

GOA STATE ELECTION COMMISSION
ALTINHO, PANAJI-GOA

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ELECTION URGENT

No. 4/21/GMCNSE/SEC-2019/264

Date: 18.02.2021

Sub: Appointment of General Observers for General Elections to 11 Municipal Councils.

ORDER

Whereas the General Elections to 11 Municipal Councils in the State of Goa are scheduled to be held in **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, I, Chokha Ram Garg, State Election Commissioner, Goa, do hereby appoint the following Officers of Government of Goa as Observers (General) for the Municipal Councils shown against their names herein below for the purpose of General Elections to 11 Municipal Councils to be held in **March 2021**.

The Observers (General) appointed herein shall monitor the Election process of respective Municipality and accordingly submit periodical reports to this Commission.

Sr No.	Name & designation of the Officer appointed as Observer .	Returning Officer	Name of the Municipality/ Municipalities
1.	Shri Derrick P. Neto MD, Goa Industrial Development Corporation, EDC Complex, Patto Plaza, Panjim-Goa	Deputy Collector & SDO of Pernem, Sub-Division, Pernem-Goa	Pernem
2.	Shri Arvind Bugde Director - Department of Handicrafts, Textile & Coir, Panaji Goa.	Deputy Collector & SDO-I of Bardez, Sub-Division, Bardez, Mapusa-Goa	Mapusa
3.	Shri Sudhir Kerkar Director, Information and Publicity, Govt. of Goa Panaji, Goa	Deputy Collector & SDO of Bicholim, Sub-Division, Bicholim-Goa	Bicholim
4.	Shri Jayant G. Tari Director, Administration, Electricity	Deputy Collector & SDO of Sattari, Sub-	Valpoi



	Department , Panaji Goa.	Division, Sattari, Valpoi-Goa	
5.	Shri Parag Nagarsekar Secretary, Goa Konkani Akademi, Patto Colony, Panaji-Goa	Deputy Collector & SDO-I of Salcete, Sub-Division, Salcete, Margao-Goa	Margao
6.	Shri Johnson B. Fernandes Director, Directorate of Settlement and Land Records, Collectorate Building, Panaji, Goa.	Deputy Collector & SDO-II of Salcete, Sub-Division, Salcete, Margao-Goa	Cuncolim
7.	Shri Prasanna Acharya Member Secretary Ravindra Bhavan , Margao	Deputy Collector & SDO of Mormugao, Sub-Division, Mormugao, Vasco-da-Gama-Goa-Goa	Mormugao
8.	Shri Santosh Kundaikar, SLAO, Mopa Airport	Deputy Collector & SDO of Sanguem, Sub-Division, Sanguem-Goa	Sanguem
9.	Shri Shankar Gaonkar Director(Administration), Sports Authority of Goa,Bambolim Goa.	Deputy Collector & SDO of Quepem, Sub-Division, Quepem-Goa	Quepem
10.		Deputy Collector & SDO of Quepem, Sub-Division, Quepem-Goa	Curchorem-Cacora
11.	Shri Sagun Velip Director, Directorate Of Art And Culture, Panaji, Goa.	Deputy Collector & SDO of Canacona, Sub-Division, Canacona-Goa	Canacona
12.	Shri Nikhil Desai Managing Director, Goa Tourism Development Corporation Ltd Patto,Panaji-Goa,	RESERVE	
13	Smt Triveni Velip Director, Department Of Tribal Welfare, Panaji Goa.	RESERVE	

The Observers shall look into public grievance regarding violations of Code of Conduct, Malpractices by the candidates and proper functioning of RO/ARO.

The duties and responsibilities attached to the Observer shall be as mentioned in the Order No. 1/199/Standing Orders/2020-SEC/1232 dated 30/10/2020 (Copy enclosed).



The respective Controlling Officers shall relieve them immediately.



Chokha Ram Garg, IAS 18/02/2021

Commissioner

Goa State Election Commission

To,

The Director, Government Printing Press, Panaji for publishing in the Extraordinary Official Gazette.

Copy to;

1. The Chief Secretary, Government of Goa, Secretariat, Porvorim Goa.
2. The Secretary (Urban Development), Secretariat, Porvorim Goa.
3. The Additional Secretary, Department of Personnel, Secretariat, Porvorim.
4. The Collector North Goa & MCEO for General Election to 11 Municipal Council 2021.
5. The Collector South Goa & MCEO for General Election to 11 Municipal Council 2021.
6. The Director of Municipal Administration, Govt. of Goa.
7. All the Returning Officers(RO) / Assistant Returning Officers(ARO) for General Election to 11 Municipal Councils 2021. .
8. Guard file.

