

GOA STATE ELECTION COMMISSION
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ELECTION URGENT

No. 4/21/GMCNSE/SEC-2019/502

Date: 01.03.2021

NOTIFICATION

Read Order no. No. 4/21/GMCNSE/SEC-2019/346 dated:22/02/2021
Read Order no. No. 4/21/GMCNSE/SEC-2019/348 dated:22/02/2021
Read Order no. No. 4/21/GMCNSE/SEC-2019/351 dated:22/02/2021
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Read Order no. No. 4/21/GMCNSE/SEC-2019/359 dated:22/02/2021

Sub: Election process for five Municipal Councils viz Mormugao, Margao, Mapusa, Quepem and Sanguem,

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

And whereas, the State Election Commission has already issued a public notice in Form No. I of the intended election under Rule 4 of the Goa Municipalities (Election) Rules, 1969.

And whereas, the Hon'ble High Court of Bombay at Goa vide its Order no. dated:01/03/2021 for WRIT PETITION NOS. 85/2021, 86/2021, 87/2021, 88/2021, 90/2021, 91/2021, 515 of 2021 (Filing), 524/2021 (Filing) and 525/2021 (Filing), has quashed and set aside the impugned order for reservation dated 04/02/2021 in respect of Mormugao, Margao, Mapusa, Quepem and Sanguem, Municipal Councils and issued a Writ of Mandamus, to the Director and ex-officio Additional Secretary, Municipal Administrator/ Urban Development, Goa to issue fresh Notification under sub-section 1 of Section 9 r/w. Subsection 1 of Section 10 of the Goa Municipalities Act, 1968 within a period of 10 days from today, thereby


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ensuring inter alia, reservation for women of not less than one-third of the total number of seats reserved for direct elections to the Municipal Councils.

Now therefore, the Goa State Election Commission in exercise of the powers conferred upon it under Article 243ZA of the Constitution of India read with Section 10A of the Goa Municipalities Act, 1968 do hereby direct that the entire election process for Mormugao, Margao, Mapusa, Quepem and Sanguem Municipal Councils shall be kept in abeyance till further orders. The Model Code of Conduct which was brought in force w.e.f 22/02/2021 for Mormugao, Margao, Mapusa, Quepem and Sanguem, Municipal Councils stands lifted with immediate effect.



Chokha Ram Garg, IAS 01/03/2021
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 Collector North Goa & MCEO for General Election to 11 Municipal Council 2021.
4. The Collector South Goa & MCEO for General Election to 11 Municipal Council 2021.
5. The Director of Municipal Administration, Govt. of Goa.
6. The Returning Officers(RO) / Assistant Returning Officers(ARO) for General Election to Mormugao, Margao, Mapusa, Quepem and Sanguem, Municipal Councils
7. Guard file.