

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

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Sub: Registration and acceptance of Nomination forms in election to the Village Panchayat/ Zilla Panchayat.

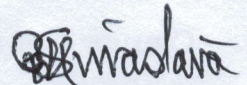
Under Rule 12 of the Goa Panchayat & Zilla Panchayat (Election Procedure) Rules, 1996 the nomination is to be presented to the Returning Officer by a candidate either in person or through a seconder authorised in writing in this behalf by such candidate. On receiving the nomination paper under Sub Rule 1, the Returning Officer shall write on the nomination paper its serial number and shall sign thereon, a certificate stating the date and exact time at which the application was delivered to him.

In exercise of powers vested in it as per Article 243 K of the Constitution of India and Section 237 of the Goa Panchayat Raj Act, 1994, the Commission hereby issues the guidelines to be followed by the ROs / AROs while accepting the Nomination of candidates:

- i. Clause 4 of the Rule 12 provides that not more than 2 nomination papers shall be presented by the candidate or accepted by the Returning Officer for election in the constituency.
- ii. Each nomination paper as soon as it is presented must be serially numbered by the RO. In case, two nominations are delivered to the RO in a bunch; RO must assign serial number to them in the order the RO deals with them one after the other.
- iii. The Commission by a separate order has put a restriction on the number of persons and the vehicles during presentation of nomination. The maximum number of persons that will be allowed to enter the office of the Returning Officer/Assistant Returning Officer at the time of filing the nomination shall be **candidate plus 5** seconders /proposers proposing the nomination of the said candidate in case of a zilla panchayat election.

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- iv. The signature of all the proposers accompanying the candidate must be obtained in the nomination form in order to avoid any ambiguity and complications later on.
- v. Clause 5 of Rule 15 provides that the nomination paper will be rejected if the signature of the candidate or a seconder/proposer is not genuine or has been obtained by fraud or undue influence. If the RO/ARO obtains the signature of the proposer while presenting the nomination; objections or complaint under this clause could be minimized.
- vi. In case of zilla panchayat election if the candidate is not an elector from the same constituency or the constituencies within the jurisdiction of the respective Returning Officer from where he is contesting the election, such a candidate shall produce the certified copy of the Electoral Roll from the concerned Returning Office or the ARO.
- vii. The registration of the nomination shall be maintained in a ward wise manner.



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To

1. The ROs/AROs for Village panchayat / Zilla panchayat elections.
2. The district Collectors.

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