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No. 1/199/Standing orders/2020-SEC/1232

Dated: 30/10/2020

ORDER

Sub: Duties & Responsibilities of the General Observer appointed by the Commission.

Whereas the superintendence, direction and control of elections to the local bodies is vested in the State Election Commission as per Article 243K of constitution of India read with Section 237 of Goa Panchayat Raj Act, 1994;

And also whereas keeping in view the necessity to hold the elections in a free, fair, transparent and peaceful manner, the State Election Commission in exercise of powers vested in it as aforesaid, appoints the senior officers of the Government as General Observers during the election period to oversee the conduct of election process in the field on its behalf;

And therefore, keeping the above objectives in view, the Commission issues the general guidelines for the conduct of business by the General Observers as follows:

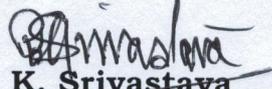
1. The General Observers are required to generally act as the eyes and ears of the Commission as also their representatives in field who are charged with the prime responsibility of ensuring that the elections in the ward/constituency assigned to them are conducted in a free, fair and transparent manner.
2. They are supposed to observe the compliance of legal provisions and instructions issued by the Commission from time to time, by all concerned including the candidates / political parties and most importantly, the Returning Officer concerned and to point out to the RO and the Commission, the discrepancies noticed, if any. But under no circumstances, they will issue any directions to the RO concerned for compliance.
3. The Observer shall take charge of his duties immediately after receipt of the appointment order and send a joining report to the Commission immediately thereafter.

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4. The General Observer is required to collect an authority letter to enter the polling station and the place of counting; a car pass and a list of polling stations from the Commission.
5. A copy of passport size photograph, may kindly be made available to the Commission for the purpose of issuing a badge to the Observer.
6. Broadly, the duties and responsibilities attached to the Observer appointed by the State Election Commission will include inter alia, the following:
 - a) He shall watch the conduct of whole election process from the nomination onwards till the counting of votes and declaration of result.
 - b) He must attend all training sessions organized for conducting training of the election staff. He may also guide the Returning Officer concerned in conducting the training sessions for the polling personnel and also the counting rehearsals.
 - c) He shall remain present during scrutiny of nominations; allotment of symbols to the candidates; sealing / de-sealing of the strong room and counting process without fail.
 - d) He shall look into the public grievances regarding violations of Code of Conduct; malpractices by the candidates/political parties and proper functioning of RO/ARO concerned.
 - e) In case of any irregularities noticed by the Observer, the Returning Officer may be advised to initiate action as per the provisions of Law and Model Code of Conduct in force under intimation to the State Election Commission so as to ensure that the elections are conducted in a free, fair and transparent manner. For this purpose, the Observer shall be permitted to use the Telephone/Fax facilities available in the Office of the Returning Officer.
 - f) The Observer shall have to submit following four reports to the Commission:
 - i. First report GO-01 – On the day of scrutiny after allotment of symbols.

- ii. Second report GO-02 – Immediately after the end of campaign period.
 - iii. Third report GO-03 – On the day of poll immediately after the sealing of strong room.
 - iv. Fourth report GO-04 – On the day of counting immediately after the declaration of result.
- g) The Observer will have to submit to the State Election Commission immediately after the last day of counting of votes, a brief note containing his observations at the time of election and counting along with his suggestions, if any.
7. The Observer shall use his own department's official vehicle along with the driver.
 8. The respective HOD under whom the observer is working shall provide him a vehicle and a driver with adequate quantity of petrol for undertaking travel to the office of the concerned RO for reporting purpose.
 9. The Observer shall carry out any other duties as may be assigned to him by the Commission during the conduct of election process.

It shall be the responsibility of the concerned Returning Officer to provide adequate security and support services such as fuel, stationery etc. and a place of work to the Observer.


R. K. Srivastava
State Election Commissioner

To
The General Observers.

Copy to:

1. The Chief Secretary, Govt. of Goa.
2. Director General of Police, Goa.
3. The district Collectors.
4. The Suptd. of Police districts.
5. The ROs / AROs for the local body elections.