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Order

No. 1/9(2)/2026/DT/Part-III/7012

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Whereas, the Notification No. 1/12(24)Admn/2025/DT/6590 published in the Official Gazette (Extraordinary), Series I No. 47 dated 25th February, 2026, has authorized the Director of Tourism as the Prescribed Authority for all activities registered under the Goa Registration of Tourist Trade Act;

Further, in reference to the Notification No. 5/14(3)/2013-DT dated 18th November, 2013, published in the Official Gazette, Series II No. 35 dated 28th November, 2013, a Committee comprising designated members for the purpose of Categorization, Re-categorization, and Fixation of rates of Hotels under "A", "B", "C" and "D" categories within their respective jurisdictions continues to remain in force.

And whereas, it is necessary to streamline the process of scrutiny of documents, classification, inspection and monitoring of tourism trade activities under the said Act.

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers vested under the Goa Registration of Tourist Trade Act, the following Order is hereby issued:

1. The Deputy Directors (North and South) are hereby authorized, within their respective jurisdictions, to issue Show Cause Notices, conduct hearings, and impose penalties or fines in respect of persons operating tourist trade activities without valid registration or in violation of the applicable provisions of the Act and rules framed thereunder.

2. The Deputy Directors shall also be authorized to conduct hearings in matters relating to the proposed cancellation of registration of Tourist Trade activities within their respective jurisdiction and shall issue order accordingly.

3. The respective Deputy Directors (North and South) shall be the overall in charge within their respective jurisdictions for the purpose of scrutiny of applications, verification of documents, and conducting inspections of establishments and activities registered under the Act. They shall also be responsible for conducting inspections for the purpose of grant of registration or renewal of tourism trade

activities other than Hotels, Guesthouses, Homestays, and Bed & Breakfast establishments, including but not limited to Travel Agents/Agencies (including classification/re-classification), Private Shacks/Huts, Water Sports Activities, Adventure Sports/Aero Sports, and any other tourism-related activity requiring inspection prior to grant of registration or renewal under the Act.

4. They shall further be responsible for the overall coordination, supervision, and functioning of the enforcement teams in accordance with Order No. 1/9(2)/2025/DT/Part-II/3095 dated 08 September, 2025, and Order No. 7/5(29)(GTPPMA)/2022/DT/2547 dated 31 October, 2022 issued under the Goa Tourist Places (Protection and Maintenance) Act, 2001, or any other order issued by the competent authority from time to time, so as to ensure effective enforcement of the provisions of the Act, compliance with applicable regulations, and maintenance of order at beaches and other tourist places in the State of Goa, including prevention and control of activities declared as nuisance under the said Act.

5. The Deputy Directors (North and South) shall be responsible for carrying out the administrative and supervisory functions of their respective offices and shall perform such other duties and responsibilities as may be assigned by the Director of Tourism from time to time.

This Order shall come into force with immediate effect until further orders

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

Kedar A. Naik, Director of Tourism & ex officio Joint Secretary.

Panaji.