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GOVERNMENT OF GOA

Department of Forest

Order

7/1/2022-FOR-Part-I/634

Date : 16-Dec-2025

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 35 of the Goa Preservation of Trees Act, 1984 (Act No. 6 of 1984), the Government of Goa hereby issues the following directions to the Tree Officers, other officers of the Tree Authority and Officers subordinate to them regarding discharge of their functions and for carrying out the purposes of the said Act, namely:—

(1) The Tree Officer while considering the applications submitted to him under Section 9 of the said Act, shall make all due and reasonable effort to ascertain the ownership of the land and shall obtain No Objection to fell, cut, remove or dispose tree from all the co-owners of the land, if such land is owned by more than one person/entity, before granting the permission.

(2) The tree felling permission granted by the Tree Officer under Section 9 of said Act shall be uploaded on the official portal of the Goa Forest Department within 2 days of the issue of such order/permission and a copy of the same shall be endorsed to the concerned Village Panchayat, office of

the concerned Block Development Officer/Sub-Divisional Magistrate/Deputy Collector and the office of the concerned Range Forest Officer/Sub-Divisional Forest Officer for displaying the same on the Notice Board of the said offices for wide circulation.

(3) The Tree Officer shall make the Keyhole Markup Language files (KML) of the area on which the trees have been permitted to be felled or to be removed or otherwise disposed off under Section 9 and the area where the planting of trees are required under Section 10 and Section 11 of the said Act and upload the same on the Gati Shakti Portal of the Government for ease of monitoring and inspection.

(4) The reasons for not permitting the felling of tree under Section 9 or Section 12A of the said Act shall be clearly stated in the permission/order itself by the Tree Officer/Deputy Collector and the copies of such permission/Order shall be served on all concerned.

(5) In terms of Notification No. 2-209-2001-FD/4677 dated 26-12-2001, the Sub-Divisional Forest Officers are empowered to grant permission for felling of not more than two trees, preferably within 1 week. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, as Tree Officer, may issue permission for felling of more than two trees and upto fifty trees standing in an areas of less than 1 ha. preferably within 4 weeks from the date of submission of application. The permission for felling of trees beyond this limit shall be subject to prior approval of the Government. The recommendation of the Tree Authority shall be obtained in terms of Order No. 7/1/2023-FOR/155 dated 15-06-2023 before submission of proposal to the Government.

(6) The security deposit shall be forfeited in favour of the Government in case person/entity who has been granted permission under said Act to fell or to dispose off any tree fails to undertake the plantation of tree(s) as required under Section 10 within the time limit provided under Section 13 of the said Act and the same shall be utilized by the Tree Officer to cause trees to be planted as required under sub-section (2) of Section 13 of the said Act.

(7) For all permissions granted under Section 9 of the said Act, the Tree Officer shall insert a specific condition in the permission itself to the effect that the tree(s) permitted to be felled, should be felled only upon expiry of a certain period (at least 10 days from the date of publication/uploading of the order on the website of the Forest Department) so as to afford an opportunity to an aggrieved party to file an appeal against such permission granted, if they so wish.

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

Sitaram Gurudas Sawal, Under Secretary (Forest).

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Department of Mines

Directorate of Mines and Geology

Notification

01/36/2024/New Laws/ADM/Mines/894

Date : 19-Jun-2025

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 15 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (Central Act No. 67 of 1957) and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, the Government of Goa hereby makes the following rules so as to further amend the Goa Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1985, namely:—

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

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

2. *Amendment of rule 57.*— In rule 57 of the Goa Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1985 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal Rules”), in sub-rule (2), for the expression “within the meaning of Section 21 of the Indian Penal Code”, the expression “as defined in clause (28) of Section 2 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (Central Act No. 45 of 2023)” shall be substituted.

3. *Amendment of rule 81.*— In rule 81 of the principal Rules, for the expression “the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (2 of 1974)”, the expression “the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (Central Act No. 46 of 2023)” shall be substituted.

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

Narayan M. Gad, Director/ex officio Joint Secretary.

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Department of Personnel

Notification

1/2/2001-PER/3939

Date : 18-Dec-2025

In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India and in supersession of the existing recruitment rules for the post of Secretary, Rajya Sainik Board, published vide Government Notification No. 1/5/2011-PER/3738 dated 02-11-2015, in the Official Gazette, Series I No. 34 dated 19-11-2015, the Governor of Goa hereby makes the following rules to regulate the recruitment to the Group ‘A’, Gazetted, Non-Ministerial post, in the Department of Sainik Welfare, Government of Goa, namely:—

1. *Short title, application and commencement.*— (1) These rules may be called the Government of Goa, Department of Sainik Welfare, Group ‘A’, Gazetted, Non-Ministerial post, Recruitment Rules, 2025.

