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NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 59 of the Prisons Act, 1894 (Central Act 9 of 1894) and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, the Government of Goa hereby makes the following rules so as to amend the Goa Prisons Rules, 2021 as follows, namely:-

1. Short title and commencement.— (1) These rules may be called the Goa Prisons (First Amendment) Rules, 2025.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. *Amendment of rule 2.*— In the Goa Prisons Rules, 2021 (hereinafter referred to as the "principal Rules"), in sub-rule(1), for clause (aa), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:-

(aa). "*Habitual Offender*" means a person who during any continuous period of five years, has been convicted and sentenced to imprisonment on more than two occasions on account of any one or more of the offences committed on different occasions and not constituting parts of same transaction, such sentence not having been reversed in appeal or review.

Provided that in computing the continuous period of five years referred to above, any period spent in jail either under sentence of imprisonment or under detention shall not be taken into account."

3. *Insertion of new rule 302-A.*— In the principal Rules, after rule 302, the following rule shall be inserted, namely: —

"302-A. Prohibition of caste-based discrimination in Prisons and Correctional Institutions.— (1) It shall be strictly ensured that there is no discrimination/ classification / segregation of prisoners on the basis of their caste.

2) It shall be strictly ensured that there is no discrimination of prisoners in allotment of any duty/work in prisons on the basis of their caste.

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(3) The provisions of 'the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013' (Central Act 25 of 2013) shall have a binding effect even in Prisons and Correctional Institutions. Manual scavenging or hazardous cleaning of a sewer or a septic tank inside a prison shall not be permitted."

By order and in the name of
the Governor of Goa

(Manesh Hari Kedar)
Under Secretary (Home-I)

To,

1. The Director Printing and Stationery, Panaji with a request to publish Notification in the next issue of Official Gazette.
2. P.A. to Chief Secretary, Secretariat, Porvorim-Goa.
3. P.A. to the Director General of Police, Panaji-Goa.
4. P.A. to Law Secretary, Secretariat, Porvorim-Goa.
5. The Superintendent of Police (Crime), Ribandar, Goa.
6. The Inspector General of Prisons, Panaji-Goa.
7. The Additional Inspector General of Prisons, Panaji-Goa.
8. The Superintendent, Central Jail, Colvale-Goa.
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