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GOVERNMENT OF GOA

State Election Commission, Goa

Order

No. 4/95/Bye-ELN/V.P./2025-26/SEC/42

Date : 20-Apr-2026

Whereas, the Bye Election to Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Pissurlem, taluka Sattari, North Goa District in the State of Goa, Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Dongurli Thane, taluka Sattari, North Goa District in the State of Goa, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Batim, taluka Tiswadi, North Goa District in the State of Goa and Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Verna, taluka Salcete, South Goa District in the State of Goa will be conducted on Sunday, 10th May, 2026.

And whereas, under Article 243K of the Constitution of India, read with Section 237 (1) of the Goa Panchayat Raj Act, 1994, the State Election Commission is vested with the power of Superintendence, direction and control of the preparation of the electoral rolls for, and Conduct of, all elections to the Panchayat or Zilla Panchayat.

Now therefore, the State Election Commission in exercise of the powers conferred upon it do hereby notify that the Model Code of Conduct shall be applicable from 20-04-2026 (Monday) till completion of election process. The Code of Conduct shall be applicable to the areas under the jurisdiction of Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Pissurlem, Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Dongurli Thane, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Batim and Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Verna.

Menino D'Souza, IAS (Retd.), Commissioner, State Election Commission, Goa.

Altinho, Panaji.

Order

No. 4/95/Bye-ELN/V.P./2025-26/SEC/35

Date : 20-Apr-2026

Sub.:- Maximum Limit of Expenditure to be incurred by Contesting Candidates for Bye Election to Ward No.VII of Village Panchayat Pissurlem, Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Dongurli Thane, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Batim and Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Verna.

Read:- 1/199/Standing orders/2020-SEC/1233 dated 30-10-2020.

Whereas, under Article 243K of the Constitution of India, read with Section 237 (1) of the Goa Panchayat Raj Act, 1994, the State Election Commission is vested with the power of Superintendence, direction and control for, Conduct of, all elections to the Panchayat or Zilla Panchayat.

Whereas it is necessary and expedient to provide in the interest of purity of election to Village Panchayat wards an account of expenditure incurred by the candidate and for matters connected therein.

Now, therefore, this Commission hereby directs as follows:-

1. Monitoring of election expenditures incurred by the candidates shall be as per above referred Order.
2. The maximum limit of total election expenses by a Candidate in a Ward of Village Panchayat Elections has been fixed at Rs. 40,000/- (Rs. forty thousand only).

Menino D'Souza, IAS (Retd.), Commissioner, State Election Commission, Goa.

Altinho, Panaji.

Order

No. 4/95/Bye-ELN/V.P./2025-26/SEC/38

Date : 20-Apr-2026

Subject:- Restriction on number of vehicles and people at the time of nominations for Bye Election to Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Pissurlem, Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Dongurli Thane, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Batim and Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Verna.

While filing of nominations in the office of Returning Officer, proper control and order needs to be maintained to avoid overcrowding by the supporters of the candidates so that problem of overcrowding of the office of Returning Officer at the time of filing nomination does not arise. The following directions therefore are to be followed.

The RO/ARO may inform the contestants and interest groups that the maximum number of vehicles that will be allowed to come within the periphery of 100 mtrs. of Returning Officer/Assistant Returning Officer's office shall be two and maximum number of persons that will be allowed to enter the office of Returning Officer/Assistant Returning Officer at the time of filing the nomination shall be candidate and his proposer proposing the nomination of the candidate and one more person i.e. there can be only three person (including the candidate) who can remain present inside the Returning Officer's room at the time of filing nomination.

Menino D'Souza, IAS (Retd.), Commissioner, State Election Commission, Goa.

Altinho, Panaji.

Order

No. 4/95/Bye-ELN/V.P./2025-26/SEC/40

Date : 20-Apr-2026

Whereas, the Bye Election to Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Pissurlem, Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Dongurli Thane, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Batim and Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Verna will be conducted on Sunday, 10th May, 2026.

Now therefore, the State Election Commission in exercise of the powers conferred upon it under Article 243K of the Constitution of India and Section 237(1) and (3) of the Goa Panchayat Raj Act, 1994, do hereby notify as follows:-

“that the Additional Collector-I, North Goa District shall function as the overall District Election Officer (DEO) for Bye Election to Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Pissurlem, Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Dongurli Thane, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Batim”.

