

Panaji, 02nd May, 2025 (Vaisakha 12, 1947)

SERIES I No. 5

OFFICIAL GAZETTE

GOVERNMENT OF GOA

PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY

Note: There are two Extraordinary issues to the Official Gazette Series I No. 4 dated 24-4-2025 as follows:-

1. Extraordinary dated 28-4-2025 from pages 131 to 134 regarding The Goa VAT (Amendment) Rules, 2025 from Department of Finance.
2. Extraordinary (No. 2) dated 29-4-2025 from pages 135 to 140 regarding The Goa Goods and Services Tax (Second Amendment) Act, 2025 from Department of Law.

INDEX

Department	Type	Subject	Page No
1	2	3	4
1. Art & Culture	Not.- DAC/COMPCELL/10-SCHEM ES/24-25/ Part file1/311	Special grants	142
2. Art & Culture	Not.- DAC/COMPCELL/10-SCHEM ES/24-25/ Part file1/312	Scheme to provide Special Financial Grants for organizing Cultural Events	143
3. Art & Culture	Not.- DAC/COMPCELL/10-SCHEM ES/24 -25/ Part file1/313	Financial Assistance to Revive, Preserve and Protect Goan Maand Culture, 2018	143
4. Art & Culture	Not.- DAC/COMPCELL/10-SCHEM ES/24 -25/ Part file1/314	Kalakar Kritadnyata Nidhi	144
5. Art & Culture	Not.- DAC/COMPCELL/10-SCHEM ES/24 -25/ Part file1/315	D. D. Kosambi Research Fellowship Scheme	144
6. Art & Culture	Not.- DAC/COMPCELL/10-SCHEM ES/24 -25/ Part file1/316	Scheme to provide assistance to students seeking education outside Goa in any field of Art & Culture	145
7. Art & Culture	Not.- DAC/COMPCELL/10-SCHEM ES/24 -25/ Part file1/317	Scheme to provide Financial Assistance in the form of Grant in Aid to the Bhajani / Choir / Cultural Group / Institution for purchase of Musical Instruments	145
8. Art & Culture	Not.- DAC/COMPCELL/10-SCHEM ES/24-25/ Part file1/318	Kala Sanman Scheme	146
9. Art & Culture	Not.- DAC/COMPCELL/10-SCHEM ES/24 -25/ Part file1/319	Goa State Cultural Awards	146
10. Art & Culture	Not.- DAC/COMPCELL/10-SCHEM ES/24 -25/ Part file1/320	Kala Gaurav Puraskar Scheme	147
11. Art & Culture	Not.- DAC/COMPCELL/10-SCHEM ES/24 -25/ Part file1/321	Scheme to provide financial assistance to the publishers for publishing books of Goan Authors	147

12.	Art & Culture	Not.- DAC/COMPCELL/10-SCHEM ES/24 -25/ Part file1/322	Yuva Srujan Puraskar	148
13.	Art & Culture	Not.- DAC/COMPCELL/10-SCHEM ES/24 -25/Part file1/323	State Cultural Award for institution for outstanding performance in the field of Art & Culture	148
14.	Art & Culture	Not.- DAC/COMPCELL/10-SCHEM ES/24 -25/ Part file1/324	Scheme for Upliftment of Utsavi Rangabhumi of Goa	149
15.	Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs	Ord.- DCS/ENF/Solvent/17-09/2024-25/268	Goa Solvent, Raffinate and Slop (Licensing) Order 2025	149
16.	Cooperation	Add.- 1-30-2013-14/PLG/RCS/12/29 5	Financial Incentives to the Primary Agricultural Credit/ Consumer/Taluka/Farmers/Processing and Marketing Coop Societies	159
17.	Home	Not.- 9/15/2024-HD(G)/1094	The Goa Prisons (First Amendment) Rules, 2025.	159
18.	Home	Not.- 10/3/2021-HD(F&CD)/(CEP)/P art/152	The Goa (Abolition of Proprietorships, Titles and Grants of Lands) (Second Amendment) Rules, 2025.	160
19.	Industries	Not.- 3/10/2017-IND/Vol.I/93	Extension of The Goa State Incentives to Encourage Investments Scheme, 2017	161
20.	Information and Publicity	Not.- DI/INF/Goa Film Shooting Rules/2023	Goa (Regulation of Film Shooting) (First Amendment) Rules, 2025.	162
21.	Social Welfare	Not.- 61-22-2017-BC-DSW/PART/15 63	Partial modification in the scheme Atal Asra Yojana	170
22.	Transport	Not.- D.Tpt/EST/3212/2024/1112	Goa Road Safety Policy 2025	172
23.	Women and Child Development	Not.- 2-103(73)2024/DWCD/843	Guidelines for the state of Goa with respect to the support persons under section 39 of the POCSO Act, 2012.	177
24.	Goa State Research Foundation	Ame.- GSRF/Notifications/16/2025-2 6/18	Amendments of schemes of Goa State Research Foundation	187

GOVERNMENT OF GOA

Directorate of Art & Culture

Notification

DAC/COMPCELL/10-SCHEMES/24-25/ Part file1/311

Date: 23-Apr-2025

Sub.: Amendment to the Scheme

1. Read: “Scheme to provide Special Financial Grants for organizing Cultural Events” published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 22 dated 31-08-2006, Series I No. 13 dated 28-06-2012, Series I No. 18 dated 31-07-2014, Series I No. 15 dated 09-07-2015, Series I No. 3 dated 21-04-2016 & Series I No. 2 dated 13-04-2017.

Whereas the Government has notified a “Scheme to provide Special Financial Grants for organizing Cultural Events” vide notification dated 25-08-2006 & 08-06-2012, and published in the Government Gazette, Series I No. 22 dated 31-08-2006, Series I No. 13 dated 28-06-2012, Series I No. 18 dated 31-07-2014, Series I No. 15 dated 09-07-2015, Series I No. 3 dated 21-04-2016 & Series I No. 2 dated 13-04-2017.

And whereas Government desires to amend Clause 1 (ii) of the “Scheme to provide Special Financial Grants for organizing Cultural Events” in public interest.

Now therefore the Clause 1 (ii) of the “Scheme to provide Special Financial Grants for organizing Cultural Events” is amended to read as under:

“1 (ii) This scheme shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette and shall remain in force upto 31st March, 2028”.

By order and in the name of Governor of Goa.

Sagun R. Velip, Director of Art & Culture & ex officio Joint Secretary.



Notification

DAC/COMPCELL/10-SCHEMES/24-25/ Part file1/312

Date: 23-Apr-2025

Sub.: Amendment to the Scheme

1. Read: “Scheme to provide Grant in aid to Cultural Organization” published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 5 dated 02-05-2008, Series I No. 18 dated 31-07-2014, Series I No. 15 dated 09-07-2015, Series I No. 3 dated 21-04-2016 & Series I No. 2 dated 13-04-2017.

Whereas, the Government has notified a “Scheme to provide Grant in aid to Cultural Organization” vide notification dated 15-04-2008, and published in the Government Gazette, Series I No. 5 dated 02-05-2008, Series I No. 18 dated 31-07-2014, Series I No. 15 dated 09-07-2015, Series I No. 3 dated 21-04-2016, Series I No. 2 dated 13-04-2017.

And whereas, Government desires to amend Clause 1 (ii) of the “Scheme to provide Grant in aid to Cultural Organization” in public interest.

Now therefore the Clause 1 (ii) of the “Scheme to provide Grant in aid to Cultural Organization” is amended to read as under:

“1 (ii) This scheme shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette and shall remain in force upto 31st March, 2028”.

By order and in the name of Governor of Goa.

Sagun R. Velip, Director of Art & Culture ex officio Joint Secretary.



Notification

DAC/COMPCELL/10-SCHEMES/24 -25/ Part file1/313

Date: 23-Apr-2025

Sub.: Amendment to the Scheme

1. Read: “Financial Assistance to Revive, Preserve and Protect Goan Maand Culture, 2018” published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 51 dated 22-03-2018.

Whereas the Government has notified a “Financial Assistance to Revive, Preserve and Protect Goan Maand Culture, 2018” vide notification dated 22-03-2018, and published in the Government Gazette, Series I No. 51 dated 22-03-2018.

And whereas Government desires to amend Clause 1 (ii) of the “Financial Assistance to Revive, Preserve and Protect Goan Maand Culture, 2018” in public interest.

Now therefore the Clause 1 (ii) of the “Financial Assistance to Revive, Preserve and Protect Goan Maand Culture” is amended to read as under:

“1 (ii) This scheme shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette and shall remain in force upto 31st March, 2028”.

By order and in the name of Governor of Goa.

Sagun R. Velip, Director of Art & Culture & ex officio Joint Secretary.



Notification

DAC/COMPCELL/10-SCHEMES/24 -25/ Part file1/314

Date: 23-Apr-2025

Sub.: Amendment to the Scheme

1. Read: “Kalakar Kritadnyata Nidhi” published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 43 dated 22-01-2009, Series I No. 18 dated 31-07-2014, Series I No. 15 dated 09-07-2015, Series I No. 3 dated 21-04-2016 & Series I No. 2 dated 13-04-2017.

Whereas, the Government has notified a “Kalakar Kritadnyata Nidhi” vide notification dated 14-01-2009, and published in the Government Gazette, Series I No. 43 dated 22-01-2009, Series I No. 18 dated 31-07-2014 & Series I No. 15 dated 09-07-201, Series I No. 3 dated 21-04-2016 & Series I No. 2 dated 13-04-2017.

And whereas, Government desires to amend Clause 1 (ii) of the “Kalakar Kritadnyata Nidhi” in public interest.

Now therefore the Clause 1 (ii) of the “Kalakar Kritadnyata Nidhi” Scheme is amended to read as under:

“1 (ii) This scheme shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette and shall remain in force upto 31st March, 2028”.

By order and in the name of Governor of Goa.

Sagun R. Velip, Director of Art & Culture & ex officio Joint Secretary.



Notification

DAC/COMPCELL/10-SCHEMES/24 -25/ Part file1/315

Date: 23-Apr-2025

Sub.: Amendment to the Scheme

1. Read: “D. D. Kosambi Research Fellowship Scheme” published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 43 dated 22-01-2009.

Whereas, the Government has notified a “D. D. Kosambi Research Fellowship Scheme” vide notification dated 14-01-2009 and published in the Government Gazette, Series I No. 43 dated 22-01-2009.

And whereas, Government desires to amend Clause 1 (ii) of the “D. D. Kosambi Research Fellowship Scheme” in public interest.

Now therefore the Clause 1 (ii) of the “D. D. Kosambi Research Fellowship Scheme” is amended to read as under:

“1 (ii) This scheme shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette and shall remain in force upto 31st March, 2028”.

By order and in the name of Governor of Goa.

Sagun R. Velip, Director of Art & Culture ex officio Joint Secretary.



Notification

DAC/COMPCELL/10-SCHEMES/24 -25/ Part file1/316

Date: 23-Apr-2025

Sub.: Amendment to the Scheme

1. Read: “Scheme to provide assistance to students seeking education outside Goa in any field of Art & Culture” published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 5 dated 02-05-2008, Series I No. 18 dated 31-7-2014 & Series I No. 15 dated 09-07-2015.

Whereas, the Government has notified a “Scheme to provide Scholarship to students seeking education outside Goa in any field of Art & Culture” vide notification dated 15-04-2008, and published in the Government Gazette, Series I No. 5 dated 02-05-2008 & Series I No. 18 dated 31-7-2014 & Series I No. 15 dated 09-07-2015.

And whereas, Government desires to amend Clause 1 (ii) of the “Scheme to provide assistance to students seeking education outside Goa in any field of Art & Culture” in public interest.

Now therefore the Clause 1 (ii) of the “Scheme to provide assistance to students seeking education outside Goa in any field of Art & Culture” is amended to read as under:

“1 (ii) This scheme shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette and shall remain in force upto 31st March, 2028”.

By order and in the name of Governor of Goa.

Sagun R. Velip, Director of Art & Culture & ex officio Joint Secretary.



Notification

DAC/COMPCELL/10-SCHEMES/24 -25/ Part file1/317

Date: 23-Apr-2025

Sub.: Amendment to the Scheme

1. Read: “Scheme to provide Financial Assistance in the form of Grant in Aid to the Bhajani/Choir/Cultural Group/Institution for purchase of Musical Instruments” published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 51 dated 19-03-2009.

Whereas, the Government has notified a “Scheme to provide Financial Assistance in the form of Grant in Aid to the Bhajani/Choir/Cultural Group/Institution for purchase of Musical Instruments” vide notification dated 24-02-2019, and published in the Government Gazette, Series I No. 43 dated 22-01-2009, Series I No. 18 dated 31-07-2014 & Series I No. 15 dated 19-03-2009.

And whereas, Government desires to amend Clause 1 (ii) of the “Scheme to provide Financial Assistance in the form of Grant in Aid to the Bhajani/Choir/Cultural Group/Institution for purchase of Musical Instruments” in public interest.

Now therefore the Clause 1 (ii) of the “Scheme to provide Financial Assistance in the form of Grant in Aid to the Bhajani/Choir/Cultural Group/Institution for purchase of Musical Instruments” is amended to read as under:

“1 (ii) This scheme shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette and shall remain in force upto 31st March, 2028”.

By order and in the name of Governor of Goa.

Sagun R. Velip, Director of Art & Culture & ex officio Joint Secretary.



Notification

DAC/COMPCELL/10-SCHEMES/24-25/ Part file1/318

Date: 23-Apr-2025

Sub.: Amendment to the Scheme

1. Read: “Kala Sanman Scheme, 2006” published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 5 dated 02-05-2008 & Series I No. 18 dated 31-07-2014 & Series I No. 15 dated 09-07-2015 & Series I No. 07 dated 19-05-2016.

Whereas, the Government has notified a “Kala Sanman Scheme, 2006” vide notification dated 15-04-2008, and published in the Official Gazette, Series I No. 5 dated 02-05-2008 & Series I No. 18 dated 31-07-2014 & Series I No. 15 dated 09-07-2015 & Series I No. 07 dated 19-05-2016.

And whereas, Government desires to amend Clause 1 (ii) of the “Kala Samman Scheme” in public interest.

Now therefore the Clause 1 (ii) of the “Kala Samman Scheme” is amended to read as under:

“1 (ii) This scheme shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette and shall remain in force upto 31st March, 2028”.

By order and in the name of Governor of Goa.

Sagun R. Velip, Director of Art & Culture & ex officio Joint Secretary.



Notification

DAC/COMPCELL/10-SCHEMES/24 -25/ Part file1/319

Date: 23-Apr-2025

Sub.: Amendment to the Scheme

1. Read: “Goa State Cultural Awards” published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 22 dated 31-08-2006, Series II No. 27 dated 01-10-2009 & Series I No. 13 dated 28-06-2012.

Whereas, the Government has notified a “Goa State Cultural Awards” vide notification dated 25-08-2006, 18-09-2009 & 08-06-2012 and published in the Government Gazette, Series I No. 22 dated 31-08-2006, Series II No. 27 dated 01-10-2009 & Series I No. 13 dated 28-06-2012.

