

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

No. 1/199/ Standing orders /2020-SEC/1228

Dated: 30/10/2020

ORDER

Sub: Allotment of Symbols in Zilla Panchayat election.

Whereas, the superintendence, direction & control of zilla panchayat election in Goa is vested with the State Election Commission of Goa as per Article 243K of the Constitution of India and Section 237 of the Goa Panchayat Raj Act, 1994;

And Whereas, by way of the Goa Panchayat Raj (Amendment) Act, 2015 the provisions of the Goa Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 were amended and Clause 16A incorporated in the said Act which defines political parties as defined under the Clause F of Sub Section 1 of Section 2 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 and further the Section 133A that was inserted in the Act provided that the election of the members for zilla panchayats from constituencies of a zilla panchayat shall be for the candidates sponsored by political party as defined under the Clause 16A of Sub Section 2 of the Act. However, Independent candidates shall also be eligible to contest as Independents;

And whereas, it is necessary and expedient to prescribe the manner in which symbols will be allotted to the candidates of recognized / unrecognized political party and independent candidates and for matters connected therewith;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 243K of Constitution of India read with section 2 of The Goa Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 and Rule 20 of the Goa Panchayat & Zilla Panchayat (Election Procedure) Rules, 1996, the Commission hereby issues the following directions:

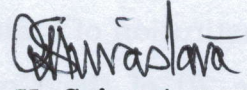
1. Political party means an association or body of individuals of citizen of India registered with the Election Commission of India as a political party under section 29 A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.
2. A candidate who is set up by a national / state political party recognized by the Election Commission of India shall choose and shall be allotted a symbol reserved for the party.

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3. A candidate sponsored by a registered unrecognized Political Party shall be allotted symbols reserved, if any, for such political party by the Election Commission of India as provided under Rule 20 (3) of Goa Panchayat and Zilla Panchayat (Election Procedure) Rules, 1996.
4. An Independent candidate shall be assigned a symbol in accordance with the provisions of Rule 20 (1) of the Goa Panchayat and Zilla Panchayat (Election Procedure) Rules, 1996.

The Returning Officer for each zilla panchayat constituency shall prepare a list of all the contesting candidates in Form No 5 after arranging their names in alphabetical order in Roman Script as provided under Rule 21 of Goa Panchayat and Zilla Panchayat (Election Procedure) Rules, 1996 and shall assign the symbol to them in the manner specified above.

The candidate should be instructed to give correct name in English and Devnagari script in which manner his / her name is to be printed in the ballot paper, in writing at the time of filing the nomination or immediately after the scrutiny of the nomination is over. If a candidate considers that his name is incorrectly spelt or otherwise incorrectly shown in the nomination paper or is different from the name by which he is popularly known, he may at any time before the list of contesting candidates is prepared, furnish in writing the proper form and spelling of his name to the Returning Officer. The Returning Officer on being satisfied about the genuineness of the request shall make necessary correction or alteration in the list in form 5 and adopt that form and spelling in the list of contesting candidates.


R. K. Srivastava
State Election Commissioner

To
The ROs and AROs for local body elections.

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1. All Political parties for information.
2. The district Collectors.