(2) They shall apply to the posts specified in column (1) of the Schedule to these rules (hereinafter called as the “said Schedule”).

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

2. *Number, classification and level in the pay matrix.*— The number of posts, classification of the said post and level in the pay matrix attached thereto shall be as specified in columns (2) to (4) of the said Schedule:

Provided that the Government may vary the number of posts specified in column (2) of the said Schedule from time to time subject to exigencies of work.

3. *Method of recruitment, age limit and other qualifications.*— The method of recruitment to the said post, age limit, qualifications and other matters connected therewith shall be as specified in columns (5) to (13) of the said Schedule.

4. *Disqualification.*— No person who has entered into or contracted a marriage with a person having a spouse living or who, having a spouse living, has entered into or contracted a marriage with any person, shall be eligible for appointment to the service:

Provided that the Government may, if satisfied that such marriage is permissible under the personal law applicable to such person and the other party to the marriage and that there are other grounds for so doing, exempt any person from the operation of this rule.

5. *Power to relax.*— Where the Government is of the opinion that it is necessary or expedient so to do, it may, by order, for reasons to be recorded in writing, relax any of the provisions of these rules with respect to any class or category of persons.

6. *Saving.*— Nothing in these rules shall affect reservation, relaxation of age limit and other concessions required to be provided for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes, Ex-servicemen and other special categories of persons in accordance with the orders issued by the Government from time to time in that regard.

These rules are issued in consultation with the Goa Public Service Commission conveyed vide their letter No. COM/II/13/83(1)/2025/1334 dated 10-12-2025.

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

Raghuraj A. Faldesai, Under Secretary (Personnel-I).

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SCHEDULE

Department of Social Welfare

Directorate of Social Welfare

Notification

409-DSW-SDB-2025-26/MDDY/AMED/7221

Date : 23-Dec-2025

Read: Notification No. 83/1/2020-21/SDB/4032 dated 09-11-2021.

Notification No. 83/1/2020-21/SDB/4032 dated 18-10-2022.

The Government of Goa is pleased to amend the scheme “Mukhyamantri Dev Darshan Yatra Yojana” and the same is published in the Official Gazette for information of general public.

By order and in the name of Governor of Goa.

Dipak Desai, Director of Social Welfare & ex officio Lt. Secretary (SW).

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Clause 2 Scope of the Scheme

The following shall be replaced:

2 (b) The pilgrimage shall be sent under agency package as per MOU signed by the Government with agency appointed by Directorate of Social Welfare, Government of Goa from time to time. The pilgrimage tour will be conducted for a group of not less than 750 persons who wish to visit the holy places as per itineraries decided by the Government of Goa from time to time or as per carrying capacity of the train whichever is lower.

Clause 5 Eligibility Criteria:

The following shall be replaced:

5 (a) The age group to avail facility under the scheme of applicant/beneficiary should not be less than 50 years and should not be more than 70 years. One attendant shall be entitled to accompany the applicant free of cost.

5 (d) The applicant shall be physically and mentally sound to perform the journey and shall not be suffering from any communicable diseases like T.B., Heart diseases, Leprosy, COVID etc. and shall submit a Self Medical Certificate/Self Declaration on Web Portal/App.

The following shall be added:

5 (g) Self Declaration stating that the applicant has not availed benefits under the scheme earlier.

Clause 6 Procedure for applying

The following shall be replaced:

The applicant is required to apply online on the Web Portal/App developed by the Department/Agency appointed in this respect as per the requirement of the web portal/app.

Clause 8 Scrutiny/Sanctioning process

The following shall be replaced:

Applications received on the web portal/app shall be placed before the sanctioning committee on trip to trip basis the composition of which is as under:-

1. Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare Chairman.
2. Director of Social Welfare Member.
3. Officer/Representative of Agency appointed for the purpose Member.
4. Deputy Director of Social Welfare (North) Member.
5. Deputy Director of Social Welfare (South) Member.
6. Assistant Director (Social Defence Branch) Member Secretary.

By order and in the name of Governor of Goa.

Dipak Desai, Director of Social Welfare & ex officio Lt. Secretary (SW).

Panaji, 23rd December, 2025.