And whereas, Government desires to amend Clause 1 (ii) of the “Goa State Cultural Awards” in public interest.

Now therefore the Clause 1 (ii) of the “Goa State Cultural Awards” is amended to read as under:

“1 (ii) This scheme shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette and shall remain in force upto 31st March, 2028”.

By order and in the name of Governor of Goa.

Sagun R. Velip, Director of Art & Culture & ex officio Joint Secretary.



Notification

DAC/COMPCELL/10-SCHEMES/24 -25/ Part file1/320

Date: 23-Apr-2025

Sub.: Amendment to the Scheme

1. Read: “Kala Gaurav Puraskar Scheme” published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 22 dated 31-08-2006, Series I No. 5 dated 02-05-2008 & Series I No. 13 dated 28-06-2012.

Whereas, the Government has notified a “Kala Gaurav Puraskar Scheme” vide notification dated 25-08-2006, 15-03-2008 & 08-06-2012 and published in the Government Gazette, Series I No. 22 dated 31-08-2006, Series I No. 5 dated 02-05-2008 & Series I No. 13 dated 28-06-2012.

And whereas, Government desires to amend Clause 1 (ii) of the “Kala Gaurav Puraskar Scheme” in public interest.

Now therefore the Clause 1 (ii) of the “Kala Gaurav Puraskar Scheme” is amended to read as under:

“1 (ii) This scheme shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette and shall remain in force upto 31st March, 2028”.

By order and in the name of Governor of Goa.

Sagun R. Velip, Director of Art & Culture & ex officio Joint Secretary.



Notification

DAC/COMPCELL/10-SCHEMES/24 -25/ Part file1/321

Date: 23-Apr-2025

Sub.: Amendment to the Scheme

1. Read: “Scheme to provide financial assistance to the publishers for publishing books of Goan Authors” published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 5 dated 02-05-2008 & Series I No. 18 dated 31-07-2014.

Whereas, the Government has notified a “Scheme to provide financial assistance to Goan Authors and Publishers” vide notification dated 15-04-2008, and published in the Government Gazette, Series I No. 5 dated 02-05-2008 & Series I No. 18 dated 31-07-2014.

And whereas, Government desires to amend Clause 1 (ii) of the “Scheme to provide financial assistance to the publishers for publishing books of Goan Authors” in public interest.

Now therefore the Clause 1 (ii) of the “Scheme to provide financial assistance to the publishers for publishing books of Goan Authors” is amended to read as under:

“1 (ii) This scheme shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette and shall remain in force upto 31st March, 2028”.

By order and in the name of Governor of Goa.

Sagun R. Velip, Director of Art & Culture & ex officio Joint Secretary.



Notification

DAC/COMPCELL/10-SCHEMES/24 -25/ Part file1/322

Date: 23-Apr-2025

Sub.: Amendment to the Scheme

1. Read: “Yuva Srujan Puraskar” published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 5 dated 02-05-2008 & Series I No. 33 dated 15-11-2012.

Whereas, the Government has notified a “Yuva Srujan Puraskar” vide notification dated 15-04-2008 & 12-11-2012 and published in the Government Gazette, Series I No. 5 dated 02-05-2008 & Series I No. 33 dated 15-11-2012.

And whereas, Government desires to amend Clause 1 (ii) of the “Yuva Srujan Puraskar” in public interest.

Now therefore the Clause 1 (ii) of the “Yuva Srujan Puraskar” is amended to read as under:

“1 (ii) This scheme shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette and shall remain in force upto 31st March, 2028”.

By order and in the name of Governor of Goa.

Sagun R. Velip, Director of Art & Culture & ex officio Joint Secretary.



Notification

DAC/COMPCELL/10-SCHEMES/24 -25/Part file1/323

Date: 23-Apr-2025

Sub.: Amendment to the Scheme

1. Read: “State Cultural Award for institution for outstanding performance in the field of Art & Culture” published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 22 dated 31-08-2006, Series II No. 27 dated 01-10-2009 & Series I No. 13 dated 28-06-2012.

Whereas, the Government has notified a “State Cultural Award for institution for outstanding performance in the field of Art & Culture” vide notification dated 25-08-2006, 18-09-2009 & 08-06-2012, and published in the Government Gazette, Series I No. 22 dated 31-08-2006, Series II No. 27 dated 01-10-2009 & Series I No. 13 dated 28-06-2012.

And whereas, Government desires to amend Clause 1 (ii) of the “State Cultural Award for institution for outstanding performance in the field of Art & Culture” in public interest.

Now therefore the Clause 1 (ii) of the “State Cultural Award for institution for outstanding performance in the field of Art & Culture” is amended to read as under:

“1 (ii) This scheme shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette and shall remain in force upto 31st March, 2028”.

By order and in the name of Governor of Goa.

Sagun R. Velip, Director of Art & Culture & ex officio Joint Secretary.



Notification

DAC/COMPCELL/10-SCHEMES/24 -25/ Part file1/324

Date: 23-Apr-2025

Sub.: Amendment to the Scheme

1. Read: “Scheme for Upliftment of Utsavi Rangabhumi of Goa” published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 06 dated 10-05-2018.

Whereas, the Government has notified a “Scheme for Upliftment of Utsavi Rangabhumi of Goa” vide notification dated 10-05-2018 and published in the Government Gazette, Series I No. 6 dated 10-05-2018.

And whereas, Government desires to amend Clause 1 (ii) of the “Scheme for Upliftment of Utsavi Rangabhumi of Goa” in public interest.

Now therefore the Clause 1 (ii) of the “Scheme for Upliftment of Utsavi Rangabhumi of Goa” is amended to read as under:

“1 (ii) This scheme shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette and shall remain in force upto 31st March, 2028”.

By order and in the name of Governor of Goa.

Sagun R. Velip, Director of Art & Culture & ex officio Joint Secretary.



Department of Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs

Order

DCS/ENF/Solvent/17-09/2024-25/268

Date: 22-Apr-2025

Whereas, the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas vide GSR 519(E) issued vide Notification dated 05-06-2000 while exercising the power conferred by Section 3 of Essential Commodities Act, 1955 has

made an Order namely the “Solvent, Raffinate and Slop (Acquisition, Sale, Storage and Prevention of Use in Automobiles) Order, 2000”.

Whereas, Clause 3, 4 & 5 of the said order provides as under:

“3. *Restriction on sale and use of solvents, raffinates and slops and other product:*— (1) No person shall either acquire, store or sell solvents included in the Schedule, without a licence issued by the State Government or the District Magistrate or any other Officer authorised by the Central or the State Government:

Provided that no such licence shall be required for consumption of 50 kilo litres per month or less and stock at a given time of 20 kilo litres or less of solvents listed in the Schedule combined.

(2) No person shall either use or help in any manner the use of solvents, raffinates, slops or their equivalent or other product except Motor Spirit and high speed diesel, in any automobile;

Provided that nothing in this Order shall preclude the use of such products for research purposes on automobiles.

(3) Any person whosoever is engaged in the sale or trading of solvents, raffinates, slops or their equivalent and other product, either imported or indigenous, for any purpose, whatsoever, shall file end-use certificates from consumers to whom he sells and furnish customer-wise sales to the District Magistrate or to the State Civil Supplies Authorities, on a quarterly basis.

(4) Any person whosoever is engaged in use of solvents, raffinates, slops or their equivalent and other product, either imported or indigenous for manufacture of any petrochemicals or any other purpose shall file end-use certificates to the District Magistrate or the State Civil Supplies Authorities, on a quarterly basis.

Provided that the provisions of sub-clauses 1, 3 and 4 shall not be applicable to the following companies, namely:-

- (i) Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL).
- (ii) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL).
- (iii) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL).
- (iv) IBP Co. Limited.
- (v) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC).
- (vi) Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL).
- (vii) Oil India Limited (OIL).
- (viii) Kochi Refineries Limited (KRL).
- (ix) Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited (CPCL).
- (x) Bongaigaon Refinery and Petro-chemicals Limited (BRPL).
- (xi) Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL).
- (xii) Lubrizol India Limited (LIL).
- (xiii) Biecco Lawrie and Co. Limited.
- (xiv) Indian Additives Limited (Subsidiary of CPCL).

- (xv) Indian Oil Blending Limited (Subsidiary of IOC).
- (xvi) ONGC Videsh Limited (a wholly owned subsidiary of ONGC).
- (xvii) Balmer Lawrie and Co. Limited.
- (xviii) Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited (subsidiary of ONGC).
- (xix) Essar Oil Limited (EOL).
- (xx) Reliance Industries Limited.

(5) The Central Government may, by order, notify the form required for making application and the format in which license shall be issued under sub-clause (1), and issue guidelines as may be necessary for giving effect to the provisions of this order.

4. *Power of search and seizure.*— (1) Any gazetted officer of the Central or the State Government or any Police Officer not below the rank of Deputy Superintendent of Police duly authorised, by general or special Order by the Central or the State Government or any officer of a Government Oil Company or any other oil Company authorised by the Central Government, not below the rank of Sales Officer may, with a view to securing compliance with the provisions of this Order, or for the purpose of satisfying himself that this Order or any Order made thereunder has been complied with—

(a) enter and search any place or premises being used or suspected to be used in the business of the dealer, transporter, consumer or any other person who is an employee or agent of such dealer, transporter, consumer with respect to which there is reason to believe that the provisions of this Order have been or are being or are about to be contravened;

(b) stop and search any person or vehicle or receptacle used or intended to be used for the movement of the product or using or receiving the product in contravention of this Order;

(c) inspect any book of accounts or other document or any stock of the product used or suspected to be used in the business of the dealer, transporter, consumer or any other person suspected to be an employee or agent of the dealer, transporter or consumer;

(d) take samples of the product and seize any of the stocks of the product which the officer has reason to believe has been or is being or is about to be used in contravention of this Order and thereafter take or authorise the taking of all measures necessary for securing the production of stocks or items so seized before the Collector having jurisdiction under the provisions of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and for their safe custody pending such production.

(2) While exercising the power of seizure provided under sub-clause (d) of clause (1), the authorised Officer shall record in writing the reasons for doing so, a copy of which shall be given to the dealer, transporter, consumer or any other concerned person.

(3) The provisions of Section 100 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (2 of 1974), relating to search and seizure shall, as far as may be, apply to searches and seizures under this Order.

5. *Sampling of Product.*— (1) The officer authorised in Clause 4 shall draw the sample from the tank, nozzle, vehicle or receptacle as the case may be, to check whether the provisions of this Order are being or likely to be contravened.

(2) The officer authorised in Clause 4 shall take, sign and seal three samples of 750 ml. to 1 litre each of the product, one to be given to the concerned person under acknowledgement with instructions to preserve the

sample in his safe custody till the testing and investigations are complete, the second sample to be kept by the concerned oil company or Department and the third to be used for laboratory analysis.

(3) The samples shall be taken in clean glass or aluminum containers and no plastic containers shall be used for drawing samples.

(4) The sample label should be jointly signed by the officer who has drawn the sample, and the concerned person or his representative and the label shall contain information as regards the product, place of seizure, quantity of sample, date, name and signature of the concerned person or his representative.

(5) The authorised officer shall send the third sample of the product taken under sub-clause (2), within a period of ten days, to any of the laboratories specified in Schedule III of the Motor Spirit and High Speed Diesel (Regulation of Supply and Distribution and Prevention of Malpractices) Order, 1998 for the purpose of analysis of samples to check the product.”

Whereas, Clause 6 of the Solvent, Raffinate and Slop (Acquisition, Sale, Storage and Prevention of use in Automobiles) Order, 2000 further provides that the State Government may from time to time by general or special Order issue to any person such directions as it considers necessary regarding storage, sale, transportation, disposal and use of product;

Whereas, the Department of Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs vide Government Notification No. 1/13/2000-CSD dated 7-9-2000 & 1/14/2000-CSD (Solvent) dated 8-10-2002, has designated officers under Clause 3 & 4 of the Solvent, Raffinate and Slop (Acquisition, Sale, Storage and Prevention of use in Automobile) Order, 2000;

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, and in pursuance of the provisions of the sub-clause (1) of Clause 3 of the Solvent, Raffinate and Slop (Acquisition, Sale, Storage and Prevention of Use in automobiles) Order, 2000 and of all other powers enabling in this behalf, and in addition to all previous Orders passed in this behalf, the Government hereby notifies the following order, namely:—

1. *Short title, extent and commencement.*— (1) This Order may be called the Goa Solvent, Raffinate and Slop (Licensing) Order, 2025.

(2) It extends to the whole of the State of Goa.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. *Issue of license.*— (1) Under sub-clause (i) of Clause 3 of the Solvent, Raffinate and Slop (Acquisition, Sale, Storage and Prevention of use in Automobile) Order, 2000 the Director, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs or any other authority appointed by Government in this behalf shall exercise the powers and functions as Licensing authority. The licensing authority shall issue the license on the recommendations of the inspection report subject to fulfilling of following conditions:

- a) Every license shall be issued in the prescribed form given under Solvent, Raffinate and Slop (Acquisition, Sale, Storage and Prevention of use in Automobile) Order, 2000 (appended as schedule II of this Order);
- b) The applicant must possess all the clearance Certificate of Government dues, if any;
- c) Installation of Fire Fighting equipments and NOC from the Fire and Emergency Department.

(2) Every application for a License or renewal thereof shall be so made to the Licensing Authority in prescribed format (appended as Scheduled II of this Order) for issue of License under the Solvent, Raffinate & Slops Acquisition, Sale, Storage and Prevention of use in Automobiles Order, 2000 along with such information/documents as may be required by the Licensing Authority showing truthfully the particular asked for and following documents must be attached with the Application Form:

- a) Details of Explosive License duly issued by the Competent Authority;
- b) Details of Industrial License duly issued by the Competent Authority;
- c) Details of Storage;
- d) GST registration details;
- e) Pollution Clearance Certificate from the State Pollution Control Board;
- f) License to work a factory;
- g) Site Plan;
- h) NOC/License issued by Planning Authority;
- i) Previous license (in case of renewal).

After the receipt of application by the Licensing Authority following supporting documents may be obtained from the Applicant;

- 1) Memorandum of Article of the firm;
- 2) List of Board of Directors/Partners;
- 3) Proof of Solo Proprietor/Partners/Directors.

(3) Proper storage facility and proper safety measure:

- a) The Dealer shall certify that he possesses proper and safe storage facility just outside the limits of residential areas and install all required safety apparatus/measures there;
- b) The Dealer should possess proper transport facilities to safeguard any untoward incident.

(4) Under sub-clause (3) and (4) of Clause 3 of the Solvent, Raffinates and Slop (Acquisition, Sale, Storage and Prevention of use in Automobile) Order, 2000, the end-use certificates and the particulars regarding customer-wise sales shall be filed/furnished to the Director, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs every quarter.

(5) On receipt of the Application Form as prescribed in Schedule II accompanying the requisite renewal/issuance fee as prescribed in Schedule I as attached with this Order, the Licensing Authority will refer the same for inspection. The concerned official will submit the inspection report along with all the documents with specific recommendations to the Licensing Authority.

(6) The inspection may be conducted by any of the below officials:

- a) Director, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs;
- b) Deputy Director, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs;
- c) Assistant Director, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs;
- d) Inspector, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs.

