadi/Bardez/Pernem / Bicholim/Sattari.
7. 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.**
8. The Director of Information and Publicity, Panaji with a request to give wide publicity through all local dailies.
9. The Director of Doordarshan, Altinho, Panaji with a request to broadcast the order.
10. The Station Director, All India Radio, Altinho, Panaji, for giving wide publicity.
11. 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.

