# GOA STATE ELECTION COMMISSION

ALTINHO, PANAJI-GOA

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## **ELECTION URGENT**

No. 4/21/GMCNSE/SEC-2019/265

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## **ORDER**

**WHEREAS** the General election to the 11 Municipal Councils in the State of Goa have been scheduled to be held in March, 2021.

**AND WHEREAS,** under Article 243ZA of the Constitution of India, read with Section 10A of the Goa Municipalities Act, 1968 the State Election Commission is vested with the powers of Superintendence, direction and control for the conduct of elections to the Municipal Councils.

NOW THEREFORE, the Goa State Election Commission do hereby notify as follows:-

- "(a) the Collector and District Magistrate, North Goa shall function as the overall Municipal Council Election Officer (MCEO) for Municipal Council elections in North Goa District.
- (b) the Collector and District Magistrate, South Goa shall function as the overall Municipal Council Election Officer (MCEO) for Municipal Council elections in South Goa District".

Chokha Ram Garg, IAS

Commissioner

Goa State Election Commission

To.

The Director, Government Printing Press, Panaji for publishing in the Extraordinary Official Gazette.

### Copy to;

- 1. The Chief Secretary, Government of Goa, Secretariat, Porvorim Goa.
- 2. The Secretary (Urban Development), Secretariat, Porvorim Goa
- 3. The Collector North Goa & MCEO for General Election to 11 Municipal Council 2021.
- 4. The Collector South Goa & MCEO for General Election to 11 Municipal Council 2021.
- 5. The Director of Municipal Administration, Govt. of Goa.
- 6. All the Returning Officers(RO) / Assistant Returning Officers(ARO) for General Election to 11 Municipal Councils 2021.
- 7. Guard file.

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### ORDER

## Sub: Duties and responsibilities of the Collector & District Magistrate in elections to the local bodies.

In exercise of the powers vested in it under Article 243K of the Constitution of India read with Section 237 of the Goa Panchayat Raj Act, 1994; and also with a view to ensure conduct of the elections of the Local Bodies in a free, fair, transparent and peaceful manner; the Goa State Election Commission prescribes the broad framework of the duties and responsibilities of the Collector & District Magistrate as below:-

- To generally coordinate and supervise the work of ROs /AROs engaged in the election work under his jurisdiction.
- To guide and assist the ROs / AROs wherever they need guidance/ assistance.
- To set up a control room in his office.
- To establish a Complaint monitoring mechanism.
- To constitute Flying Squads and monitor their day-to-day performance and 5. to deploy the Sector Magistrates.
- To monitor enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct through the ROs / AROs, Flying squads and sector magistrates.
- To set up a mechanism to deal with the electoral offences/corrupt practices , 7. ; prevention thereof and to take action against the offenders.
  - To set up a mechanism for monitoring advertisements of political nature 8. appearing in the Print & Electronic Media by activating the Media Monitoring Committee.
  - To review the counting centre arrangements and security arrangements 9. therefor.
  - 10. To make the Law and Order arrangements and to review the situation periodically.

- 11. To review Law & Order arrangements in the sensitive/hyper-sensitive polling stations at regular intervals.
- 12. To extend help to the Returning Officers in requisitioning of manpower/ material wherever necessary.
- 13. To keep an eye through the Police on the history- sheeters and to declare absconders/fugitive criminals.
- 14. To unearth the operation of illicit liquor factories.
- 15. To deal with instances of the violation of prohibitory orders in force.
- 16. To organize seizure of illegal arms and ammunition etc.
- 17. To issue Prohibitory orders u/s 144 CrPC banning the carrying of licensed arms.
- 18. To issue Order for regulating the use of loudspeaker.
- 19. To maintain a strict vigil and to organize a thorough checking of vehicles 3 days before the poll day to ensure that no undesirable elements or arms and ammunitions get transported in to the territory of Goa.
- 20. To take preventive action u/s 107/116/109 CrPC.
- 21. To send proposals to the Government for vesting powers of special executive magistrates and appointment of special executive magistrates.
- 22. To prepare an Action plan in consultation with the distt Supdt of Police to deal with potential threats and intimidation points; action under Sec 107/116/151 CrPC, forcing trouble mongers' appearance in police station and placement of police pickets etc.
- 23. To handle any other task / responsibility as may be assigned by the Commissioner during the conduct of election process.

State Election Commissioner

To

1. The district Collectors.

#### Copy to:

- 1. The Chief Secretary, Govt. of Goa.
- 2. The Director General of Police, Goa.
- 3. The Commissioner of Excise, Goa..
- 4. The Suptd. of Police districts.
- 5. The ROs /AROs for the local body elections.