The concerned officials shall submit their report within 15 days after proper examination of the documents submitted with the Application Form and making of such enquiries as it may deem fit having due regard to:-

- 1) The suitability of the premises for which license has been applied for; and
- 2) The need for license in a particular area/locality; and
- 3) Any other relevant factor.

(7) The Licensing Authority on receipt of the inspection report will dispose of the application and issue or renew license on the prescribed form or reject the application within reasonable time.

(8) Every licensee who desires to get his License renewed shall apply for the renewal thereof in prescribed form along with payment of fees as prescribed, not less than 2 month before the date of its expiry.

(9) License granted under this Order shall be valid for the period of two years from the date of issue and shall be renewed from time to time for a period of two years and on payment of such fees and on such conditions as prescribed.

3. *Failure to renew license in time.*— (1) Every application for the renewal of a license made after the period mentioned in sub-clause 8 of Clause 2 shall be charged a late fee of Rs. 20 per day for the delayed period.

(2) Every application for the renewal of a license made after the expiry of license shall be charged with a fine of Rs. 100 per day in addition to the late fees for the delayed period.

4. *Sampling of Product.*— (1) In pursuance to Clause 6 of the Solvent, Raffinate and Slop (Acquisition, Sale, Storage and Prevention of use in Automobile) Order, 2000 the officer authorized shall draw the sample from the tank, nozzle, vehicle or receptacle, as the case may be, to check whether the provisions of this Order are being or likely to be contravened.

(2) The officer authorized shall take, sign and seal three samples of 750 ml. to 1 litre each of the product, one to be given to the concerned person under acknowledgement with instructions to preserve the sample in his safe custody till the testing and investigations are complete, the second sample shall be kept by the concerned oil company or Department and the third to be used for laboratory analysis.

(3) The samples shall be taken in clean glass or aluminum containers and no plastic containers shall be used for drawing samples.

(4) The sample label should be jointly signed by the officer who has drawn the sample and the concerned person or his representative and the label shall contain information as regards to the product, place of seizure, and quantity of sample, date, name and signature of the concerned person or his representative.

(5) The authorized officer shall send the third sample of the product taken under sub-clause (2), within a period of ten days to any of the laboratories specified in Schedule III of the Motor Spirit and High Speed Diesel (Regulation of Supply and Distribution and Prevention of Malpractices) Order, 2005 or any other such laboratory duly recognised by the Government in this regard for the purpose of analysis of samples to check the product.

(6) The laboratory shall furnish the test report to the authorised officer within twenty days of receipt of the sample at the laboratory.

(7) The authorised officer shall communicate the test result to the applicant/licensee and the licensing authority within five days of receipt of test results from the laboratory for appropriate action.

5. *Compensation for damages to property/Live Stock etc.*— If there is any damage caused by leakages, wrong storages, and fires during transportation or loading/unloading, the losses incurred to both property and biotic component shall be borne by company/agency or his agents besides legal actions punishments as provided under law.

6. *Security Deposit.*— Every person who applies for license or renewal under this Order, shall before a license is issued to him, deposit Rs. 50,000/- as security with the Director, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, refundable without any interest.

7. *Power to refuse grant of license or its renewal.*— On receipt of an application for license under this Order, the Licensing Authority, may after making such enquiries as it may deem fit, issue, renew or refuse to issue or renew a license having due regard to:

- a) The suitability of the premises for which license has been applied for and/or
- b) The need for license in a particular area/locality and/or
- c) Any other relevant factor.

8. *Prohibition against acquisition, storage, sale, storage for sale or consumption without license.*— (1) No person shall acquire, store, sell, or consume Solvent, Raffinate and Slop, included in schedule I of the Solvent, Raffinate and Slop (Acquisition, Sale, Storage and Prevention of Use in Automobiles) Order, 2000 except under and in accordance with the terms and conditions of a license issued in this behalf by the licensing Authority.

(2) No person shall import in the State of Goa, Solvent, Raffinate and Slop, included in schedule I of the Solvent, Raffinate and Slop (Acquisition, Sale, Storage and Prevention of Use in Automobiles) Order, 2000 either from other state or country unless he has obtained a license for its acquisition, storage, sale, storage for sale or consumption under this order.

(3) No person shall either acquire Solvent, Raffinate and Slop except from an oil company or a licensee or sell Solvent, Raffinate and Slop to any person except a licensee.

(4) No person shall either use or help in any manner, the use of Solvent, Raffinate and Slop in any automobile.

(5) No person shall either use or help in any manner adulterating of Motor Spirit or High Speed Diesel with Solvent, Raffinate and Slop.

(6) No person, a licensee, an Oil Company or otherwise shall sell Solvent, Raffinate and Slop included in schedule I of the Solvent, Raffinate and Slop (Acquisition, Sale, Storage and Prevention of Use in Automobiles) Order, 2000 to any person other than a licensee.

9. *Contravention of the terms and conditions of license.*— If any licensee or his agent or his servant or any other person acting on his behalf contravenes any of the terms and conditions or directions or any provisions of this Order then without resorting to any other action that may be taken against the licensee according to law, his license can be suspended or cancelled in writing by the Licensing Authority;

Provided that no such Order shall be passed until the appeal if any filed against such Order is dismissed and where no such appeal is filed until the period of limitation for filing an appeal expires;

Further, provided that no order shall be made under this clause unless the licensee or the registered consumer has been given a reasonable opportunity for stating his case against the proposed cancellation or suspension.

10. *Forfeiture of Security Deposit.*— (1) Without prejudice to the provisions of Clause 9, if the Licensing Authority is satisfied that the licensee has contravened any of the terms and conditions of the license or the

directions and forfeiture of his security deposit is called for, he may after giving the licensee a reasonable opportunity stating his case against the forfeiture by an Order forfeit the whole or a part of the security deposited by him and shall forward a copy of the Order to the licensee.

(2) The licensee shall, if the amount of security at any time falls short of the amount specified in clause 6, forthwith deposit further security to make up the deficiency on being required by the Licensing Authority so to do.

(3) Upon the compliance by the licensee with all obligations under the license, the amount of security or such part thereof which is not forfeited as aforesaid shall be returned to the licensee following an application by the licensee for that purpose after the termination or cancellation of the license along with the copies of the receipts/challans of the deposit paid.

11. *Penalty.*— Without prejudice to the provisions of Clause 9 and Clause 10, if the Licensing Authority is satisfied that any person, a licensee or a registered consumer or otherwise has contravened any of the provisions of this order or has not complied any of the directions or instructions issued by the Government or Licensing Authority, the concerned person after being given a reasonable opportunity for stating his case, shall be charged a fine upto 100% of the value of seizure or that of the products/items as regards to which the violation has taken place.

12. *Filing of end use Certificate.*— (1) Every person whosoever is engaged in the sale or trading of Solvent, Raffinate, Slop or their equivalent and other product, either imported or indigenous, for any purpose, whatsoever, shall file end use certificates from consumers to whom he sells and also furnish customer wise sales to the Licensing Authority, on a quarterly basis.

(2) Every person whosoever is engaged in use of Solvent, Raffinate, Slop, or their equivalent and other product, either imported or indigenous for any purpose, whatsoever, shall file end-use certificates to the Licensing Authority, on a quarterly basis.

(3) Any person who contravenes the provisions of sub-clause (1) or (2) above, shall be liable for action under clause 10 & 11 of this order as may be deemed fit. Such action shall be without prejudice to any other action that may be taken against him under Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

13. *Appeal.*— A person aggrieved by an Order of the Licensing Authority in respect of refusing to grant or renew a license, suspending or cancelling a license or forfeiting the security deposited by him, may prefer an appeal in writing before the Secretary, within thirty days of the receipt of such Order;

Provided that the Secretary may entertain an appeal after the said period of thirty days if he is satisfied that the appellant was prevented by sufficient cause from filing an appeal within the specified time of thirty days;

Provided further that the amount of security forfeited if any, shall be deposited before filing the appeal.

SCHEDULE I

The fee prescribed below shall be chargeable in respect of each license, namely:—

a) For issue of license : Rs. 500/-

b) For renewal of license : Rs. 250/-

SCHEDULED II

APPLICATION FORM

(For issue/renewal of license for Solvent, Raffinate and Slop under sub-clause (1) of Clause 3 of the Solvent, Raffinate and Slop (Acquisition, Sale, Storage and Prevention of Use in Automobiles) Order, 2000)

To,

The Director,
Department of Civil Supplies and
Consumer Affairs, Panaji-Goa.

1. Name of the applicant:

2. Type of firm (strike out whichever is not applicable)

2a. Public Limited Company/Private Limited Company/Partnership firm/Proprietorship firm/others

2b. Trader/Processor/Manufacturer/Consumer/Others

3. Addresses:

3a. Registered office:

3b. Storage point(s):

4. Names, addresses telephone numbers of Directors/Partners/Proprietor(S)

Sr. No.	Name	Office		Residence	
		Address	Telephone	Address	Telephone

5. Industry Registration/Licence Details

Registration/License Number	Date of issue	Valid upto	Issuing Authority

6. Goods and Service Tax Registration Details

Registration Number	Date of Issue	Valid upto	Issuing Authority

7. Explosives Licence Details

License Number	Date of Issue	Valid upto	Storage capacity Licensed (in kilograms)

8. Details of Storage

Location	Solvent/Raffinate/Slop	Tank Number	Capacity (in kilolitres)

9. Use of Solvent/Raffinate/Slop for which the license is required

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

10a. Quantities of Solvent/Raffinate/Slop for which Licence is applied for

Solvent/Raffinate/Slop	Quantity (in kilolitres)

10b. Material balance for which Solvent/Raffinate/Slop is/are required

I. Process (attach details) _____

II. Material balance of each unit of Solvent/Raffinate/Slop consumed
(To be given for each separately)

End Products & Wastage	Production (%)
Total	

DECLARATION

I certify that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and the information as annexure and statements accompanying this application are correct, complete and truly stated, and if any statement made herein is found to be incorrect, I shall be liable for action under the provisions of law.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Place: _____ Name: _____

By order and in the name of Governor of Goa.

Jayant G. Tari, Director & ex officio Jt. Secretary, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs.

Department of Cooperation

Office of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies

Addendum

1-30-2013-14/PLG/RCS/12/295

Date: 29-Apr-2025

- Read: 1) Notification No. 1-30-2013-14/PLG/RCS/709 dated 11-10-2013 published in the Official Gazette, Series I No. 29 dated 17-10-2013.
2) Addendum No. 1-30-2013-14/PLG/RCS/122 dated 17-06-2016 published in the Official Gazette, Series I No. 26 dated 29-09-2016.
3) Addendum No. 1-30-2013-14/PLG/RCS/156/2305 dated 06-09-2017 published in the Official Gazette, Series I No. 24 dated 14-09-2017.
4) Addendum No. 1-30-2013-14/PLG/RCS/180/4410 dated 20-12-2019 published in the Official Gazette, Series I No. 39 dated 26-12-2019.

Approval of the Government is hereby conveyed to continue the scheme called “Financial Incentives to the Primary Agricultural Credit/Consumer/Taluka Farmers/Processing and Marketing Cooperative Societies for their development/smooth functioning of business and other allied activities” for further period of five years i.e. up to 31-03-2030.

This has been issued with the concurrence of Finance (Expenditure) Department vide their U.O. No. 1400107429 dated 19-03-2025.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Kabir K. Shirgaonkar, Registrar of Cooperative Societies & ex officio Addl. Secretary (Cooperation).

Department of Home

Home - General Division

Notification

9/15/2024-HD(G)/1094

Date: 23-Apr-2025

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 59 of the Prisons Act, 1894 (Central Act 9 of 1894) and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, the Government of Goa hereby makes the following rules so as to amend the Goa Prisons Rules, 2021 as follows, namely:-

1. *Short title and commencement.*— (1) These rules may be called the Goa Prisons (First Amendment) Rules, 2025.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. *Amendment of rule 2.*— In the Goa Prisons Rules, 2021 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal Rules”), in sub-rule (1), for clause (aa), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:—

(aa) “Habitual Offender” means a person who during any continuous period of five years, has been convicted and sentenced to imprisonment on more than two occasions on account of any one or more of the offences committed on different occasions and not constituting parts of same transaction, such sentence not having been reversed in appeal or review.

Provided that in computing the continuous period of five years referred to above, any period spent in jail either under sentence of imprisonment or under detention shall not be taken into account.”

3. *Insertion of new rule 302-A.*— In the principal Rules, after rule 302, the following rule shall be inserted, namely:—

“302-A. *Prohibition of caste-based discrimination in Prisons and Correctional Institutions.*— (1) It shall be strictly ensured that there is no discrimination/classification/segregation of prisoners on the basis of their caste.

(2) It shall be strictly ensured that there is no discrimination of prisoners in allotment of any duty/work in prisons on the basis of their caste.

(3) The provisions of ‘the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013’ (Central Act 25 of 2013) shall have a binding effect even in Prisons and Correctional Institutions. Manual scavenging or hazardous cleaning of a sewer or a septic tank inside a prison shall not be permitted.”

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Manesh Hari Kedar, Under Secretary (Home-I).

—◆—
Foreigners and Citizenship Division

Notification

10/3/2021-HD(F&CD)/(CEP)/Part/152

Date: 25-Apr-2025

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 23 of the Goa (Abolition of Proprietorships, Titles and Grants of Lands) Act, 2014 (Goa Act 8 of 2014), the Government of Goa hereby makes the following rules so as to further amend the Goa (Abolition of Proprietorships, Titles and Grants of Lands) Rules, 2015, namely:—

1. *Short title and commencement.*— (1) These rules may be called the Goa (Abolition of Proprietorships, Titles and Grants of Lands) (Second Amendment) Rules, 2025.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. *Amendment of rule 7.*— In rule 7 of the Goa (Abolition of Proprietorships, Titles and Grants of Lands) Rules, 2015,

(i) for sub-rule (2), the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely:—

“(2) The person applying under sub-rule (1) shall submit Form I and XIV specified under the Goa, Daman and Diu Land Revenue (Records of Rights and Register of Cultivators) Rules, 1969, in which name of the applicant appears in the column of cultivators/tenants to prove that he is cultivating and is in continuous possession of the land.”

(ii) after sub-rule (2), the following sub-rules shall be inserted, namely:—

“(3) In case the applicant name does not appear in Form I and XIV than the applicant shall produce/submit any of the following documents, namely:—

- (I) Lease agreement between landlord and tenant;
- (II) Declaration of crops grown issued by the concerned Talathi;
- (III) Receipt of rent paid to the landlord by the applicant;
- (IV) Proof of cultivations of land; or
- (V) Notice issued by erstwhile Custodian of Evacuee Property/Government of Goa.

(4) In case if the applicant has submitted Form I and XIV under sub-rule (2) than the applicant is entitled for an area as mentioned on Form I and XIV but not exceeding five thousand square meters.

(5) In case applicant's name is not appearing in Form I and XIV and the applicant has submitted documents as specified under sub-rule (3) to the satisfaction of the concerned District Collector than the applicant is entitled for an area as reported by the concerned Mamlatdar in its report but not exceeding five thousand square meters.

