

GOVERNMENT OF GOA
DIRECTORATE OF FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

VISION DOCUMENT

A. **Vision:** To raise the level of preparedness & response to save life and property and make the State resilient to any Disasters.

B. **Objective:**

→ **Administration Section:** The Head of the Department exercises powers under Delegation of Financial Power Rules, FR & SR, General Financial Rules & Goa, Daman & Diu Fire Force Act, 1986 & Goa State Fire Force Rules, 1997. The Administrative function of the department have been decentralised in to three (3) Zones namely; North Zone, Panaji (having Fire Stations Fire Force Headquarters, Panaji, Vasco, Pilerne, Mapusa & Pernem under its jurisdiction), South Zone, Margao (having Fire Stations Margao, Verna, Curchorem, Canacona under its jurisdiction) and Central Zone, Ponda (having Fire Stations Ponda, Old Goa, Kundaim, Valpoi & Bicholim under its jurisdiction).

→ **Accounts Section:** It exercises the control of funds allotted by the Budget to the department and further allocated to the Zones. It also carries out reconciliation of Expenditure & Revenue. It also monitors the progress of Expenditure from Central assisted schemes.

→ **Technical Operation:** The department has 15 strategically located Fire Stations. Together they can cover the entire State. The department is a Multi Hazard Response Force and keeping with this role including Disaster Response to Man Made and Natural Disasters, the department has been acquiring and upgrading equipments for Fire Fighting, Life Safety, Search & Rescue Equipments in keeping with the availability of resources of the state.

→ **Training & Capacity Building Wing:** The department provides appropriate level of Technical courses in-house for the Fire Personnel promoted within the rank and direct recruitment. The department has an established Goa State Fire Force Training Centre where 15 tailor made courses for the Government, Semi-Government, Banking Sector, Private Sponsor Candidates, Industry, Hospitality Industry, Citizen Volunteers, Educational Institutions, Village Panchayats, etc. are conducted on regular basis.

The department ensures continuous upgrading of the skill and competence of its operational personnel to respond to any eventuality including disasters.

→ **Communication Section:** The primary focus of the department is for providing efficient and citizen centric service through the “State Portal, SSDG and e-Forms” Project. The facility of e-Services and facilitation is available at every fire station to help citizen access the e-services. The department website www.dfes.goa.gov.in is also continuously updated and has several Educating informative activities.

→ **Motor Transport Section:** The department has a fleet of 64 Fire Fighting Vehicles. These are being maintained departmentally for optimum response to any Fire, Emergency or Disaster related incidents. The department maintains updated specifications for its fleet in keeping with the Technological advancements in the field.

C. Short Term Goals (to be achieved by 2021):

1. Finalising the draft “**Goa Fire & Emergency Bill**” for approval by the State Legislative Assembly.
2. Seeking Government approval for filling up 326 existing vacancies of Operational and Administrative staff. This will enable the department to commission the Porvorim Fire Station which is on the verge of completion of construction. This project is under the World Bank Project of National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project (NCRMP). One Water Tender, One Emergency Rescue Tender and One Quick Response Vehicle are required for Porvorim Fire Station as the existing fleet is inadequate for diversion to the new Fire Station at Porvorim.

3. Obtaining approval for condemnation and disposal of Five (5) Fire Fighting Vehicles, which have outlived productive life.
4. Comprehensive review of E-Governance and ensuring that the department website is refurbished and maintained, updated, thereafter. The E-Governance online service is continuously monitored.
5. Get GSIDC and PWD to complete as much of the various ongoing projects as is possible within the financial constraints of Government.
6. Identify specific deficits in operational fleet, Personnel & Equipments for both Fire & Emergency functions as well as SDRF.

D. Medium Term Goals (to be achieved by 2023) :

1. Finalisation of the Notification under the new “Goa Fire & Emergency Bill”.
2. Ongoing Construction Projects to be completed:
 - i. Re-designing and Re-construction of existing Building and Additional Construction of New Administrative and Training Block.
 - ii. Building at Fire Station Vasco
 - iii. Fire Station Building Bicholim
 - iv. Fire Station Building Valpoi.
3. Land to be identified for construction for Canacona, Pernem, Old Goa and Cuncolim Fire Stations.
4. Industrial Fire Station at Tuem to be commenced in collaboration with Green Field Electronic Manufacturing Cluster (EMC).
5. Procurement of 3 Nos. Turn Table Ladder of 55mts height to be proposed and achieved by March 2023, as per availability of Funds for Mapusa, Ponda and Vasco Fire Stations.

E. Long term goals (to be achieved by 2025) :

1. Installing Rain Water Harvesting Structure and Reserve Tanks in all Fire Stations.
2. Have a System in place for Citizens involvement in Disaster Preparedness and Response.
3. Information Technology to be adopted for Real Time Monitoring of functioning of the fire Protection System in all major occupancies in the State. This will enable fast response and minimising loss of Life and Property.
4. Solar energy installation to be provided to all Fire Stations.

