

**GOA STATE ELECTION COMMISSION  
ALTINHO, PANAJI-GOA.**

No. 1/199/Standing orders/2020-SEC//223

Dated: 30/10/2020

**ORDER**

**Sub: Instructions regarding number of proposers required in Zilla Panchayat Election.**

Whereas the superintendence, direction and control of elections is vested in the State Election Commission as per Article 243K of the Constitution of India read with Sec 237 of the Goa Panchayat Raj Act, 1994;

And Whereas, the nomination form prescribed under Rule 4 of the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961 has been adopted by the Commission with suitable modifications for making the nomination which provides 10 columns for the proposers from the same constituency;

And Whereas it has been considered necessary to clarify the issue regarding the number of proposers that may be required to support the nomination of a candidate during the Zilla panchayat election;

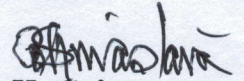
Now, therefore, the Commission in exercise of powers vested in it, hereby issues the following directions:

- i. the nomination of a candidate sponsored by a recognized national/state level political party shall be supported by a single proposer; and
- ii. the nomination of an independent candidate or a candidate sponsored by an unrecognized political party shall be sponsored by minimum 5 proposers.
- iii. In case, a candidate files a nomination with 10 proposers, the same should be received as there is no irregularity in giving names of more than 5 proposers. Returning Officer should also keep in mind the provision of clause 3 of Rule 15 of the Goa Panchayat and Zilla Panchayat (Election Procedure) Rules, 1996 which states that the Returning Officer shall not reject any nomination paper on the ground of any defect which is not of substantial character.

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The Returning Officer must obtain the signature of all the proposers in the nomination form.



**R. K. Srivastava**

State Election Commissioner

To

The ROs /AROs for zilla panchayat elections.

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The district Collectors.