(6) Such grant of land for agricultural purposes only under the Act shall be subject to verification of the documents by the concerned District Collector:

Provided that, in exceptional circumstances, if the applicant produces any document specified under sub-rule (3) wherein the extent of cultivation or possession is specifically recorded, the applicant may be entitled to such area subject to verification of the said documents by the concerned District Collector.

(7) Where multiple applications are received from the members of the same family under clause (b) of sub-section (1) of Section 4 or Section 8 of the Act due to expiry of the person whose name is reflected in Form I and XIV, the concerned District Collector shall decide such applications from the family for the benefit under these rules by considering Succession Deed of that family.”

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Manthan Manoj Naik, Under Secretary (Home-II).

◆◆◆

Department of Industries

—

Notification

3/10/2017-IND/Vol.I/93

Date: 23-Apr-2025

- Read: 1. Notification No. 3/10/2017-IND dated 28-03-2018, published in the Official Gazette, Government of Goa, Series I No. 1 dated 5-04-2018.
2. Notification No. 3/10/2017-IND/32 dated 02-02-2023 2023, published in the Official Gazette, Government of Goa, Series I No. 45 dated 09-02-2023.

3. Notification No. 3/10/2017-IND/68 dated 23-03-2023, published in the Official Gazette, Government of Goa, Series I No. 52 dated 30-03-2023.
4. Notification No. 3/10/2017-IND/272 dated 01-12-2023, published in the Official Gazette, Government of Goa, Series I No. 36 dated 07-12-2023.
5. Notification No. 3/10/2017-IND/Vol.I/162 dated 11-06-2024, published in the Official Gazette, Government of Goa, Series I No. 12 dated 20-06-2024.

Sub.: “The Goa State Incentives to Encourage Investments Scheme, 2017”.

The validity of the “The Goa State Incentives to Encourage Investments Scheme, 2017” notified vide Government Notification read in preamble is hereby extended for further period of one year i.e. w.e.f. 01-04-2025 to 31-03-2026.

This has been issued with the concurrence of Finance (Expenditure) Department vide U. O. No. 1400097609 dated 04-04-2025.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Amalia O. F. Pinto, Under Secretary (Industries).



Department of Information and Publicity

Notification

DI/INF/Goa Film Shooting Rules/2023

Date: 23-Apr-2025

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 11 of the Goa (Regulation of Film Shooting) Act, 2021 (Goa Act 29 of 2021) and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, the Government of Goa hereby makes the following rules, so as to amend the Goa (Regulation of Film Shooting) Rules, 2023, namely:-

1. *Short title and commencement.*— (1) These rules may be called the Goa (Regulation of Film Shooting) (First Amendment) Rules, 2025.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. *Amendment of rule 2.*— In rule 2 of the Goa (Regulation of Film Shooting) Rules, 2023 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal Rules”), after clause (d), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:-

“(dd) “Goan producer” means a film producer registered under the Goa Scheme of Financial Assistance for Films, 2016;”.

3. *Amendment of rule 3.*— In rule 3 of the principal Rules, after the words “or the line producer”, the words “or a Goan producer” shall be inserted.

4. *Amendment of rule 4.*— In rule 4 of the principal Rules, after the words “or the line producer”, the words “or a Goan producer” shall be inserted.

5. *Amendment of rule 5.*— In rule 5 of the principal Rules,—

(i) in sub-rule (2), for the words “five working days”, the words “three working days” shall be substituted;

(ii) in sub-rule (4), for the words “seven working days”, the words “two working days” shall be substituted;

(iii) after sub-rule (5), the following sub-rules shall be inserted, namely:—

“(6) In the event the recipient of the permission under Section 3 desires to extend the validity period of such permission, he shall make an application in Form-IA hereto duly signed by the producer or his authorized representative or the line producer or the Goan producer. The Competent Authority may extend the validity period of such permission for such duration as he deems fit, subject to the following conditions, namely:—

(a) such application shall be made before expiry of five days of the permission granted under sub-section (3) of Section 3;

(b) no other activity should have been scheduled/permitted at the location on the dates such extension is sought.

(7) The manner of granting permission as prescribed in sub-rules (1) to (5) shall mutatis mutandis apply for granting extension of the validity period of permission under sub-rule (6).”.

6. *Substitution of rule 6.*— For rule 6 of the principal Rules, the following rule shall be substituted, namely:

“6. *Processing fee and other fees.*— (1) Every application made under sub-section (3) of Section 3 or sub-rule (6) of rule 5 shall be accompanied with a processing fee and other applicable fees as specified in the Schedule hereto.

(2) In case, after granting the permission, the producer or his authorized representative or line producer or Goan producer does not carry out the film shooting, then the applicant shall not be entitled for refund of any fees paid by him.

(3) The Entertainment Society of Goa processing fee shall be submitted along with the application under sub-section (1) of Section 3 or sub- rule (6) of rule 5.

(4) If the applicant fails to pay the other applicable fees within a period of 24 hours from the grant of permission, the application under sub-section (1) of Section 3 shall be deemed to be rejected.”.

7. *Substitution of Form I.*— For Form I appended to the principal Rules, the following Form shall be substituted, namely:-

“FORM - I

Government of Goa

Department of Information and Publicity

Application for permission of film shooting

(See rule 3)

To,

The Competent Authority,

Subject: Application for permission of film shooting in the State of Goa

Sir,

We desire to carry out film shooting in the State of Goa. Detailed particulars are as given below:-

Production House Details

1. Name of Production House/Company Producer

2. Address of Producer
3. Name of Director
4. Name of the Film
5. Cast Details
6. Type of Shooting

Line Producer/Goan Producer/Authorised Representative Details

7. Name of Line Producer/Goan Producer/Authorised Representative:
8. Address of Line Producer/Goan Producer/Authorised Representative:
State/District/Taluka/Village/Area Postal
e-mail:
Contact No:
Mobile number:
9. Name of Director:
10. Name of the Film:
11. Cast Details:
12. Type of Shooting Film, Ad film, web series, photo shoot, TV series:
13. Defence installation involved? Yes/No

Film Shooting Details (Option to add multiple locations)

14. Location Category
15. Location
16. Location Area
17. Taluka
18. Village/Town
19. Film Shooting Date(s)
20. Shoot Time Slot
21. From/To Time
22. Is security required for Film shooting Location? if yes, requirement of number of Police personnel

Additional Details

- a. Are foreign artists part of crew? Yes/No
- b. Will drone be used for shooting? Yes/No

-
- | | |
|--|--------|
| c. Will there be onsite food preparations? | Yes/No |
| d. Will temporary structure be installed? | Yes/No |
| e. Whether shooting in private property? | Yes/No |
| f. Whether any place is under Government of India | Yes/No |
| g. Whether any child Artist forms a part of the Crew | Yes/No |
-

** Based on the above checklist the applicant will be asked to upload supporting documents along with the mandatory documents.

(if the application is signed by other than producer a proper authorisation (Power of Attorney) to be attached.)

Signature of the producer/his authorized representative/line Producer/Goan Producer

8. *Insertion of new form.*— In the principal Rules, after Form I, the following Form shall be inserted, namely:—

“FORM - IA
Government of Goa
Department of Information and Publicity
Application for extension of the film shooting permission
(See rule 5(6))

To,
The Competent Authority,

Subject: Application for permission to extend the validity of the film shooting permission.

Sir,

We desire to extend the validity of the film shooting permission issued to us as under. Detailed particulars are as given below:-

Details of the permission issued

1. Date of the permission:
 2. Number of the permission:
 3. Validity of the permission issued:
 4. Reasons for extension of the validity period:
 5. Period for which the extension of the validity of the permission is sought:
-

Production House Details

6. Name of Production House/Company Producer:

7. Address of Producer:
 8. Name of Director:
 9. Name of the Film:
 10. Cast Details:
 11. Type of Shooting:
-

Line Producer/Goan Producer/Authorised Representative Details

12. Name of Line Producer/Goan Producer/Authorised Representative:
 13. Address of Line Producer/Goan Producer/Authorised Representative:
State/District/Taluka/Village/Area Postal
 14. e-mail:
 15. Contact No.:
 16. Mobile number:
 17. Name of Director:
 18. Name of the Film:
 19. Cast Details:
 20. Type of Shooting Film, Ad film, web series, photo shoot, TV series:
 21. Defence installation involved? Yes/No
-

Film Shooting Details

22. Locations permitted vide existing permission already granted:
 23. If security has been provided by the existing permission, is there a requirement for continued security presence at the Film Shooting Location? if yes, requirement of number of Police
 24. If Security personnel were not granted earlier, is security now required for Film Shooting Location? if yes, requirement of number of Police personnel
-

Additional Details

- a. Are foreign artists part of crew? Yes/No
- b. Will drone be used for shooting? Yes/No
- c. Will there be onsite food preparations? Yes/No
- d. Will temporary structure be installed? Yes/No
- e. Whether shooting in private property? Yes/No
- f. Whether any place is under Government of India Yes/No? if yes, NOC from the Government of India for the user of the site for the additional period.
- g. Whether any child Artist forms a part of the Crew Yes/No

** Based on the above checklist the applicant will be asked to upload supporting documents along with the mandatory documents.

(if the application is signed by other than producer a proper authorisation (Power of Attorney) to be attached.)

Signature of the producer/his authorized representative/line Producer/Goan Producer

9. *Substitution of Form II.* — For Form II appended to the principal Rules, the following Form shall be substituted, namely:-

“Form-II

Undertaking

(See rule 4)

(To be signed before notary public)

I _____ s/o _____ Age _____ r/o _____, the producer/authorised representative of the producer, (Name)/line producer/Goan Producer, do hereby undertake that during the course of film shooting/filming allied activities, if any public property which is used for film shooting/filming allied activities is damaged by any act of my team or any person, the same will be restored at our cost within a period of 7 days from the date of such damage.

I undertake that the foreign artists, if any, engaged by me possess the necessary registrations/permissions and have legally entered into the State of Goa and their residence in the State of Goa is legal.

I am also aware that defacement of property in public view is a cognizable offence under section 6 of the Goa Prevention of Defacement of Property Act, 1988 (Goa Act No. 5 of 1990) and I shall be liable for the same.

Place : _____ (Name and Signature)

Date :

10. *Substitution of Form III.* — For Form III appended to the principal Rules, the following Form shall be substituted, namely:-

“Form-III

Permission for Film shooting

(See rule 5 (5))

Read :-

- 1) Application dated _____ of Shri _____ (Film producer/Authorised Representative/Line Producer/Goan Producer)
- 2) Undertaking dated _____ given by the (Film producer/Authorised Representative/Line Producer/Goan Producer)

- 3) N.O.C. from Government of India for film shooting _____
- 4) Payment Receipt No.----- dated-----
- 5) N.O.C. from -----(Name of the department if any involved)

Permission of Competent Authority is hereby convey for shooting of film----- (Name of the film) to film producer Shri----- under sub-section (3) of Section 3 of the Goa (Regulation of Film Shooting) Act, 2021(Act No. 29 of 2021) on the following places as per time schedule given below :-

Sr. No.	Name of Place	Date	Time

Terms and conditions:-

- (1) It shall be ensured that while film shooting, no nuisance, disturbance or obstructions are caused to the general public at the various tourists places and other suburbs.
- (2) No film shooting shall be done in the prohibited/restricted areas.
- (3) Only static loudspeakers (box type) shall be used and their volume kept low by using minimum decibel (audio) of music, so as to prevent noise pollution.
- (4) The Competent Authority may withdraw the permission granted, in case of violations of any of the conditions and undertaking mentioned above and also in case the content of the script violates the State rules/code of conduct or defames the State position in any manner.
- (5) If film shooting is done outside the permissible area, the competent authority or the officer authorised by the Government shall have the power to stop the film shooting and seize the film shooting material immediately from the spot.
- (6) The Police protection may be made available to the film producer or to his authorised representative or line producer or Goan producers at the shooting site on payment of charges as notified by the Government from time to time, by the Director General of Police.
- (7) The premises shall not be littered and no garbage/material shall be dumped at the permissible area/river/nallah/drains. The site should be kept clean after the shooting is over. Any Garbage accumulated at the site during the process of shooting shall be disposed off by the film producer or his authorised representative or the line producer or Goan producers.
- (8) All other guidelines of Government Departments shall be followed while carrying out shooting.

(Competent Authority)

Copy for information:-

- 1) The Director General of Police, Police H.Q. Panaji Goa
- 2) The District Magistrate North/South Goa

3) The S. P. North/South Goa

4) (Head of the Department concerned)

5) The S.P. Traffic -----

11. *Substitution of the Schedule.*— For the Schedule appended the principal Rules, the following Schedule shall be substituted, namely:-

“SCHEDULE

(See rule 6)

Sr. No.	Details	Fees
1.	Entertainment Society of Goa Processing Fees (Non-refundable)	Rs. 5,000/- plus taxes per application.
2.	Final Entertainment Society of Goa NOC Fees	Rs. 20,000/- plus taxes per day
3.	Fees for permission by Government Departments	Rs. 25,000/- plus taxes per day (This excludes rent of the premises.).
4.	Fees for permission by Government Departments/Autonomous Bodies for use of premises/venues	As levied by the concerned Department/ /Autonomous Body/Authority
5.	Fees for permission by Panchayats/Local bodies/Municipalities	Rs. 25,000/-. (Plus taxes as applicable) per day
6.	Fees for permission by Corporation of City of Panaji	Rs. 1,00,000/- (Plus taxes as applicable) per day
7.	Fees for permission for Goan Producers who are registered with the Competent Authority	10% of the total fees applicable plus taxes to the exclusion of ESG's Processing Fee and the Fees for permission by Government Departments/Autonomous Bodies for use of premises/venues
8.	Fees for permission for Line Producer who are registered with the Competent Authority	50% of the total fees applicable plus taxes to the exclusion of ESG's Processing Fee and the Fees for permission by Government Departments/Autonomous Bodies for use of premises/venues
9.	Non-commercial film shooting, which is proposed to be carried out exclusively for promoting local culture of the State of Goa by the Government of Goa and its allied Government Departments	Nil.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Dipak Bandekar, Director, Information & Publicity & ex officio Addl. Secy.

◆◆◆

Directorate of Social Welfare

Notification

61-22-2017-BC-DSW/PART/1563

Date: 23-Apr-2025

- Read: (i) Notification No. 61-22-2017-BC-DSW/3536 dated 21-10-2021.
(ii) Notification No. 61-22-2017-BC-DSW/6752 dated 16-03-2023.
(iii) Notification No. 61-22-2017-BC-DSW/Part/7682 dated 18-02-2025.

In partial modification in the scheme “ATAL ASRA YOJANA”

At 1) Clause 8 (e), 9(v), 9(vi), of notification

2) In point No. 9, 10 & 21 on application and

3) In point No. 4 on affidavit shall be read as under:-

8. Submission of application & procedure for sanctioning amount.

(e) The applicant shall submit the following documents to avail financial assistance along with prescribed application.

