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ORDER

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

**To,
The Public Generally**

WHEREAS, the Goa State Election Commission announced the schedule for Mapusa Municipal Council Elections and Bye Election to Ward No. II of Karapur-Sarvan village to be held on 23rd April 2021 (Friday) and the Election Code of Conduct has come into force from 30/03/2021.

AND WHEREAS, as directed by the Goa State Election Commission, the District Administration is required to ensure free, fair and peaceful conduct of the above elections;

AND WHEREAS, in my considered opinion there is sufficient ground for proceeding under Sub Section (1) of Section 144 of Criminal Procedure Code, 1973, and impose ban for carrying of all type of Arms, firearms, and other lethal weapons, to ensure free, fair, peaceful, and orderly conduct of the Election process and to prevent obstruction, annoyance or injury to any person lawfully employed or cause danger to human life, or safety, or disturbance of public tranquility or riot, of any affray during the electioneering period;

AND WHEREAS, the boundaries being porous and areas being very close to each other with free flow of movement between areas, it is

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expedient to enforce the ban in the whole District for peaceful conduct of elections;

AND WHEREAS, I am satisfied that the circumstances do not permit serving of the notices individually in time to all the licensed Arms Holders in North Goa District.

NOW THEREFORE, I, **Ajit Roy, IAS**, District Magistrate, North Goa District, Panaji, in exercise of the powers vested in me under Section 144 of Cr. P.C. 1973 do **hereby prohibit the carrying of all types of arms, fire arms, ammunition lethal weapons, in any public place, street, road squares, thorough fare, by lanes, or in any open place in entire District of North Goa** with immediate effect until further orders;

FURTHER, all the Arms License holders in North Goa District are directed to deposit all their fire arms at the nearest Police Stations of their respective Jurisdiction with effect from 07/04/2021 to 12/04/2021. All the firearms deposited will be returned to the license holders after five days from counting i.e. after the election process is over;


FURTHER, it is also made known that, any person not wanting to deposit a weapon is free to represent to this office for seeking exemption with the reasons thereto. If any person has a threat to his or her person/property, he/she should approach the Director General of Police, for providing necessary security by the Police, but under no circumstances will any person be allowed to carry his own personal licensed firearm/s or otherwise except with special permission or exemption granted by the undersigned.

HOWEVER, the above restrictions shall not apply to Public Servants/Police/Defence Personnel and Security Personnel on duty/Sports persons who are members of National Rifle Association of India, Responsible persons of Banks and its retainers and to those members of the community who are entitled to display weapons by long standing law,

custom and usage, unless they are found to be indulging in violence or posing a threat to the maintenance of law and order and peaceful conduct of elections.

Given under my hand and seal of this office on this 07th day of April, 2021.




(Ajit Roy, IAS)
District Magistrate & MCEO,
North Goa District
Panaji Goa.

Copy forwarded for necessary action to:-

1. The Director of General of Police, Panaji.
2. The Superintendent of Police, North Goa District, Porvorim.
3. The Sub-Divisional
Magistrate, Panaji/Mapusa/Bicholim/Pernem/Sattari.
4. The Sub-Divisional Police Officer,
Panaji/Porvorim/Mapusa/Bicholim.
5. The Mamlatdar and Executive Magistrate Tiswadi/ Bardez/ Bicholim/
Sattari/ Pernem.
6. The Director of Information and Publicity, Panaji with a request to
give wide publicity through all local dailies.
7. The Director of Doordarshan, Altinho, Panaji with a request to
broadcast the order.
8. The Station Director, All India Radio, Altinho, Panaji, for giving wide
publicity.
9. The Director, Department of Printing & Stationery, Panaji, with a
request
to publish the above order in the **Extra-ordinary Official Gazette.**

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 Goa State Election Commission, Altinho, Panaji
5. The Addl. Secretary (Home), Govt. of Goa, Home Department
(General), Secretariat, Porvorim.