GOA STATE ELECTION COMMISSION ALTINHO, PANAJI-GOA

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ELECTION URGENT

No. 4/21/GMCNSE/SEC-2019

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Sub.: Appointment of Polling agent.

ORDER

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.

And whereas, under Article 243ZA of the Constitution of India, read with Section 11(1) of the City of Panaji Corporation Act, 2002, the State Election Commission is vested with the powers of Superintendence, direction and control for the conduct of the elections to the Corporation.

And whereas, Rule 19 of the Goa Municipalities (Election) Rules, 1969 and Rule 18 of the Corporation of the City of Panaji (Election) Rules, 2004 are silent on whether the Polling agent authorized and appointed by the contesting candidate or his election agent shall be an elector of the same ward from where the candidate is contesting the election.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers vested in me under Rule 64 the Goa Municipalities (Election) Rules, 1969 and Rule 101 of the Corporation of the City of Panaji(Election) Rules, 2004, State Election Commissioner, Goa do hereby direct as follows:

- 1. Polling agent authorized and appointed by the contesting candidate or his election agent at the polling booth shall be an elector of the same ward from where the candidate is contesting the election for the Ward of Municipal Council.
- 2. Polling agent authorized and appointed by the contesting candidate or his election agent at the polling booth shall be an elector of the same ward from where the candidate is contesting the election for the Ward of Corporation of the City of Panaji.

W.V. Ramanamurthy, IAS(Retd.) Commissioner

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