For construction of New House	For Reconstruction of existing house	For Repairs for existing house
1. Sanction Order IAY/ RAY (if any). 2. Detailed Estimate of the Registered Engineer/Architect. 3. Any Ownership Documents:- such as Sale Deed/Form I & XIV/ Mundkar Certificate/ NOC from Land Owner/ Any other documents providing ownership. 4. Construction License issued by Competent Authority. 5. Income Certificate 6. Bank Pass Book Copy. 7. Mandate Form. 8. Aadhar Card Copy. 9. A declaration stating that applicant does not belong to Scheduled Tribe Category. 10. Affidavit in prescribed proforma. 11. SC/OBC/EWS Certificate issued by competent authority of State of Goa.	1. Sanction Order under IAY/ RAY (if any). 2. Detailed Estimate of the Registered Engineer/ Architect/ Mason/Self/ local Contractors. 3. Any Ownership Documents:- Such as Sale Deed/ Form I & XIV/ Mundkar Certificate/ NOC from Land Owner/Any other documents providing ownership. 4. House Tax receipt 5. Re-construction License issued by Competent Authority. 6. Photograph of the existing house along with the applicant. 7. Income Certificate 8. Bank Pass Book Copy. 9. Aadhar Card copy. 10. Mandate Form. 11. A declaration stating that applicant does not belong to Scheduled Tribe Category. 12. Affidavit in prescribed proforma. 13. SC/OBC/EWS Certificate issued by competent	1. Sanction Order under IAY/ RAY (if any). 2. Detailed Estimate of the Registered Engineers/ /Architects/Mason/Self/ Local Contractors. 3. Any Ownership document such as Sale deed/Form I & XIV/ /Mundkar Certificate/NOC from Land owner/House Tax receipt. Or any other documents proving ownership (in case repair estimate is prepared by local mason/local contractor then the same shall be countersigned by registered Engineer/Architect or Contractor). 4. Photograph of the existing house along with the applicant. 5. Income Certificate 6. Bank Pass Book Copy 7. Mandate Form. 8. Aadhar card copy. 9. A declaration stating that applicant does not belong to Scheduled Tribe Category. 10. Affidavit in prescribed proforma. 11. SC/OBC/EWS Certificate issued by competent authority of State of Goa.

12. 15yrs residence certificate issued by competent authority of State of Goa. 13. Form I & XIV	14. 15 yrs residence certificate issued by competent authority of State of Goa. 15. Form I & XIV.	12. 15 yrs residence certificate issued by competent authority of State of Goa. 13. Form I & XIV. 14. If name of the applicant is not found on form I & XIV it may be relaxed by, a certificate from Panchayat Secretary stating that house is registered with the concerned Panchayat for last 30yrs.
--	--	--

9 Committee for recommendation of proposal.— The following Committee shall recommend the applications to the sanctioning authority prescribed under this scheme.

(v) Head Clerk/EOVP of the office of the concerned BDO..... Member.

(vi) Field Assistant of Social Welfare deployed in the office of the concerned BDO..... Member Secretary.

Application for availing Financial Assistance under “Atal Asra Yojana”

9. OBC/SC/EWS

10. OBC/SC/EWS Certificate No. & Date

21.

For construction of New House	For Reconstruction of existing house	For Repairs for existing house
1. Sanction Order IAY/RAY (if any). 2. Detailed Estimate of the Registered Engineer/Architect. 3. Any Ownership Documents:- such as Sale Deed/ Form I & XIV/ Mundkar Certificate/ NOC from Land Owner/Any other documents providing ownership. 4. Construction License issued by Competent Authority. 5. Income Certificate 6. Bank Pass Book Copy. 7. Mandate Form. 8. Aadhar Card Copy. 9. A declaration stating that applicant does not belong to Scheduled Tribe Category. 10. Affidavit in prescribed proforma. 11. SC/OBC/EWS Certificate issued by	1. Sanction Order under IAY/ RAY (if any). 2. Detailed Estimate of the Registered Engineer/ Architect/ Mason/Self/ local Contractors. 3. Any Ownership Documents:- Such as Sale Deed/ Form I & XIV/ Mundkar Certificate/ NOC from Land Owner/Any other documents providing ownership. 4. House Tax receipt 5. Re-construction License issued by Competent Authority. 6. Photograph of the existing house along with the applicant. 7. Income Certificate 8. Bank Pass Book Copy. 9. Aadhar Card copy. 10. Mandate Form. 11. A declaration stating that applicant does not belong to Scheduled Tribe Category. 12. Affidavit in prescribed proforma. 13. SC/OBC/EWS Certificate issued by competent authority of State of Goa	1. Sanction Order under IAY/ RAY (if any). 2. Detailed Estimate of the Registered Engineers/ Architects/Mason/Self/ Local Contractors. 3. Any Ownership document such as Sale deed / Form I & XIV/ Mundkar Certificate/ NOC from Land owner/House Tax receipt. Or any other documents proving ownership (in case repair estimate is prepared by local mason/local contractor then the same shall be countersigned by registered Engineer/Architect or Contractor). 4. Photograph of the existing house along with the applicant. 5. Income Certificate 6. Bank Pass Book Copy 7. Mandate Form. 8. Aadhar card copy. 9. A declaration stating that applicant does not belong to Scheduled Tribe Category. 10. Affidavit in prescribed proforma. 11. SC/OBC/EWS Certificate issued by competent authority

competent authority of State of Goa. 12. 15yrs residence certificate issued by competent authority of State of Goa. 13. Form I & XIV	14. 15 yrs residence certificate issued by competent authority of State of Goa. 15. Form I & XIV.	of State of Goa. 12. 15 yrs residence certificate issued by competent authority of State of Goa. 13. Form I & XIV. 14. If name of the applicant is not found on form I & XIV it may be relaxed by, a certificate from Panchayat Secretary stating that house is registered with the concern Panchayat for last 30yrs.
--	--	--

AFFIDAVIT

4. I say that the land under survey No. ____ Village ____, Taluka _____ District _____ belongs to me where I propose to construct the house /re-construct the existing house.

OR

I say that the land under survey No. ____ Village ____, Taluka _____ District _____ belongs to my Brother/Mother/Father/ _____ where I propose to construct the house /re-construct the existing house. NOC from _____ is produced by me where I propose to construct the house /re-construct the existing house.

By order and in the name of Governor of Goa.

Ajit Panchwadkar, Director of Social Welfare & ex officio Add. Secretary (SW).

**Department of Transport**

Directorate of Transport

Notification

D.Tpt/EST/3212/2024/1112

Date: 28-Apr-2025

GOA ROAD SAFETY POLICY 2025**1. Preamble**

The Goa Road Safety Policy, 2025 has been formulated in response to the growing challenges of road safety in the state. As of September, 2024, Goa's vehicle population has reached 13.23 lakh, with 8.69 lakh two-wheelers, growing at an annual rate of 17%. With the rapid increase in vehicular traffic in the state, the incidents of road accidents have also seen a rise in the past few years. In the year 2023-24, over 2,682 accidents were reported, resulting in 286 fatalities. This rapid increase necessitates a comprehensive, technology-driven approach to ensure safer roads, roadworthy vehicles, well-trained drivers, effective enforcement, and accident mitigation measures.

This policy is aligned with the Hon'ble Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety (SCCoRS) directives, the Government of India's Road Safety Policy, and the objectives of the UN Decade of Action for Road Safety (2021-2030), which targets a 50% reduction in road fatalities and serious injuries by 2030.

By leveraging automation, artificial intelligence, data analytics and enhanced community participation, the Goa Road Safety Policy 2025 aims to augment monitoring, compliance, and accident prevention to create a safer, more efficient and sustainable road transport ecosystem.

2. Objectives

The Goa Road Safety Policy, 2025 aims to establish a safe, efficient, and technology-driven road transport ecosystem by leveraging automation, artificial intelligence, and data analytics. The policy seeks to minimize road accidents, improve enforcement mechanisms, and ensure the safety of all road users through the following objectives.

- a) *Ensuring Safer Vehicles:* To ensure that only roadworthy vehicles operate on Goa's roads, this policy promotes the establishment of Automated Testing Stations (ATS). These facilities will enhance transparency and objectivity in vehicle fitness certification, eliminating manual errors and biases in the assessment process. Strengthening the inspection and certification system will be a key priority to improve compliance with vehicle fitness standards and reduce the risk posed by mechanically unfit vehicles.
- b) *Enhancing Driver Training and Licensing Standards:* Enhancing driver skills through structured training is critical for road safety. This policy envisions the establishment of Integrated Driver Training Centres (IDTR) or Regional Driver Training Centres (RDTC) in Goa, in line with MoRTH guidelines. These centres will provide structured, high-quality training and scientific driver assessment, ensuring that drivers meet safety and competence standards before obtaining licenses.
- c) *Strengthening Road Safety Enforcement through Technology:* To enhance enforcement and deter violations, an AI-based traffic management system will be deployed to detect infractions such as over speeding, red light jumping, wrong-lane driving, helmet and seat belt non-compliance, triple riding, plying of de-registered End-of-Life Vehicles, PUC violations, and expired insurance. Non-intrusive and evidence-based monitoring will be the key focus, with automated surveillance, e-challan systems, and AI-driven analytics ensuring transparent, data-backed enforcement for improved road safety in Goa.
- d) *Leveraging Data and Analytics for Proactive Safety Measures:* Data-driven decision-making is essential for proactive road safety interventions. This policy will implement advanced data analytics tools, including e-DAR and iRAD, to analyse accident trends and identify high-risk zones. By leveraging GIS-based mapping, accident-prone areas will be scientifically assessed to enable targeted safety improvements in road infrastructure and traffic management. These data-driven interventions will ensure that road safety measures are continuously refined based on real-time insights.
- e) *Ensuring multi-sectoral coordination:* To establish a structured and outcome-driven approach to road safety, an independent Lead Agency will be constituted to coordinate and implement road safety initiatives effectively. Regular review meetings of the State Road Safety Council and District Road Safety Councils will be conducted to ensure continuous monitoring and course correction. The policy will also facilitate inter-departmental coordination among Transport, Traffic Police, PWD, NHAI, Health, and Education departments, along with collaboration with civil society organizations and research institutions engaged in road safety efforts.
- f) *Promoting public awareness and road safety culture:* To enhance road user awareness and foster a culture of compliance, this policy will strengthen the Traffic Rules Understanding and Safety Training (TRUST) programme, a driver refresher initiative for individuals with suspended licenses, to reinforce responsible driving behaviour. Additionally, structured road safety awareness campaigns will be implemented to educate all road users on traffic regulations and best practices. Community participation and stakeholder engagement will be promoted to instil longterm behavioural change and collective responsibility for road safety.

- g) *Enhancing road engineering and infrastructure for safer mobility*: Recognizing the impact of road conditions on accident rates, the policy aims to identify and rectify accident hotspots through traffic calming measures, improved signage, and necessary road redesign. Where feasible, efforts will be made to integrate safe cycling infrastructure and pedestrian-friendly pathways in high-traffic zones to promote non-motorized transport. The policy also emphasizes inclusive road and transport design, ensuring accessibility for persons with disabilities by incorporating universal design principles such as tactile paving, wheelchair-friendly ramps, and audible pedestrian signals.

3. Implementation Framework

The Goa Road Safety Policy 2025 presents a structured and technology-driven approach for effective implementation. This framework ensures systematic execution of policy objectives through institutional mechanisms, inter-agency coordination, and technological interventions.

- a. *Establishment of automated testing stations (ATS)*: To ensure objective and technology-based vehicle fitness assessment, the state will facilitate the establishment of Automated Testing Stations (ATS) in accordance with G.S.R. 652(E) dated September 23, 2021 and the Goa Automated Testing Station (ATS) Policy, 2024. The ATS network will eliminate manual intervention in vehicle fitness testing, ensuring transparency and compliance with national safety standards. The Government will facilitate the setting up of at least one ATS in each district of Goa to ensure statewide accessibility and uniform enforcement of vehicle fitness regulations.
- b. *Strengthening driver training and licensing standards*: The state will establish at least one Institute of Driving Training and Research (IDTR) or Regional Driving Training Centre (RDTC) in line with the MoRTH guidelines issued on December 22, 2021. The Government will engage with MoRTH to relax eligibility criteria where necessary and facilitate the establishment of at least one such centre in Goa. Additionally, the Government will envisage setting up the IDTR or RDTC through a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model as per MoRTH scheme guidelines.
- c. *Deployment of AI-based traffic management system*: An AI-powered traffic management system will be deployed to enable non-intrusive, evidence-based monitoring of road safety violations and efficient traffic management. The system will cover:
 - i. *Dynamic violations*, including over speeding, red light jumping, wrong-lane driving, helmet and seat belt non-compliance, triple riding, and overloaded vehicles.
 - ii. *Static violations*, such as plying of de-registered End-of-Life Vehicles (ELVs), Pollution Under Control (PUC) violations, expired insurance, stolen/lookout vehicles, and unauthorized vehicle entries.
 - iii. *Traffic Monitoring and Analysis System* which, using prediction and real time evidence which assist in streamlining the management and safety of traffic flow through adaptive traffic signal optimization and augmented incident management systems.

The AI-Based Traffic Management System will be implemented through a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode, ensuring efficiency, sustainability, and optimal resource utilization. The system will integrate with law enforcement agencies for real-time monitoring and data-driven enforcement to improve compliance and deter violations.

- d. *Data-driven road safety measures*: To enable evidence-based decision-making, the state will leverage advanced data analytics tools such as the Integrated Road Accident Database (iRAD) and the e-Detailed Accident Report (e-DAR) system.

The iRAD project, initiated by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) and supported by the World Bank, facilitates structured accident data collection from multiple stakeholders, including Police, Transport, Highways, and Health Departments. The system enables precise analysis to identify accident-prone areas and underlying causes, allowing targeted interventions to enhance road safety.

The e-DAR portal complements iRAD by digitalizing accident reports, ensuring real-time access and seamless integration with other government databases such as Vaahan. It streamlines data-sharing across agencies, reduces redundancy, and enhances the detection of fraudulent claims by cross-referencing vehicle and accident details.

To ensure the effective implementation of these platforms, all stakeholder departments—including Traffic Police, Health, and the Public Works Department (PWD)—will be trained and sensitized on their functionalities. This will enable efficient accident data collection, analysis, and visualization to support informed decision-making for road safety improvements, including road redesign, enhanced signage, and better traffic management strategies.

- e. *Institutional mechanism for coordination:* A dedicated Lead Agency for Road Safety will be constituted as the nodal body responsible for coordinating, implementing, and monitoring road safety initiatives across Goa. In line with the recommendations of the Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety (SCCoRS), this Lead Agency will function independently of any specific government department, ensuring an impartial and integrated approach to road safety management.

Regular review meetings of the State Road Safety Council (SRSC) and District Road Safety Councils (DRSCs) will be conducted to evaluate policy effectiveness and facilitate timely interventions. The agency will ensure structured inter-departmental coordination among the Transport Department, Traffic Police, Public Works Department (PWD), National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), Health, and Education departments to create a multi-sectoral approach to road safety.

Furthermore, the Lead Agency will actively engage with civil society organizations and research institutes specializing in road safety to incorporate evidence-based strategies and global best practices.

