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**ELECTION URGENT**  
No. 4/21/GMCNSE/SEC-2021/890

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**NOTIFICATION**

Whereas, the General Election to Mapusa, Mormugao, Margao, Quepem and Sanguem Municipal Councils will be conducted on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2021(Friday) 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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5. The Director of Municipal Administration, Govt. of Goa.
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