TIME BOUND GENERAL ELECTIONS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY-2022





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No. 40/16/2022-MAG-ELN/L & O/Rally/220

ORDER U/S 144 OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE CODE, 1973

WHEREAS the Election Commission of India has announced the General Election to Legislative Assembly 2022 in North Goa District scheduled to be held on 14/02/2022 and the Election Model Code of Conduct has already come in to force with immediate effect.

AND WHEREAS in view of Press Note No.ECI-PIN/8/2022 dated 15th January, 2022 and No.ECI/PN/10/2022 dated 22nd January, 2022 issued by Election Commission of India, ban on physical rallies and road shows is extended until 31/01/2022.

AND WHEREAS due to the prevailing situation in order to contain the spead of the pandemic, certain measures were undertaken and restrictions have been imposed under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 vide the Revenue Department's Order No.1/5/29/2020-RD dated 29/12/2021 and the Order No.23/20/2014-I/PHD/PartIV/63 dated 08/01/2022 issued by Public Health Department, as restrictions and measures are required to be continued, while additional restrictions need to be imposed to prevent the further spread of the disease.

AND WHEREAS I am satisfied that the circumstances do not permit the serving in due time, of the notices individually upon the persons against whom this order is directed and therefore, under the powers vested in me under sub section (2) of Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 I hereby pass the order ex-parte.

AND WHEREAS I Ajit Roy, IAS District Magistrate North Goa District in exercise of the powers vested in me under section 144 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 and considering the present situation, facts and circumstances do hereby order,

 No physical rally of Political parties and candidates (including probable) or any other group related to election shall be allowed till 31st January, 2022.

- No Roadshow, Pad-yatra, cycle/bike/vehicle rally and procession shall be allowed till 31st January, 2022.
- 3) Door-to-Door campaning shall be allowed for a maximum of 10 persons including candidates (excluding security personnel).
- 4) Political parties, candidates their party workers, shall ensure the compliance of COVID appropriate behaviour and guidelines and Model Code of Conduct at all occasions during the activities connected with the election.
- 5) Public gatherings incase of indoor halls, shall be restricted to a maximum of 300 persons or 50% of the capacity of the hall whichever is less.
- 6) Political Parties and candidates to conduct their campaigns as much as possible through virtual and digital media platforms.
- 7) No outdoor campaining shall be allowed.
- 8) No campaning is permitted between 8pm and 8 am.

All remaining restrictions as contained in the Revised Broad Guidelines for Conduct of Election 2022, issued on 8th January and 15th January 2022 shall continue.

The Returning Officers / Assistant Returning Officers, Flying Squads, Sector Magistrates / Officer, Police or any other authorized Officers / Officials shall act immediately in case any violation comes to their notice or reported to them and initiate necessary action against the violator by filing FIR under appropriate section before the respective police station.

Failure to comply with this order shall be liable for penal action under Section 188 of Indian Penal Code and other relevant provisions of laws in force.

This Supercedes earlier Orders No. 40/16/2022-MAG-ELN/L &O/Rally/33 dated 17/01/2022 and No. 40/16/2022-MAG-ELN/L &O/Rally/218 dated 22/01/2022.

This Order shall be in force upto 31st January, 2022.

Given under my hand and seal of this office on this 23^{rd} day of January, 2022.

(Ajit Roy, HAS)

District Magistrate & DEO

North Goa

To, All concerned.

Copy to:

- 1. All the Returning Officers in North Goa District to direct the Flying Squads to take note of above direction and enforce the same.
- 2. The Dy. Collector & S.D.M., Panaji/Mapusa/Pernem/Bicholim with instructions to enforce the Order.