- f. *Public awareness and road safety training initiatives:* To promote a culture of road safety, the state will undertake targeted awareness campaigns across schools, workplaces, and public spaces. The TRUST programme will be further strengthened as a driver refresher initiative for individuals with suspended licenses, ensuring improved compliance and responsible driving behaviour. Public engagement efforts will focus on community participation and long-term behavioural change.
- g. *Implementation of key road safety measures:* The following measures will be mandatorily enforced and monitored to enhance vehicle safety:
- i. To achieve 100% saturation of High Security Registration Plates (HSRP) as mandated under the Motor Vehicles Act, ensuring uniform identification and tracking of vehicles.
 - ii. Implementation of Vehicle Location Tracking Devices (VLTD) for all transport vehicles, with compliance mandatorily checked at the time of fitness renewal.
 - iii. Fitment of speed governors in all transport vehicles, with enforcement ensured at the time of fitness renewal to regulate vehicular speeds and prevent over speeding-related accidents.
 - iv. The State Road Safety Council (SRSC) will periodically review the progress of these measures to ensure compliance and enforcement.

h. Enhancing road engineering and infrastructure for safer mobility:

- i. The Goa Road Safety Policy 2025 mandates targeted road engineering improvements, with implementation overseen by the Public Works Department and the National Highways Authority of India. Accident hotspots will be identified using iRAD, e-DAR, and traffic police data, with appropriate interventions such as speed-calming measures, road realignment, improved lighting, and enhanced signage. The Road Engineering Committee, constituted under the Goa Causes and Analysis of Motor Vehicle Accidents and Wayside Amenities on Highways Scheme, 2021, will coordinate these improvements with relevant departments.
- ii. Where feasible, the government shall endeavour to integrate cycling tracks and pedestrian pathways into urban planning and upgrade existing footpaths in high-traffic areas. Shared mobility corridors and multi-modal integration will be considered to enhance last-mile connectivity.
- iii. PWD and NHAI shall incorporate universal design principles in road projects to ensure accessibility for persons with disabilities, including features like tactile paving, wheelchair-friendly ramps, and audible pedestrian signals.
- iv. Public transport systems in Goa will be encouraged to adopt accessibility features such as low-floor buses and designated seating.
- v. Emergency call boxes may be installed at accident-prone locations to facilitate timely accident reporting and response. The Public Works Department, National Highways Authority of India, Department of Transport and Kadamba Transport Corporation Limited will be responsible for implementation, with periodic road safety audits conducted to evaluate effectiveness and recommend improvements.

4. Monitoring and evaluation:

- a. The State Road Safety Council (SRSC) will convene regularly to monitor the implementation of this policy and review its performance against the targets set by the Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety (SCCoRS) and the directions issued by them from time to time. These include reducing road accidents, minimizing fatalities, strengthening enforcement mechanisms, and improving road safety infrastructure.
- b. The SRSC will ensure that all mandated road safety measures are effectively implemented across departments and that corrective actions are taken wherever necessary. The District Road Safety Councils (DRSCs) will support this process at the district level by ensuring compliance with prescribed road safety measures and reporting progress to the SRSC.
- c. Regular reviews, audits, and compliance assessments will be conducted to evaluate implementation gaps and strengthen enforcement efforts in coordination with all stakeholder departments.

5. Action Plan and Timeline:

- a. The Goa Road Safety Policy, 2025 will be implemented over a period of three years from the date of Notification. The key initiatives will be executed in a structured manner to ensure effective enforcement, infrastructure development, and stakeholder coordination.
- b. During this period, the Lead Agency for Road Safety will be established as an independent body, and the State Road Safety Council (SRSC) will regularly monitor the progress of policy implementation.

- c. Enforcement mechanisms will be strengthened to achieve 100 percent saturation of High Security Registration Plates (HSRP), ensure the mandatory installation of Vehicle Location Tracking Devices (VLTD) and speed governors in transport vehicles, and enhance road safety compliance.
- d. The AI-based Traffic Management System will be implemented under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model, with initial deployment in high-risk corridors and gradual expansion across the state.
- e. Automated Testing Stations (ATS) will be operationalized in each district, and at least one Integrated Driver Training Centre (IDTR) or Regional Driving Training Centre (RDTC) will be established through MoRTH guidelines. The TRUST (Traffic Rules Understanding and Safety Training) programme will be further strengthened to improve driver awareness and compliance.
- f. The integration of e-DAR and iRAD systems will facilitate data-driven accident analysis, and inter-departmental coordination among Transport, Traffic Police, PWD, NHAI, Health, and Education departments will be streamlined for effective policy execution.
- g. At the end of three years, the SRSC will comprehensively review the policy's impact based on SCCoRS targets and directions, ensuring necessary course corrections and continuous improvements in road safety governance.

By order in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Kedar Naik, Director of Transport/L.O.



Department of Women and Child Development

Directorate of Women and Child Development

Notification

2-103(73)2024/DWCD/843

Date: 25-Apr-2025

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 39 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (Central Act No. 32 of 2012), the Government of Goa hereby prepares the following guidelines, namely:-

1. *Short title and commencement.*— (1) These guidelines may be called the Guidelines for the State of Goa with respect to the support persons under Section 39 of the POCSO Act, 2012.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. *Objective.*— The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (Act No. 32 of 2012) (hereinafter referred to as “POCSO Act, 2012”) is a special law which has been formulated to deal with cases pertaining to child sexual abuse. POCSO Act, 2012 is a comprehensive law and provides for the legal provisions for the protection of children below 18 years of age from sexual abuse, exploitation and pornography, while safeguarding the interests of the child at every stage of the judicial process by incorporating child-friendly mechanisms for reporting, recording of evidence, investigation and speedy trial of offences through designated Special Courts.

The responsibility of supporting children who have been sexually abused or have been a victim of abuse should be embraced by the whole community. Therefore, the professionals who are working in this field play a

key role in enabling the healing process. Section 39 of the said Act, categorically talks about the guidelines for child to take assistance of experts, etc. The same is reproduced below:-

“Section 39: Guidelines for child to take assistance of experts, etc. Subject to such rules as may be made in this behalf, the State Government shall prepare guidelines for use of non-governmental organizations, professionals and experts or persons having knowledge of psychology, social work, physical health, mental health and child development to be associated with the pre-trial and trial stage to assist the child.”

The key objective of support persons under the POCSO Act, 2012 is to provide an emotional and psychological support to child victims during the legal proceedings and further ensure their well-being and protection.

These individuals play a crucial role in helping children to cope with the legal system and to provide them with the support they need to effectively testify against their offenders. Therefore, proper rehabilitation of the victim plays a crucial role for ensuring protection.

Further, a support person shall be assigned by a Child Welfare Committee, in accordance with sub-rule (8) of rule 4, of the POCSO Rules, 2020, in order to render assistance to the child throughout the process of investigation and trial, or any other person who is assisting the child in the pre-trial or trial process in respect of an offence under the Act.

3: *Qualification and Appointment of Support Persons.*—

3.1: Appointment of support person:

- (1) The appointment of a support person is deemed mandatory in all POCSO cases, unless and until the child victim or their legal guardian provide a written statement clearly stating their preference not to avail the services of a support person.
- (2) In the event that the child victim or their legal guardian choose not to have a support person, written statement should include reasonable grounds for their decision.
- (3) The decision to forgo the assistance of a support person must be made freely, without any form of coercion or undue influence.
- (4) The Child Welfare Committee to ensure mandatory counselling is provided to the victim or their legal guardian by counsellors authorized by the Child Welfare Committee prior to arriving at a decision in this regard.
- (5) The decision not to appoint a support person should prioritize the best interests and comfort of the child victim, ensuring their rights and emotional well-being are upheld.
- (6) That in case a victim is unwilling to take a support person, then the same unwillingness shall be communicated by the Child Welfare Committee to the Trial Court through the prosecutor.

3.2: Qualification for support persons:

Any person with a post graduate degree in Social Work or Sociology or Psychology or Child Development or a graduate with minimum three years of experience in child education and development or protection issues:

Provided that in accordance with rule 5(6) of the POCSO Rules, 2020, an entity qualified to act as a Support Person may also include an organization actively engaged in the realm of child rights or child

protection. Additionally, an official associated with a children's home or shelter home responsible for the custody of the child may also be eligible to apply as a Support Person.

3.3: Process for empanelment of support persons:

- (1) **Advertisement:** For the purpose of empanelment or engagement of Support Person, an advertisement may be published on the official website as well as leading newspaper for purpose of calling application.
- (2) **Scrutiny of Applications:** For the purpose of short-listing of the eligible candidates, the District Child Protection Officer shall scrutinize eligible applications meeting the criteria and further call the eligible candidates for a personal interview.
- (3) **Selection Committee:** For the purpose of conducting personal interviews, a Selection Committee shall be formulated by the Quorum comprising of any three (3) of the following functionaries—
 - (i) Ld. Special Judge (POCSO).
 - (ii) District Magistrate or his representative not below the rank of Additional District Magistrate.
 - (iii) Chairperson, Child Welfare Committee.
 - (iv) Subject Expert,—
 - i. Head of Government District Mental Health Program/HOD of Government College Psychology/Sociology Department.
 - ii. District Education Officer, Principal District Institute of Education and Training (DIET), Chief Medical Officer, Renowned Experts in the field of Psychiatry and Psychology.
 - (v) District Child Protection Officer as the Convener of the Committee.
- (4) **Interview:** All the short-listed eligible candidates shall be called for a personal interview which shall be conducted by the aforesaid Selection Committee. The Selection Committee shall evaluate on the basis of qualification and experience of working with children and personal interaction of the applicant and recommend a panel of the names for the position of Support Persons.
- (5) **Selection/Empanelment:**
 - (i) The District Child Protection Officer shall empanel the selected candidates on the recommendations of the aforesaid Selection Committee.
 - (ii) The District Child Protection Officer on receipt of application, may also empanel existing staff such as Anganwadi Workers/Supervisors, Child-line workers as Support Person. The said charge may be given, in addition to their existing assignment provided they meet the pre-requisite criteria for such empanelment and are selected post interview as mandated in the aforesaid regulations.
- (6) **Term of Engagement/Empanelment:** The selected Support Persons shall be engaged for a period of three years which shall be yearly reviewed by the District Child Protection Officer and shall be extended beyond 3 years on the basis of the recommendation after review conducted by the District Child Protection Officer. The said recommendation must be approved by the District Magistrate.

(7) Remuneration of services of support persons:

- (i) *Monthly Allowance:* The Support Person shall submit a report at the end of each month to the District Child Protection Officer for review and remuneration as prescribed in Form A. (The Remuneration for the services of a support person whose name is enrolled in the register maintained under rule 5(1) of POCSO Rules, 2020, or otherwise, shall be made by the State Government from the Fund maintained under Section 105 of the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015 (2 of 2016), or from other funds placed at the disposal of the District Child Protection Unit).

Any support person engaged for the purpose of assisting a child under this Act, shall be paid on a pro-rata basis, determined by the number of days worked or in-person visits conducted to locations such as Hospitals, Child Welfare Committee, police station, childcare institutions, the victim's family, educational institution, court, government department, banks etc. The Monthly remuneration based on assigned cases, shall be prescribed by the State Government, but which shall be calculated in a prorated manner basis the amount prescribed for a skilled worker under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948 (11 of 1948).

Further, if a person empanelled as a support person has not been assigned any case or has not been providing support to a child, he/she shall not be entitled to claim remuneration.

- (ii) *Travel Allowance:* The support person shall be provided reimbursement as per actuals for the travel undertaken with the minor victim on production of bills duly verified by Child Welfare Committee.

- (8) **Ratio for empanelment of support persons:** The empanelment of Support Persons shall be in the Ratio of 1:10 of the number of cases in each district. However, Support Persons shall not handle more than 10 cases at a time. The Child Welfare Committee shall consider the following factors while assigning cases to Support Persons:

- (i) Cases from the same Police Station to be assigned to the same Support Person, as far as possible.
- (ii) In case where the number of cases exceeds the number of available Support Person, then at the discretion of Child Welfare Committee and under the order of District Magistrate, the number of cases assigned may be increased, but in any event not exceeding 20 cases per Support Person.

- (9) **Gender Consideration Assignment:** While assigning a Support Person, consideration may be given to a female victim if a request has been put forth for a female support person by the victim herself or her family member. Subsequently, in cases involving a male child victim, consideration may be given to the male victim if a request for a male support person is made by the victim himself or his family member.

- (10) **Background verification of support persons:** Once the Support person is shortlisted, a thorough background verification of the Support Person shall be mandatorily conducted by the District Child Protection Officer before empanelment of the Support Person. This shall involve Police Verification for the purpose of criminal background check.

3.4: Duties of DCPO for maintaining database of support persons:

- (i) The District Child Protection Officer shall also be responsible to enlist and delist the details of all the Support Persons empaneled by the said district on the National Commission for Protection of

Child Rights (NCPCR's) "POCSO Tracking Portal" for maintaining all India database of Support Persons, Counsellor, translators, and interpreters. Further, the District Child Protection Officer shall also be responsible to enlist and delist the details of Support Persons on the Commission's portal who have been freshly engaged or have been terminated from the services.

- (ii) The District Child Protection Officer shall also be responsible to update and maintain the records of support persons along with the assigned cases on the designated portal.
- (iii) The Goa State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (GSCPCR) shall be the monitoring authority at the State Level for ensuring proper execution of these duties by the District Child Protection Officer.

3.5: Procedure for Assigning of cases as support persons by Child Welfare Committee:

Any person, who has been empaneled and engaged as a support person of the respective District Child Protection Unit, shall be assigned cases as a support person by the Child Welfare Committee. Such assignment shall be made in the following manner:

- (i) In accordance with sub-rule (7) of rule 4 of the POCSO Rules, 2020, to render assistance to the child through the process of investigation and trial including post-trial stage such as appeal, or to any other person assisting the child in the pre-trial or trial process in respect of an offence under the Act.
- (ii) The Child Welfare Committee, on receiving a report under sub-section (6) of Section 19 of the POCSO Act, 2012 or on the basis of its assessment made under sub-rule (5) of rule 4 of the POCSO Rules, 2020 and with the consent of the child and child's parent or guardian or other person in whom the child has trust and confidence, may provide a support person to render assistance to the child in all possible manner throughout the process of investigation and trial, and shall immediately inform the Special Juvenile Police Unit or Local Police about providing a support person to the child.
- (iii) The Child Welfare Committee assigning a case of a minor victim must consider the needs and requirement of child on the basis of education, psychological needs, family condition, legal assistance, and awareness, as well as logistical factors such as distance from the minor's residence to Court, hospital etc.

4. *Duties of Support Persons:* The child and family should be protected from external pressure and supported in their journey within the criminal justice system. A trained support person can ease the child and family's journey through the criminal justice and child protection systems. As the support person can provide information and updates the child and his family from time to time, facilitates emotional and psychological support and assists with rehabilitation. Hence, the support person becomes a vital liaison between stakeholders, the child, and the family by assisting them through the various stages of the case.

The duties of Support Person are:

- (i) Ensuring the continuation of education, including facilitating a change of school if required in the best interest of the child if the incident occurred at school, and obtaining the victim's last attendance records.
- (ii) Assessing the presence of any threat, coercion or pressure and invoking victim/witness protection scheme as necessary.

