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Sub: - Right to access any Court, Tribunal, Authority, Commission etc., to the Persons with Disability in compliance to Section 12 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 – reg.

The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (Central Act no.49 of 2016) was notified vide notification No. 10/4/2016-LA-171 dated 04/10/2017 and published in the Official Gazette series I No. 32 dated 09th November 2017 wherein Section 12 stipulates that Persons with disabilities are able to exercise the right to access any court, tribunal, authority commission or any other body having judicial or quasi-judicial or investigative powers without discrimination on the basis of disability for which Government shall take Steps to:-

(a) ensure that all their public documents are in accessible formats;

(b) ensure that the filing departments, registry or any other office of records are supplied with necessary equipment to enable filing, storing and referring to the documents and evidence in accessible formats; and

(c) make available all necessary facilities and equipment to facilitate recordings of testimonies, arguments or opinion given by persons with disabilities in their preferred language and means of communication.

It is, therefore, enjoined on all the judicial and quasi-judicial bodies to strictly ensure that all the steps mentioned above as envisaged in Section 12 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 are taken in letter and spirit for the empowerment of Persons with Disabilities in the state on "TOP PRIORITY" basis and compliance reported to this office immediately.

(Umeshchandra Joshi)
Director of Social Welfare
Ex-Officio/Joint Secretary (SW)

Copy to:
1. The Assistant Registrar, High Court of Bombay at Goa, Altinho Panaji -Goa

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2. The Chief Administrative Officer , District & Session Court, North Goa, Panaji Goa
3. The Chief Administrative Officer , District & Session Court, South Goa, Margao Goa
4. The Lokayukta, Ribander, Panaji Goa
5. All Heads of Departments
6. The Director, Directorate of Municipal Administration, Panaji Goa
7. The Director, Directorate of Panchayat, Panaji Goa.
8. Director General of Police, Panaji Goa
9. Inspector General of Prisons, St. Inez, Panaji Goa
10. The Registrar, Administrative Tribunal Panaji Goa
11. The Secretary, Goa State Information Commision, Panaji Goa
12. The Secretary, Goa Human Rights Commission, Panaji Goa
13. The Goa Children Courts, 1st Floor, Shram Shakti Bhavan, Panaji Goa
14. The State Police Complaints Authority, Panaji - Goa
15. The Collector & District Magistrate, North Goa, Panaji Goa.
16. The Collector & District Magistrate, South Goa, Margao Goa.
17. The Dy. Collector & SDM –All talukas.
18. The Mamlatdars and Executive Magistrate – All talukas
19. The Block Development Offices– All talukas
20. The Registrar, Goa State Consumer Disputes Redressal Forum, North Goa Porvorim Bardez Goa
21. The Registrar, Goa State Consumer Disputes Redressal Forum, South Goa, Opp. District Court, Margao Goa
22. The State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Margao - Goa
23. The Commissioner, The Goa State Commission for ST/SC, Panaji Goa
24. The Commissioner, The Goa State Commission for Backward classes, Panaji Goa
25. Member Secretary, Goa State Legal Services Authority, Altinho, Panaji Goa
26. The Juvenile Justice Board (North), Apna Ghar, Merces Tiswadi Goa
27. The Juvenile Justice Board (South), The Chief Judicial Magistrate (South Goa), Margao Goa
28. Goa State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, St.Inez, Panaji Goa
29. The Goa State Pollution Control Board, Nr Pilerne IDC, Opp. Saligao Seminary, Saligao, Bardez Goa
30. The Goa State Commission for Womens, Junta House, Panaji Goa.
31. The Director, Department of Environment & Climate Change, 1st Floor, Pandit Deendayal Upadhay Bhavan, Porvorim, Bardez Goa.