GOA STATE ELECTION COMMISSION ALTINHO, PANAJI-GOA.

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ORDER

Sub: Identity of Elector on the Polling Day.

Whereas on the day of polling, the Presiding Officers are required to verify the identity of the elector with reference to his/her respective entry in the Voter list at the polling booth as a necessary measure to check the malpractice of personation;

Therefore, in exercise of the Powers vested as per the Article 243 K of the Constitution of India read with Section 237 of the Goa Panchayat Raj Act, 1994, the following documents are hereby prescribed by the State Election Commission to establish the identity of the Voter in an election to the local bodies. Any one of the following documents shall have to be produced by the elector at the polling booth:

- 1. Elector Photo Identity Card (EPIC) issued by the Election Commission of India.
- 2. Photo Identity Card issued by any department of central govt. or state govt. or any govt. undertaking.
- 3. Smart Card or any other Photo Identity Card issued by the Govt. of India or Govt. of Goa.
- 4. Valid driving license or passport issued by the competent authority.
- 5. PAN card issued by the Income Tax department.
- 6. Pass book of any nationalized/scheduled/ co-operative bank containing photograph of the account holder with stamp of the bank.
- 7. Photo Identity Card issued by the Head of any educational institute recognized by Government of India or Govt. of Goa.
- 8. Aadhar card.

The elector may produce any one of the above listed documents to establish his/her identity at the polling booth.

It is further clarified that in case of unclear photos or mismatch of photo on the EPIC issued by Election Commission of India, the issue of ballot paper

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shall not be refused merely on the ground of unclear photo or mismatch of photo, if the identity of the elector is otherwise established.

The Returning Officers shall provide a copy of this order to the Presiding Officers at the time of training.

R. K. <u>Srivastava</u>
State Election Commissioner

To

- 1. The ROs/AROs for local body elections.
- 2. The district Collectors.

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All Political parties for information.