- (iii) Identifying if the child is in need of care and protection and alerting the Child Welfare Committee if the child should be moved to Child Care Institutions.
- (iv) Ensuring the relocation of the victim, if required.
- (v) Conducting regular home visits to the child survivor.
- (vi) Identify any specific requirements the child might have due to his/her disability and ensure these needs are met throughout the process.
- (vii) To raise the concern in case the child friendly procedures (inter-alia child friendly court procedures) are not followed.
- (viii) Informing the Child Welfare Committee in monthly report if the witness turns hostile, which shall thereafter be shared with the prosecution and the trial court. Failure to report such instances shall lead to inquiry against the corresponding Support Person.
- (ix) Maintain confidentiality of all information pertaining to the child.
- (x) Addressing any concerns, the child and the family may have.
- (xi) Accompany the child during statement recording, medical examination and trial. Accompanying the child victim to court, particularly for compensation, bail, and prosecution evidence etc.
- (xii) From the day support person is appointed, it is his duty to facilitate the child with medical assistance and treatment, counselling to come out of the trauma, and inform the victim about the availability of the legal aid assistance through District Legal Service Authority, and the provision of interim compensation for medical and other expenses.
- (xiii) Address safety concerns that the child may have concerning the accused.
- (xiv) For a child without parental/familial support, the support person can play the major role by providing the assistance and access to protection, rehabilitation, reintegration, healing and justice to the child by informing and getting recommendations from Child Welfare Committee and concerned authorities.
- (xv) Provide information promptly to the child and the family about the procedural steps involved in a criminal prosecution, which includes but is not limited to:
 - (i) the availability of public and private emergency and crisis services;
 - (ii) provision of private counsel as per Section 40 of the POCSO Act;
 - (iii) the procedural steps involved in a criminal prosecution;
 - (iv) the availability of victim's compensation benefits;
 - (v) the status of the investigation of the crime, to the extent it is appropriate to inform the victim and to the extent that it will not interfere with the investigation;
 - (vi) the arrest of a suspected offender;
 - (vii) the filing of charges against a suspected offender;
 - (viii) the schedule of court proceedings that the child is either required to attend or is entitled to attend;

- (ix) the bail, release or detention status of an offender or suspected offender.
- (x) the rendering of a verdict after trial; and
- (xi) the sentence imposed on an offender.
- (xvi) Submit monthly updates to the Child Welfare Committee on the child's well-being, including physical, emotional, and mental health, collaborate with medical facilities for necessary care, and facilitate the child's education, potentially relocating them to a new school as needed.
- (xvii) The Support Person appointed shall be unbiased and impartial and shall disclose any real or perceived conflict of interest and shall render a complete and accurate interpretation or translation without any additions or omissions, in accordance with Section 225 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (No. 46 of 2023).
- (xviii) For the purpose of tracking, and monitoring of each case assigned to him on the NCPCR's "POCSO Tracking Portal", the Support Person shall be provided with login credentials so as to facilitate the process of rehabilitation and upload the status on the portal.
- (xix) The Support Person shall in coordination with the Child Welfare Committee, police and District Child Protection Unit, take appropriate steps for the child's safety and security.
- (xx) While dealing with the incest cases, the support person shall assist the child and the family in finding alternate residences and will make efforts to connect child with people who can provide support and facilitate relocation.
- (xxi) The support person, with the help of District Legal Service Authority. or public prosecutor, shall submit an application to the appropriate authority for the relocation of the victim and their family, if required.
- (xxii) The Support Person shall seek immediate assistance of Child Welfare Committee or the police if he believes that the child is under the influence of the accused and/or their associates and also intimate the same to the Court.
- (xxiii) The Support Person shall assist the child in accessing facilities such as education, health services, and public distribution system.
- (xxiv) That in cases where the child is pregnant, the Support Person shall connect the child with the hospitals to address to the child's healthcare needs. In cases where the child has contacted or is infected by Sexually Transmitted Infections or has become HIV positive then the support persons can connect the child to services and organizations with necessary expertise.
- (xxv) Normalization of the child's routine could often mean resuming education. The support person shall ensure that the child resume his or her studies and get the child enrolled for education by ascertaining when the child is ready to resume school and facilitate the same. If the child has dropped out of school, the same must be discussed and resolved, by encouraging the child to resume education. Support Persons can assist the child in accessing the Education Department's sponsorship programs.
- (xxvi) A support person shall also assist the child in obtaining admission in government-run schools or private school as per need and requirement. The Support person shall also educate the family and the child regarding the child's right to receive free and compulsory education till completion of

elementary education under the Right of Children to free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 (Act No. 35 of 2009).

- (xxvii) In case of financial difficulty, support persons may connect the child and his/her family with philanthropic organizations or individuals willing to sponsor the child or refer to the government scheme in their region to fund their education, etc. while maintaining utmost confidentiality.
- (xxviii) In cases where the child is not keen or is reluctant to resume school, the support person shall connect the child with vocational training/skill development center that help develop a skill that enables the child's financial independence.
- (xxix) Support person shall facilitate the family or the minor victim to obtain identity documents like Aadhar, PAN card, ration card, BPL card, and open bank accounts in coordination with and assistance from the Child Welfare Committee/District Child Protection Unit/CCI.
- (xxx) The Support Person shall assist the families in collecting documents related to the case, such as copies of the FIR, medical reports, statements, and charge sheet.
- (xxxi) The Support Person to ensure Form A and B of POCSO Rules, 2020 have been duly filled and submitted by Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) before Child Welfare Committee and the victim and family are aware of the entitlements to receive information and services mentioned in Form A.

5. *Rehabilitation of Victim of Child Sexual Abuse:*— To ensure proper rehabilitation of the victims of child sexual abuse the Support person shall keep real time tracking of the victim on the NCPCR POCSO Tracking Portal which shall ensure the overall accountability of each stake holder and victims be provided with care and protection as per their individual cases as the process of rehabilitation is a complex process that requires a multidisciplinary approach from the day the incident has taken place or reported since children are more prone to suffer from trauma, anxiety, depression, and other psychological and emotional issues. Hence, making it even more necessary to put in place a suitable Rehabilitation Plan for every child who is a victim under the Act. This plan must be developed keeping in mind the basic details as well as social background of the child.

Steps to be initiated for rehabilitation:

- i. When an incident of sexual abuse comes to the knowledge of the school/counselor/hospital or is reported to the police or Special Juvenile Police Unit, the same must be informed/reported to the concerned Child Welfare Committee within 24 hours.
- ii. To cater to the well-being of a child victim of sexual abuse and to reduce the stress of the child which he/she has to undergo the Child Welfare Committee shall appoint a Support Person to assist the child and family in navigating not only in the criminal justice process, but also in the rehabilitation of the child.
- iii. After assigning a case to support person the District Committee Protection Officer shall update the details on portal of NCPCR and the District Committee Protection Officer shall provide access to the case assigned to the Support Person.
- iv. Once the support person is informed about a case, he shall ensure that the child's care, protection and other needs, if any, are brought to the attention of the Child Welfare Committee and other relevant authorities.

- v. As per the Act and Rules, upon the registration of FIR/complaint with the police the statement of the child under Section 183 of the BhartiyaNagarik Suraksha Sahita, 2023 (46 of 2023) shall be recorded and be provided with immediate medical assistance, if at all needed and should be medically examined and treated. The victim should be produced before the concerned Child Welfare Committee within 24 hours and the Child Welfare Committee should appoint the support person for the child to provide all the assistance.

NCPCR'S POCSO TRACKING PORTAL: The Commission in pursuance of its role of monitoring the implementation of the POCSO Act as laid down under Section 44 of the POCSO Act, 2012 and rule 12 (I)(c), (f) and (g) of POCSO Rules, 2020 and understanding the need of having a dedicated system to monitor in real time monitoring of facilitation of services to the victims, the requirement of a dedicated portal for such purpose was realized. It was envisioned that there is a need for real time tracking of cases of victims of child sexual abuse and which facilitates them with services such as victim compensation and rehabilitation for their care and protection. However, it is pertinent to inform that the database of the said portal is not accessible for public and no information as provided on the portal shall be available in the public domain and only authorized authorities can only access the information after obtaining login credentials. The said portal has five steps. These five steps have been developed in a manner to ensure that the overall accountability of each stakeholder be tracked, and victims be provided care and protection as per their individual cases. The five steps include:

- i. Step 1: This includes the details of the case.
- ii. Step 2: This includes the details of the case which includes a Social Investigation Report of the victim. It is pertinent to mention that this step involves the Stakeholder to provide details regarding requirement of child with respect to support persons, translators, interpreter etc.
- iii. Step 3: This step caters to Individual Care Plan.
- iv. Step 4: This step deals with the rehabilitation plan wherein a child is linked with schemes and compensation.
- v. Step 5: This step sends the application of the child victim to Child Welfare Committee and DLSA for subsequent processing, ensuring immediate special relief in accordance with rule 7 and victim compensation rule 9, of POCSO Rules.

To ensure the proper rehabilitation of child sexual abuse victims, the Support Person shall maintain real-time tracking of victims on the aforementioned portal. This measure is intended to guarantee overall accountability among stakeholders, ensuring the care and protection of victims. Furthermore, the Goa State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (GSCPCR) shall be the State level monitoring authority over cases assigned to Support Persons from the pre-trial stage through the completion of the trial and awarding of Compensation.

6. *Review of Services of Support.*— (i) The District Child Protection Officer shall conduct a yearly review of the support person which includes review with respect to handling and management of the cases assigned, successful rehabilitation of the victim minor etc. The District Child Protection Unit shall thereafter submit its report to the concerned District Magistrate/District Officer deputed by the District Magistrate, who shall be the final reviewing authority. The District Magistrate shall take necessary action after review. However, at the time of renewal of contract of the Support Person, which shall be after 3 years, the renewal shall be based on the basis of the report of the review of all three years.

(ii) That in case of any complaint by the victim or by the victim's family or by any other person against the Support Person or in cases where the witness has turned hostile, an inquiry shall be initiated against the

support person by the District Child Protection Officer and the District Child Protection Officer after giving an opportunity to both the parties to be heard in the matter equally, the District Child Protection Officer shall submit its report of the inquiry initiated to the District Magistrate. The said inquiry shall be completed and disposed of with 15 days of receiving such complaint and the Support Person during the course of inquiry shall remain suspended from the engagement.

7. Termination of Engagement of Support Persons.— (i) The empanelment of the support person may, at any point of time, be terminated by the District Child Protection Officer upon completion of its inquiry and submission of its inquiry report to the District Magistrate. The District Magistrate shall be the final approving authority against termination;

(ii) The empanelment of the support persons may be terminated incases where the services provided by the support persons is found unsatisfactory in the yearly Review report submitted by the District Child Protection Officer to the District Magistrate;

(iii) In the event of termination of the Support Person, Child Welfare Committee shall immediately appoint another support person for the victim.

7.1: Grounds for Terminations:

- i. Upon the child's request.
- ii. Breach of trust or unethical/immoral conduct guidelines.
- iii. Unsatisfactory performance that significantly affects their ability to fulfill their roles and responsibilities effectively.
- iv. Any behavior or action that is detrimental to the best interests and welfare of the child or the family if proved in the inquiry.
- v. Persistent non-confirmation of duties or inability to submit the monthly report.

8: Induction Training of Support Persons.— The Support Persons must be mandatorily trained in the following aspects before starting interventions in cases:

- Mandatorily refresher training of the support person.
- Provisions of POCSO Act, and POCSO Rules.
- Specific roles and responsibilities as a support person in POCSO cases.
- Understanding of psychological first aid and basic counseling with dos and don'ts.
- Understanding the rights and entitlements of victim and family and how to access them.
- Rights and responsibilities of a support person.
- Understanding how to deal with media personnel including social media and media spotlight in POCSO cases without revealing the identity of victim/family.
- Understanding measures to be undertaken in cases involving child pornography.

- In dealing with situations of victim/family facing threat, coercion or force.
- Facilitating protection and re-location with the help of police when victim/family is facing hostility/inducement etc.
- Facilitating monetary relief including Immediate/interim/final compensation to victim in the form of victim compensation.

9: GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL MECHANISM.— (i) **Grievance Redressal Authority:** The District Magistrate shall be the Grievance Redressal Authority. All complaints against the Support persons shall be made to the District Magistrate, who shall resolve them. The District Magistrate shall dispose of the said complaint within a period of one month from the date of receipt of such complaint.

(ii) **Appeal:** All appeals against the resolution of complaints passed by the District Magistrate shall lie with the Goa State Commission for Protection of Child Rights.

10: MONITORING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GUIDELINES.—

- (i) The Goa State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (GSCPCR) shall be the State Level Monitoring Authority of the guidelines and the NCPCR shall be the National Level Monitoring Authority for the implementation of the said guidelines.
- (ii) The GSCPCR shall assess the effectiveness of the Support Persons engagement in accordance with the established model guidelines.
- (iii) The NCPCR, shall prepare a training module in consultation with the State Child Protection Society for effective implementation.

By order and in the name of Governor of Goa.

Manuel Barreto, Director and ex officio Jt. Secretary, Women and Child Development.



Goa State Research Foundation

Amendment

GSRF/Notifications/16/2025-26/18

Date: 28-Mar-2025

On the basis of the approval given by the Governing Council in its seventh Meeting held on 17-03-2025, the Goa State Research Foundation (GSRF) is pleased to notify herewith Amendments to the Notification, published in the Official Gazette, Government of Goa (Series I No. 24, dated 14th September, 2023) with reference to the following:

GSRF/Schemes/Major RG/13/2023 GSRF Major Research Grant Scheme

Clause V. Eligibility, sub-clause (i): The phrase “and Co-Principal Investigator, if any,” after Principal Investigator (P.I.), stands deleted.

Clause V, sub-clause (ii) stands deleted and be substituted with the following: “(ii) There can be Co-Investigator(s) (CI) from the same Institute or any other reputed Institutes/Industries/Government Departments

within the country. However, the total number of Investigators (PI and CI) shall not exceed three and the role of each investigator has to be clearly defined.”

The following sentence shall be added after VI. Pattern of Assistance: “Pattern of Assistance: In a given financial year, the number of new projects sanctioned under this scheme shall not exceed 15.”

The sub-sub-clauses (a), (b), (c) and (d) shall stand deleted under Clause VI, sub-clause A. They shall be substituted with the following:

(a) The maximum permissible grant in the disciplines including those interdisciplinary in nature outside STEM areas (e.g. Humanities, Social Sciences, Arts, Languages, Commerce, Law, Management, etc.) will be Rs. 15.00 lakhs only, in which non-recurring, if any, shall not exceed Rs. 2.00 lakhs.

(b) The maximum permissible grant in the disciplines including those interdisciplinary in nature in STEM areas (e.g. Sciences, Engineering, Technology) will be Rs. 25.00 lakhs only, in which non-recurring, if any, shall not exceed Rs. 5.00 lakhs.

The sub-clause B under Clause VI after the sentence, “The following are the Heads under which the budget will be recognised:” shall be substituted with the following:

“1. Non-Recurring Grants (Equipment)

The equipment grants may be utilised to procure the essential equipment needed for the proposed research work. Purchase of equipment such as Computer, Laptop, Printer, etc. is NOT permitted. However, Computer/Workstation (not Laptop) as an equipment on which the whole or major part of the project work is based will be permitted based on proper justification. Works requiring High-End Computing facilities can project budget for computer time under the Head Recurring, Sub-head Hiring Services.