F. Strategic Planning:

To Achieve the Short Term Goals: (to be achieved by 2021)

Sl. No.	Task for Achieving the short Term Goals.	Timeline
1.	Finalising the draft “ Goa Fire & Emergency Bill-2020 ” to be approved by the State Legislative Assembly and issue Notification.	31.03.2021
2.	Expediting the Approval for filling the 326 sanctioned posts	31.03.2021
3.	Expediting approval for procurement of One Water Tender, One Emergency Rescue Tender and One Water Bouser, for which Tender formalities have been finalised and Expenditure Sanction of Government is awaited.	25.01.2021 (The Fire Fighting Vehicles are critical in nature and procurement has to be expedited by 31.03.2021.)

4.	The new refurbished website (www.dfes.goa.gov.in) to be commissioned.	30.01.2021
5.	Placing funds to Goa State Infrastructure Development Corporation(GSIDC) for the Construction of Fire Station Building at Bicholim.	28.02.2021
6.	Expedite Expenditure Sanction approval for procurement of Crucial Fire Fighting, Life Safety, Rescue Equipment's during the Financial Year 2020-2021.	31.01.2021
7.	Expediting the approval for Expenditure Sanction for Construction of Fire Station Building at Vasco by Public Works Department	31.01.2021

To Achieve Medium Term Goals: (to be achieved by 2023)

Sl. No.	Task for Achieving the Medium Term Goals.	Timeline
1.	Rules under the “Goa State Fire and Emergency Act, 2020” to be Notified.	30.09.2021
2.	Ongoing construction of Infrastructural work at Panaji, Valpoi and Bicholim being undertaken by GSIDC to be followed up	Quarterly review of progress of work and release of funds accordingly.
3.	Placing of funds to GSIDC for the works undertaken at Panaji, Bicholim and Valpoi.	20.12.2021
4.	Placing of funds to GSIDC for the work undertaken at Panaji, Bicholim and Valpoi.	28.12.2022

5.	Taking over the Constructed Building at Panaji, Bicholim and Valpoi to the Department.	31.03.2023
6.	Finalisation of staff strength in consultation with Administrative Reforms Department due to enhanced work load and anticipated new activities.	30.03.2022
7.	Placing of funds to Public Works Department for the works undertaken for construction of Fire Station Building at Vasco.	30.10.2021
8.	Placing of funds to Public Works Department for the works undertaken for construction of Fire Station Building at Vasco.	30.10.2022
9.	Taking over the constructed Fire Station Building at Vasco.	31.03.2023
10.	Land to be identified for construction of Fire Station Building at Canacona, Pernem, Old Goa and Cuncolim.	30.10.2021

To Achieve Long Term Goals: (to be achieved by 2025)

Sl. No.	Task for Achieving the Long Term Goals.	Timeline
1.	Expediting Administrative Approval of Government for the Construction of Fire Station Building at Canacona, Pernem, Old Goa and Cuncolim.	30.10.2022
2.	Commencement of work of Construction of Fire Station Building at Canacona, Pernem, Old Goa and Cuncolim.	31.03.2023

3.	Construction of New Fire Station Building of Pernem, Old Goa and Canacona to be completed.	31.03.2025
4.	Industrial Fire Station at Tuem to be completed by Green Field Electronic Manufacturing Cluster (EMC)	31.03.2022
5.	Procurement of 55 meters Height Turn Table Ladder for Urban Fire Station as under: i. Mapusa Fire Station. ii. Ponda Fire Station. iii. Vasco Fire Station.	30.10.2021 30.10.2022 30.10.2023
6.	Creation of Rain Water Harvesting facilities at all Fire Stations. i. Proposal to be approved in Principal. ii. Public Works Department/GSIDC to initiate designing work and have separate plans and estimate for each proposed Fire Station. iii. Commissioning of the facility .	15.04.2021 30.10.2021 30.05.2022
7.	Phase wise Additional Infrastructure to be constructed and completed at Central Zone, Ponda.	31.03.2024
8.	Phase wise Additional Infrastructure to be constructed and completed at South Zone, Margao	31.03.2024

F. General Action Plan.

1. The immediate target set for 2021 are high priority for the day to day functioning of the department. Hence necessary approval from the Government are needed on Time Bound basis in order to achieve the set Goals.

2. The Medium Term Goals are also high priority but their achievement will depend on timely clearance i.e. Administrative Approval and Expenditure Sanction by Government. The legislation for the “**Goa Fire and Emergency Bill 2020**” have been awaiting Administrative Clearance, this needs to be finalised and Legislative approval obtained. Approval of the Rules under the Act will also need to be expedited.

3. The Long Term Goals are envisaged as per the prospective Plan for the growth of the department, consolidation of its services and qualitative improvement. These prospective need to be shared at all levels so that the activities envisaged achieve the desired goals in the service of the State.

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