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ELECTION URGENT

No. 4/21/GMCNSE/SEC-2019/583

Date: 04.03.2021

NOTIFICATION

Read Notification No. 4/21/GMCNSE/SEC-2019/358 dated:22/02/2021

Read Notification No. 4/21/GMCNSE/SEC-2019/502 dated:01/03/2021

Whereas, the General Elections to 11 Municipal Councils viz Mormugao, Margao, Mapusa, Bicholim, Cuncolim, Curchorem, Quepem, Canacona, Sanguem, Pernem and Valpoi in the State of Goa were scheduled to be held on **20th March, 2021**.


And whereas, the State Election Commission has issued a public notice in Form No. I of the intended election under Rule 4 of the Goa Municipalities (Election) Rules, 1969.

And whereas, the Hon'ble High Court of Bombay at Goa vide its Order dated:01/03/2021 for WRIT PETITION NOS. 85/2021, 86/2021, 87/2021, 88/2021, 90/2021, 91/2021, 515 of 2021 (Filing), 524/2021 (Filing) and 525/2021 (Filing), had quashed and set aside the impugned order for reservation dated 04/02/2021 in respect of Mormugao, Margao, Mapusa, Quepem and Sanguem, Municipal Councils and issued a Writ of Mandamus, to the Director and ex-officio Additional Secretary, Municipal Administrator/ Urban Development, Goa to issue fresh Notification under sub-section 1 of Section 9 r/w. Subsection 1 of Section 10 of the Goa Municipalities Act, 1968 within a period of 10 days from that day, thereby ensuring inter alia, reservation for women of not less than one-third of the total number of seats reserved for direct elections to the Municipal Councils.

And whereas, the Hon'ble Supreme court of India in the **Special Leave Petition No.3937/21 dated: 04/03/2021** has stayed the impugned directions of Hon'ble High Court of Bombay at Goa dated:01/03/2021 and order of this commission issued in pursuance to the Order of Hon'ble High Court dated:01/03/2021 vide No. 4/21/GMCNSE/SEC-2019/502 dated: 01/03/2021.

Now therefore, the Goa State Election Commission in exercise of the powers conferred upon it under Article 243ZA of the Constitution of India read with Section 10A of the Goa Municipalities Act, 1968 do hereby direct that the election process for Mormugao, Margao, Mapusa, Quepem and Sanguem Municipal Councils is resumed from the point it was halted vide order no 4/21/GMCNSE/SEC-2019/502 dated: 01/03/2021. The nomination papers along with prescribed affidavit of candidates in respect of General Elections to Mormugao, Margao, Mapusa, Quepem and Sanguem

Municipal Councils shall be accepted by the respective Returning Officer at the notified place till 6th March, 2021 from 10.00 hrs. to 13.00 hrs. The Model Code of Conduct which was lifted on 01.03.2021 vide order no 4/21/GMCNSE/SEC-2019/502 comes into force with immediate effect in the areas within the jurisdiction of Mormugao, Margao, Mapusa, Quepem and Sanguem, Municipal Councils .


Chokha Ram Garg, IAS
Commissioner

Goa State Election Commission

To,

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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. The Returning Officers(RO) / Assistant Returning Officers(ARO) for General Election to Mormugao, Margao, Mapusa, Quepem and Sanguem, Municipal Councils
7. Guard file.