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ORDER

UNDER SECTION 144 OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE CODE, 1973.

WHEREAS, the Polling for General Election to Lok Sabha 2024 for 02-South Goa Parliamentary Constituency is scheduled to be held on 07/05/2024;

AND WHEREAS, it is essential to conduct the General Election to Lok Sabha 2024 in free and fair manner and to maintain public peace, order and tranquillity as per provisions of Law and Model Code of Conduct as applicable with effect from 16/03/2024;

AND WHEREAS, there is possibility of disputes, confrontation, violence and breach of peace on the eve of the Poll day mainly due to misuse of Hotels, Restaurants, Tea Shops, Pan Shops and other food shops/joints (Dhabas, Gaddas) etc. while carrying out campaigning or intimidation of voters and due to gathering of any crowd at such places within the vicinity of 200 mts. of the Polling Stations which creates nuisance and law and Order problems;

AND WHEREAS, Section 171-B and 171-C of Indian Penal Code (IPC) clearly disallow attempts of bribery and undue influence on any person or voter and whoever commits offence of bribery is punishable under section 171-E of IPC and whoever commits the offence of undue influence or impersonation at an election is punishable under Section 171-F of IPC.

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, Asvin Chandru A., IAS, District Magistrate and District Election Officer, South Goa District, Margao, in exercise of the powers vested in me under provision of Section (1) of Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, do hereby issue following prohibitory orders valid from 06:00 hrs to 18:00 hrs on the day of poll on 07/05/2024.

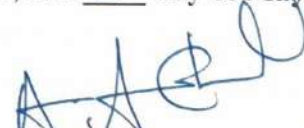
1. That all Hotels, Restaurants, bars, Eateries, Tea Shops, Pan Shops and other food joints, Gaddas, etc. situated in urban areas of Municipal jurisdiction **within 100 mtrs** of the Polling Station shall remain closed at aforesaid date and time period.
2. That all Restaurants, bars, Eateries, Tea Shops, Pan Shops and other food joints, Gaddas, etc. situated in rural areas of Village Panchayat jurisdiction within **200 mtrs** of the Polling Station shall remain closed at aforesaid date and time period.
3. Ban any gathering or crowd comprising of **more than 5 persons within 200 meters of any Polling Stations (excluding voters in the queue at the Polling Station)** in the entire South Goa District.

I, further direct that the above restrictions shall not apply to Public servants on duty and to bonafide marriage or funeral processions or religious processions/functions. Also, the above order shall not apply to Officers authorised on Election Duty by the District Election Officer, South Goa District or the State Government including the Polling Officials, magistrates, Police Officials and Government Staff.

Failure to comply with the order shall be liable for penal action under Section 188 of Indian Penal Code and other relevant provisions of law in force.

Given under my hand and seal of this office, this 01 day of May, 2024.




(Asvin Chandru A., IAS)
District Magistrate &
District Election Officer,
South Goa District, Margao Goa.



To,
The Director, Government Printing Press, Panaji – Goa... *with a request to publish the above Order in the extra-ordinary Gazette.*

Copy to:

1. All the Contesting Candidates in all 02 – South Goa Parliamentary Constituency under the jurisdiction of the District Election Office, South Goa District, Margao – Goa.
2. All the owners of Hotels, Restaurants, Bars, Tea Shops, Pan Shops and other Food Shops (Dhabas, Gaddas) etc. **within the vicinity of 200 mts of all the Polling Stations of 20 Assembly Constituencies under the jurisdiction of District Election Office, South Goa District, Margao - Goa.**
3. All Citizens of South Goa District... **Through Publication in the press.**
4. The Superintendent of Police, South Goa District/North Goa District, Panaji – Goa.
5. The Under Secretary (Home), Home Department (General), Secretariat, Porvorim – Goa.
6. The Sub – Divisional Magistrate, Salcete-I/II/ Quepem/ Sanguem/ Dharbandora/ Canacona/ Ponda/ Mormugao – Goa.
7. The Sub – Divisional Police Officer, Quepem/ Mormugao/ Ponda/ Margao/ Canacona – Goa.

Copy submitted to:

- 1) The P.A. to the Chief Electoral Officer, Altinho, Panaji – Goa.
- 2) The P.A. to the Director General of Police, Panaji – Goa.
- 3) All Assistant Returning Officers of 02 – South Goa Parliamentary Constituency.
- 4) The P.A. to the District Election Officer and Deputy Commissioner, Uttar Kannada Karwar, Karnataka... **w.r.t. letter no.GEN/ELN/CR-14/2023-24 dated 30/03/2024.**
- 5) The Deputy Commissioner of Excise, Uttara Kannada, District Karwar, Karnataka.
- 6) The DYSE, Karwar, Karnataka.
- 7) The Addl. Secretary (Home), Govt. of Goa, Secretariat, Porvorim-Goa.
- 8) The Election Branch of this Collectorate.

The Director of Information and Publicity, Panaji – Goa, **to give wide publicity as a news item.**

The Editors:

- a) O Herald, Goa.
- b) Navhind Times, Goa.
- c) Gomantak Times, Goa.
- d) Tarun Bharat, Goa.
- e) Gomantak, Goa.
- f) Lokmat – Goa.
- g) Goan Varta – Goa.
- h) Times of India – Goa.
- i) Pudhari – Goa.

For favour of publishing a report in their esteemed daily.