The Equipment acquired by the P.I. under this scheme must be deposited at the institution after the completion of the project. These items will be institutional property.”

At the end of the para after VI. B. 2. Recurring Grants (1) Project staff, the following sentence shall be added: “The procedure for appointing the Project Assistant will be the same as per the guidelines of the institution of the PI.”

At the end of the para after VI. B. 2. Recurring Grants (5) Travel and/or Field Work, the following sentence shall be added: “The mode of travel will be as per the eligibility and institutional norms, but not above norms fixed by the Government of Goa.”

Under clause VI sub-clause C. Re-appropriation, the phrase “under each Head” shall stand deleted.

Under the clause VIII. Procedure for applying for the scheme, the phrase “Co-PI (if any) and the institution” shall stand deleted.

The second para under Clause X. Procedure for release of grants stands deleted and substituted with the following: “The Annual Progress Report, statement of expenditure and utilisation certificate for the 1st instalment of the grant shall be submitted in original by the end of the first year. GSRF reserves the right to seek a presentation by the PI before a Committee constituted to review the progress of the work done, before the release of the next instalment. On the recommendation of the Committee, and/or on submission of the necessary documents, the second-year grant will be released as the second instalment. Following a similar procedure, the third-year instalment will be released.”

The sub-clause (a) of XII. General, shall be substituted with the following: “(a) After the finalisation of the selection of the Major Research projects, PIs of selected proposals will be intimated about the selection. The PIs should send their acceptance certificate duly forwarded by the Head of the Institution immediately to the GSRF along with pre-receipt, undertaking, etc.”

The existing Clause XIII. Relaxation of conditions, shall be renumbered as XIV. Relaxation of conditions; the existing clause XIV. Interpretation, shall be renumbered as XV. Interpretation.

After Clause XII, the following new clause shall be inserted: “XIII. Refund/Recovery: PIs discontinuing the study/project without justifiable reasons shall return the amount received from GSRF in full. Decision on the justification given by the PI for discontinuing will be taken by the Governing Council, whose decision regarding refund will be final and binding.”

The following new clause shall be appended at the end: “XVI. Redressal of grievances and disputes. Grievances, if any, arising out of the implementation of this scheme will be heard and decided by the Chairperson (GSRF), and the decision in this regard shall be final and binding on all concerned.”

The phrase “Goa University and its affiliated/autonomous colleges and Goa Government-funded research institutes” as appearing in the original notification, shall be substituted with the following, “Goa University and its affiliated/autonomous colleges and Goa Government-funded educational/research institutes/centres”.

The phrase “Principal of the college/Registrar of the Goa University/Head of the Institution” as appearing in the original notification, shall be substituted with the following, “Head of Institution”.

Savio P. Falleiro, Managing Director, Goa State Research Foundation.

Alto-Porvorim, 28th March, 2025.

Amendment

On the basis of the approval given by the Governing Council in its seventh Meeting held on 17-03-2025, the Goa State Research Foundation (GSRF) is pleased to notify herewith Amendments to the Notification, published in the Official Gazette, Government of Goa (Series I No. 24, dated 14th September, 2023) with reference to the following:

GSRF/Schemes/Minor GR/12/2023 GSRF Minor Grant Research Scheme

The entire Clause “V. Eligibility” shall stand deleted and substituted with the following:

V. Eligibility.— Financial assistance for GSRF Minor Grant Research Scheme, can be availed by faculty of Goa University and its affiliated and autonomous colleges and Goa Government-funded educational/research institutes/centres as under:

(i) The Principal Investigator (PI) shall belong either to category A or B as given below:

A. The PI shall be a full-time regular faculty member of Goa University and its affiliated and autonomous colleges and Goa Government-funded educational/research institutes/centres; in addition, the PI shall fulfil any one of the following conditions:

(a) Hold a PhD degree or M.D/M.S/M.D.S/M.V.Sc. in Medicine, Dental and Veterinary from a recognised institution.

(b) A registered PhD candidate at a recognised institution.

(c) Published at least one article in the UGC-CARE list of journals as the first author or corresponding author within the last three years.

B. The PI shall be a full-time faculty member on a self-financed position from Goa University and its affiliated and autonomous colleges and Goa Government-funded research institutes/centres, if he/she fulfils the following conditions:

- (a) Hold a PhD degree or M.D/M.S/M.D.S/M.V.Sc. in Medicine, Dental and Veterinary from a recognised institution.
- (b) Has taught in the same institution for at least five continuous years.
- (c) Published at least one article in the UGC-CARE list of journals as the first author or corresponding author within the last three years.
- (ii) Faculty members can apply for only one project at a time under this scheme.
- (iii) A faculty member can avail of only one project under this or any other scheme of GSRF at any given time.
- (iv) The proposal submitted must be original in idea and content. Plagiarism in any form will lead to rejection of the proposal.
- (v) There is no provision for a Co-Investigator under this scheme.

After “VI. Pattern of assistance”, the following sentence to be added: “In a given financial year, the number of new projects sanctioned under this scheme shall not exceed 30.”

Under Clause VI. A, the second para shall stand deleted and replaced with the following: “The maximum permissible grant in the disciplines outside STEM areas will be Rs. 3.00 lakhs in which non-recurring, if any, shall not exceed Rs. 1.00 lakh, and in STEM areas will be Rs. 4.00 lakhs in which non-recurring, if any, shall not exceed Rs. 2.00 lakhs. No project staff will be allowed under this scheme.”

The clause VI. B. (i) Non-Recurring Grants shall stand deleted and substituted with the following:

(i) Non-Recurring Grants (Minor Equipment)

The non-recurring grants may be utilised to procure the essential equipment needed for the proposed research work. Purchase of equipment such as Computer, Laptop, Printer, furniture, etc. is NOT permitted. However, Computer/Workstation (not Laptop) as an equipment on which the whole or major part of the project work is based, will be permitted based on proper justification. Works requiring High-End Computing facilities can project budget for computer time under the Head *Recurring*, Sub-head *Hiring Services*.

The Equipment acquired by the PI under this scheme must be deposited at the institution where they are employed after the completion of the project. These items will be institutional property.

The following sentence needs to be added at the end of the para of Clause VI. B. (ii) Recurring Grants (d) Travel and/or Field Work: “The mode of travel will be as per the eligibility and institutional norms, but not above norms fixed by the Government of Goa.”

The second paragraph under the Clause “X. Procedure for release of grants” stands deleted and substituted with the following: “On completion of one year, the PIs must submit the Annual Progress Report, statement of expenditure and utilisation certificate of 1st instalment of the grant. GSRF reserves the right to seek a presentation by the PI before a Committee constituted to review the progress of the work done, before the release of the next instalment. Based on the recommendation of the committee and/or submission of the necessary documents, the remaining grant will be released as the second instalment.”

The following sentence under the Clause XI. Completion of the project (6) stands deleted: “If the remaining grant is not claimed within six months from the project’s completion date, the same will lapse, and no representation will be entertained on this behalf.”

The sub-clause (a) under Clause XII. General stands deleted and substituted with the following: “(a) The proposals selected for funding will be displayed on the GSRF website and/or intimated to the respective PIs. The PIs should send their acceptance certificate/letter, duly forwarded by the Head of the Institution, within the stipulated time, to the GSRF, along with pre-receipt, undertaking, etc.”

The Clause XIII. Relaxation shall be renumbered and read as XIV. Relaxation.

Clause XIII will now read as: “Refund/Recovery:PIs discontinuing the study/project without justifiable reasons shall return the amount received from GSRF in full. Decision on the justification given by the PI for discontinuing will be taken by the Governing Council, whose decision regarding refund will be final and binding.”

The following new clause shall be inserted after the above Clause XIV. Relaxation: “XV. Interpretation: If any questions arise regarding the interpretation of any clause, word or expression of the scheme, the decision about the interpretation shall be with the GSRF, which shall be final and binding on all concerned.”

The Clause XIV. Redressal of grievances and disputes shall be renumbered as XVI. Redressal of grievances and disputes.

The phrase “Goa University and its affiliated/autonomous colleges and Goa Government-funded research institutes” as appearing in the original notification, shall be substituted with the following, “Goa University and its affiliated/autonomous colleges and Goa Government-funded educational/research institutes/centres”.

The phrase “Principal of the college/Registrar of the Goa University/Head of the Institution” as appearing in the original notification, shall be substituted with the following, “Head of Institution”.

Savio P. Falleiro, Managing Director, Goa State Research Foundation.

Alto-Porvorim, 28th March, 2025.

Amendment

On the basis of the approval given by the Governing Council in its seventh Meeting held on 17-03-2025, the Goa State Research Foundation (GSRF) is pleased to notify herewith Amendments to the Notification, published in the Official Gazette, Government of Goa (Series I No. 24, dated 14th September, 2023) with reference to the following:

GSRF/Schemes/DRF/10/2023 GSRF Doctoral Research Fellowship Scheme

The contents of Clause V. Pattern of Assistance, shall stand deleted and be substituted with the following:

- (a) The number of new fellowships shall not exceed 20 per year (second- and third-year fellowships shall not be considered as new).
- (b) A candidate who joined a full-time PhD and selected under this scheme shall be paid Rs. 27,000/- (Rupees twenty-seven thousand only) monthly. The fellowship is tenable for 2 years, which is extendable for the 3rd year based on the performance of the doctoral fellow.

Under Clause VI. Eligibility, the first paragraph shall be replaced with the following: “Meritorious candidates from Goa pursuing a full-time PhD program will be supported. To be eligible, the candidate,”

Sub-clause (a), (b) and (c) of VI. Eligibility, shall be replaced with the following:

- (a) Must have 15 years of domicile with a valid certificate of residence from Goa,
- (b) Must be a full-time PhD student registered with any recognised higher education institute in India.
- (c) Has completed one year after provisional/initial registration on the date of their application but should not have completed two years on the date of application.

The sub-sub-clause VI.(d)(i) shall be substituted with the following:

“(i) have not completed three years from the initial (provisional) date of registration on the date of application and”

The sub-clause (h) of VI shall be substituted with the following:

(h) The host institution should provide necessary administrative and infrastructural support.

Under the sub-clause (i) the content after, “The fellowship is purely a temporary assignment”, shall stand deleted.

The sub-clauses (b) under Clause VIII shall be replaced with the following:

(b) Selection of beneficiaries will be based on various parameters including institutional ranking/grading; aided institutions from Goa not having their own fellowships, will be given priority.

A new sub-clause (c) as follows shall be introduced after (b):

(c) The applications may be categorized into broader disciplines for ranking purposes.

The existing sub-clause (c) shall be renumbered as (d) and contents shall be substituted with the following:

(d) The Governing Council of GSRF will make the final decision based on the recommendations made by the Committee constituted for the purpose.

The existing sub-clause (d) shall be renumbered as (e)

The Clause IX. Procedure for release of fellowship/grants, shall stand deleted and substituted with the following:

IX. PROCEDURE FOR RELEASE OF FELLOWSHIP/GRANTS

After sanctioning the fellowship, the research scholar shall send the acceptance letter and the joining report endorsed by the Guide and Head of the Department or Dean or Head of the Institute in original and other required documents to the GSRF.

The fellowship will be released every three months as follows: (i) directly to the account of the institution, or (ii) to the account of the beneficiary/research scholar, subject to the submission of the following documents in original:

(a) Satisfactory Quarterly Performance reports certified by the Guide/Supervisor and Head of the Department or Dean.

(b) Pre-receipt in the prescribed format.

The timely release of instalments is contingent upon submitting the documents as above, and availability of funds. In case the fellowship is disbursed to the institution (see ‘i’ above), the research scholar will need to submit through the institution a consolidated Utilization Certificate at the end of the tenure (the same will also be required of those research scholars who are granted extension of the fellowship in the third year).

The candidates eligible for the extension (third year) shall submit a request in the prescribed format endorsed by the Guide/Supervisor and Head of the Department or Dean or Head of the Institute in original.

Under the Clause X. General terms & conditions,

the sub-clauses (a), (c) and (h) stand deleted.

the sub-clause (b) shall be renumbered as (a).

the sub-clause (d) shall be renumbered as (b) and the words “UGC CARE list Group II Journals” stand deleted.

the sub-clause (e) shall be renumbered as (c) and the contents shall stand deleted and substituted with “(c) The fellows shall also inform GSRF about any publications resulting from the fellowship award, even if the articles are published after the fellowship tenure. A soft copy of the published paper should be sent to the GSRF.”

the sub-clause (f) shall be renumbered as (d) and the phrase “or the fellowship grant is not appropriately utilized” shall stand deleted.

the sub-clause (g) shall be renumbered as (e).

The following sub-clause shall be inserted as a last sub-clause:

“(f) Fellows discontinuing the fellowship without justifiable reasons shall return the fellowship amount in full. Decision on the justification given by the beneficiary for discontinuing will be taken by the Governing Council whose decision with regards to refund, will be final and binding.”

The following new clause shall be inserted at the end:

XIV. REDRESSAL OF GRIEVANCES AND DISPUTES

Grievances, if any, arising out of the implementation of this scheme will be heard and decided by the Chairperson (GSRF), and the decision in this regard shall be final and binding on all concerned.

Savio P. Falleiro, Managing Director, Goa State Research Foundation.

Alto-Porvorim, 28th March, 2025.

Amendment

On the basis of the approval given by the Governing Council in its seventh Meeting held on 17-03-2025, the Goa State Research Foundation (GSRF) is pleased to notify herewith Amendments to the Notification, published in the Official Gazette, Government of Goa (Supplement, Series I No. 16 dated 19th July, 2024) with reference to the following:

GSRF/Schemes/IRIS/74/2024 (GSRF Interdisciplinary Research Intervention Scheme for Local Development)

Existing clause VI (Pattern of Assistance), sub-clause C (Heads of Expenses) stands revised, with existing item at Sr. No. iii standing deleted, and items i. and ii. now being substituted to read as follows:

- i. 75% of the sanctioned amount at the beginning of the project.
- ii. 25% after the half-projected timeline on submission of an Interim Report.

Existing clause VIII (Procedure for applying for the Scheme) stands deleted; it is now substituted as follows:

The scheme will be open seeking proposals from interested applicants/PIs each year [either with or without identified thrust area(s)]. Accepting of applications for the consideration of funding shall not go beyond 15th December, every year. Applications received after the said date will be considered for funding, after following due processes, in the next financial year. GSRF reserves the right to close the scheme for

the year at any point of time earlier, with due intimation of closure being announced on its website. The applicants must send a concept note with the proposed budget online in response to the call by GSRF followed by the submission of hard copies in Original. Pre-registration of PI is a must for applying online. Only one proposal from each PI per cycle will be permitted. The applicants shall present the proposal before the Committee constituted for the purpose. The PIs of accepted concepts (with suggestions to modify, if required) will be asked to submit the full proposals online followed by the submission of hard copies in original.

Savio P. Falleiro, Managing Director, Goa State Research Foundation.

Alto-Porvorim, 28th March, 2025.