## GOA STATE ELECTION COMMISSION

ALTINHO, PANAJI-GOA

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**ELECTION URGENT** 

No. 4/21/GMCNSE/SEC-2019/363

Date: 22.02.2021

Sub.: Manner of voting at General Elections to 11 Municipal Councils 2021.

### ORDER

Whereas, the General Elections to the 11 Municipal Councils viz Mormugao, Margao, Mapusa, Bicholim, Cuncolim, Curchorem, Quepem, Canacona, Sanguem, Pernem and Valpoi in the State of Goa are scheduled to be held on 20th March, 2021.

And 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.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers vested in me under Section 13 of the Goa Municipalities Act, 1968 and Rule 26 of the Goa Municipalities (Election) Rules, 1969, I, Chokha Ram Garg, State Election Commissioner, Goa do hereby decide that votes shall be given by **Ballot** as per the Goa Municipalities (Election) Rules, 1969.

Chokha Ram Garg, IAS Commissioner

Goa State Election Commission

To,

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**ELECTION URGENT** 

No. 4/21/GMCNSE/SEC-2019/364

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**ORDER** 

Sub: Deposit for Nominations.

Whereas, the General Election to 11 Municipal Council has been declared vide Notification No. 4/21/GMCNSE/SEC-2019/346 dated:22.02.2021.

And 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.

Now, therefore, the State Election Commission hereby issues the following clarification in respect of Rule 14 of the Goa Municipalities (Election) Rules, 1969.

As per Rule 14 of the Goa Municipalities (Election) Rules, 1969, the amount of deposit to be made by a candidate along with his/her nomination is shown the tabulated format below for ready reference of the Returning Officer and Candidates.

For all General Category of Wards (unreserved)	Rs. 500/- (Rs. Five Hundred only) in cash per candidate irrespective of whether candidate is a woman or belongs to Scheduled Tribe/Scheduled Caste/ Other Backward Classes.
For all Reserved Category of Wards	Rs. 300/- (Rs. Three Hundred only) in cash for Ward reserved for OBC. Rs. 75/- (Rs. Seventy five only) in cash for Ward reserved for OBC (Women). Rs. 75/- (Rs. Seventy five only) in cash for Ward reserved for Scheduled Caste (Men or Women). Rs. 75/- (Rs. Seventy five only) in cash for Ward reserved Scheduled Tribe (Men or Women). Rs. 75/- (Rs. Seventy five only) in cash for Women). Rs. 75/- (Rs. Seventy five only) in cash for Ward reserved for Women.

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Date: 22.02.2021

## **NOTIFICATION**

Whereas the General Election to 11 Municipal Councils will be conducted on 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 and the polling for the above Municipalities will be from 8.00 hrs. to 17.00 hrs.

And whereas Rule 35(1) of the The Goa Municipalities (Election) Rules 1969 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 Polling at preventing impersonation at the voting.

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 243ZA of the Constitution of India and also under Section 11 of the The Goa Municipalities Act, 1968 read with Rule 3 of the The Goa Municipalities (Election) Rules 1969 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 the Ring finger of the Left hand.

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