

**DEO SOUTH GOA ISSUES DIRECTIVES FOR PRINTING
ELECTION MATERIALS**

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Office of the Collector & District Election Officer, South Goa has directed the printing press situated in Goa to adhere with the restrictions on the printing of pamphlets, posters etc., as per the section 127 A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 in view of the Bye-Election to 21-Ponda Assembly Constituency.

DEO has Stated that, No person shall print or publish or cause to be printed or published, any election pamphlet or poster which does not bear on its face the names and address of the printer and the publisher thereof, No person shall print or cause to be printed any election pamphlet or poster: Unless a declaration as to the identity of thereof, signed by him/her and attested by two persons to whom he/she is personally known, is delivered by him/her to the printer in duplicate; and Unless, within a reasonable time after the printing of the documents, one copy of the declaration is sent by the printer, together with one copy of the document, Where it is printed in the capital of the State, to the Chief Electoral Officer, and In any other case, to the District Magistrate of the district in which it is printed.

Any process for multiplying copies of a document, other than copying it by hand shall be deemed to the printing and the expression "printer shall be construed accordingly; and "election pamphlet or poster means any printed pamphlet, handbill or other document distributed for the purpose of promoting or prejudicing the election of a candidate or group of candidates or any placard or poster having reference to an election, but does not include any handbill, placard or poster merely announcing the date, time, place and other particulars of any election meeting or routine instructions to election agents or workers.

Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of the Act shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to two thousand rupees, or with both.

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