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ELECTION URGENT

No. 3/28/GEVP-186/2022/SEC/3861

Date: 10.08.2022

Subject: Adjournment of Poll of Ward No. IX of Village Panchayat Calangute.

Read Form No. 2 vide No. 3/28/GEVP/186/2022-SEC/3488 dated 16/7/2022

ORDER

Whereas, a reports of the Presiding Officer, Returning Officer, General Observer and District Election Officer are received in this commission thereby informing that in Ward No IX of Village Panchayat Calangute in booth at GPS Sauthawaddo (North Wing) it is observed that , on the Ballot paper the symbols appering for 2 candidates, i.e Minesh Manohar Kalangutkar and Sapnesh Manohar Vaingankar are differing from the symbols allotted to them as informed by the aforesaid candidates. It is further reported that the symbol appearing for Minesh Manohar Kalangutkar on Ballot paper is Camera and the symbol appearing for Sapnesh Manohar Vaingankar is Car , whereas on Form 5 the symbol for Minesh Manohar Kalangutkar has been Car and the symbol for Sapnesh Manohar Vaingankar has been Desk.

And whereas, it is reported that the candidates mentioned above have campaigned using the symbols allotted to them in Form 5 and not the one appearing in the Ballot paper.

And whereas, it is also reported by the Returning Officer, General Observer and District Election Office that the presiding officer has adjourned the Poll as per Rule 48 of the Goa Panchayat and Zilla Panchayat (Election Procedure) Rules, 1996 in view of error in the Ballot Paper and mismatch of candidate symbols. Further it is also reported that till around 08.25 am around 15 votes have been casted. It is also reported that one elector who had applied for Postal Ballot has also casted his vote.

And whereas, the Observer appointed by the Commission as well as the District Election Officer North Goa has confirmed the above incident.

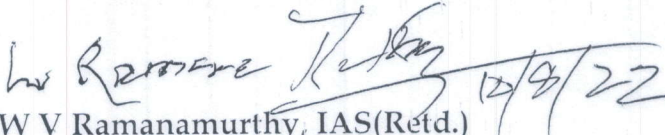
And whereas, it is revealed that the Ballot papers for the above mentioned Ward No IX of Village Panchayat Calangute in booth at GPS Sauthawaddo (North Wing) are required to be reprinted as per Form 5 notified by the Returning Officer for the said ward.

And whereas, in view of above polling for the aforesaid ward cannot continue with the Ballot Papers presently given to the Polling parties.

Now therefore, in view of above circumstances and as observed there is sufficient cause which is leading to vitiate the Poll due to incorrect Ballot papers at Ward No IX of Village Panchayat Calangute in booth at GPS Sauthawaddo (North Wing), I, W V



Ramanamurthy, IAS(Retd.), State Election Commissioner, Goa in exercise of the powers conferred under Article 243 (K) of the Constitution of India and Section 237 of the Goa Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 and enabling provisions under the Goa Panchayat and Zilla Panchayat (Election Procedure) Rules, 1996, hereby declare the Poll for Ward No IX of Village Panchayat Calangute in booth at GPS Sauthawaddo (North Wing) as **void**. Accordingly the Returning Officer Shri Rahul C. Desai for General Election to Village Panchayat Calangute 2022 is directed to obtained all the Polling material given to Polling team of Ward No IX of Village Panchayat Calangute in booth at GPS Sauthawaddo (North Wing) in his custody immediately forthwith and report same to the Commission. The Commission shall report to the Government, to appoint a day and fix the hours for taking a fresh poll at the aforesaid mentioned ward No. IX of Village Panchayat Calangute GPS Sauthawaddo (North Wing) and notify the day so appointed and the hours fixed as deem fit. It is further ordered that the provisions of the Panchayat Raj Act,1994 and Rules made thereunder shall apply to said fresh poll as it apply to the original poll.


W V Ramanamurthy, IAS(Retd.)
Commissioner
Goa State Election Commission

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