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ELECTION URGENT

No. 3/30/Bye-Election/VP/SEC/2020/322

NOTIFICATION

Whereas the Bye Elections to wards No. VII of Village Panchayat Agassaim, Ward No. IV and XI of Village Panchayat, Merces, Ward No. IIIof Village Panchayat, Bhironda, Ward No. II and III of Village Panchayat Mauxi, Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Pissurlem, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Arambol, Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Corgao, Ward No. V of Village Panchayat Morjim, Ward No. IX of Village Panchayat Karapur-Sarvan, Ward No. II of Village Panchayat Mulgao, Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Oxel, Ward No. VI of Village Panchayat Verla-Canca, Ward No. IV of Village Panchayat Bastora, Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Assolna, Ward No. II Village Panchayat Navelim, Ward No. VI of Village Panchayat Bhati, Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Rivona, Ward No. II of Village Panchayat Chicalim, Ward No. IV of Village Panchayat Veling Priol Cuncoliem, Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Balli-Adnem will be conducted on 20th March, 2021 and the polling will be from 8.00 hrs. to 17.00 hrs.

And whereas Rule 34A of the The Goa Panchayat and Zilla Panchayat (Election Procedures) Rules, 1996 provides for an indelible ink mark to be put on the left forefinger of every voter before issue of ballot paper at the Polling Station. This is aimed at preventing impersonation at the polling station.

And whereas the Zilla Panchayat of North and South Goa Constituencies in the State of Goa was held on 12th December, 2020 and similar indelible ink mark has been put on the left forefinger of every voter. Hence there is a possibility that this mark may still be partially visible on the left forefinger of some of the voters.

Now, therefore, in order to avoid confusion and to prevent impersonation by voters without causing hardships to genuine voters and in exercise of the powers vested under Article 243K of the Constitution of India and also under Section 237 of the The Goa Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 read with Rule 45 of the Goa Panchayat and Zilla Panchayat (Election Procedure) Rules, 1996 it is hereby directed that the indelible ink mark shall be put on Left middle finger of every voter at the polling Station before issue of ballot paper instead of left forefinger. If the voter has no left middle finger then the ink should be applied on Ring finger on the Left hand.

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