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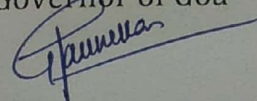
Reference Order dated 30/04/2021 of the Hon. Supreme Court in Suo Motu Writ Petition (Civil) No. 3/2021, wherein it has been observed that as the RTPCR COVID-19 testing facilities are overwhelmed and test results are taking inordinate long time, and at times, the results are inaccurate. In such circumstances, the patients are refused service on various grounds. Some patients are denied admissions for lack of valid ID card and place of residence.

Now, the State Government in exercise of section 2(1) of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, hereby issues following directions for strict compliance:-

- (1) No patient requiring critical care or emergency service shall be turned away or denied service/admission in any Hospital for want of RTPCR Certificate.
- (2) No patient shall be denied medical service or admission in any Hospital for want of ID proof or for the fact that he is not a resident of the city or State where the Hospital is located.
- (3) The admission to the Hospital must be based on need and considering the scarcity of beds, only need based patients shall be admitted in Hospital after proper clinical assessment by medical experts.

The above directions/instructions shall be scrupulously followed and any deviation from the same shall attract penal action as per law.

By Order and in the name of the
Governor of Goa



(Vikas S. N. Gaunekar)
Additional Secretary (Health)

To.

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