

ELECTION URGENT



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NOTIFICATION

Whereas the General Elections to 186 Village Panchayats in the State of Goa is scheduled to be held on 11th June, 2017 and the polling is from 08.00 hrs. to 17.00 hrs.

And whereas Rule 34A of the Goa Panchayat and Zilla Panchayat (Election Procedure) 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 voting.

And whereas the Assembly Election in the State of Goa was held on 4th February, 2017 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 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 middle finger on the right hand.

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