“that the Additional Collector-I, South Goa District shall function as the overall District Election Officer (DEO) for Bye Election to Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Verna”.

This comes into force with immediate effect.

Menino D'Souza, IAS (Retd.), Commissioner, State Election Commission, Goa.

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Order

No. 4/95/Bye-ELN/V.P./2025-26/SEC/39

Date : 20-Apr-2026

Sub: Manner of Voting for Bye Election to Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Pissurlem, Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Dongurli Thane, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Batim and Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Verna.

Whereas, the Bye-Election to Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Pissurlem, Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Dongurli Thane, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Batim and Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Verna will be conducted on Sunday, 10th May, 2026.

And whereas, under Article 243K of the Constitution of India, read with Section 237 (1) of the Goa Panchayat Raj Act, 1994, the State Election Commission is vested with the power of Superintendence, direction and control for, Conduct of, all elections to the Panchayat or Zilla Panchayat.

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers vested in me under Rule 32 (1) of the Goa Panchayat and Zilla Panchayat (Election Procedure) Rules, 1996 I, *Menino D'Souza*, IAS (Retd.), State Election Commissioner, Goa do hereby decide that Votes shall be given by **Ballot**.

Menino D'Souza, IAS (Retd.), Commissioner, State Election Commission, Goa.

Altinho, Panaji.

Notification

No. 4/95/Bye-ELN/V.P./2025-26/SEC/41

Date : 20-Apr-2026

Whereas, the Bye-Election to Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Pissurlem, taluka Sattari, North Goa District in the State of Goa, Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Dongurli Thane, taluka Sattari, North Goa District in the State of Goa, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Batim, taluka Tiswadi, North Goa District in the State of Goa and Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Verna, taluka Salcete, South Goa District in the State of Goa will be conducted on Sunday, 10th May, 2026 and the polling will be from 8.00 hrs. to 17.00 hrs.

And whereas, Rule 34A of the Goa Panchayat and Zilla Panchayat (Election Procedures) Rules, 1996 provides for an indelible ink mark to be put on the left forefinger of every voter before issue of ballot paper at the Polling Station. This is aimed at preventing impersonation at the polling station.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers vested under Article 243K of the Constitution of India and also under Section 237 of the Goa Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 read with Rule 34 of the Goa Panchayat and Zilla Panchayat (Election Procedure) Rules, 1996 it is hereby directed that the indelible ink mark shall be put on **Left forefinger** of every voter of Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Pissurlem, Ward No. I of

Village Panchayat Dongurli Thane, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Batim and Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Verna at the polling Station before issue of ballot paper.

Menino D'Souza, IAS (Retd.), Commissioner, State Election Commission, Goa.

Altinho, Panaji.

Order

No. 4/95/Bye-ELN/V.P./2025-26/SEC/34

Date : 20-Apr-2026

In exercise of the powers vested in me under Article 243K of the Constitution of India and Section 237 of the Goa Panchayat Raj Act, 1994, I, *Menino D'Souza*, IAS (Retd.), State Election Commissioner, Goa do hereby appoint the following officers as Expenditure Observers for the purpose of Bye Election to Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Pissurlem, Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Dongurli Thane, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Batim and Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Verna shown below which are scheduled to be held on Sunday, 10th May, 2026.

Sr. No.	Name and designation of the official appointed as Expenditure Observer	Taluka	Name of the Village Panchayat
1	2	3	4
1.	Nilesh Naik, Accountant, Government Higher Secondary School, Valpoi, Sattari-Goa Mob.: 7875238422	Sattari	Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Pissurlem, taluka Sattari, North Goa District in the State of Goa and Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Dongurli Thane, taluka Sattari, North Goa District in the State of Goa.
2.	Shri Arun Mangueshkar, Accountant, Directorate of Technical Education, Porvorim-Goa. Mob.: 9529058816	Tiswadi	Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Batim, taluka Tiswadi, North Goa District in the State of Goa.
3.	Shri Rohit Ferrao, Accountant, O/o South Goa Zilla Panchayat, Margao, Salcete-Goa Mob.: 9822672352	Salcete	Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Verna, taluka Salcete, South Goa District in the State of Goa.

The services of above Officers are hereby requisitioned for the Bye Election to Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Pissurlem, Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Dongurli Thane, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Batim and Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Verna with immediate effect and till the entire process of Elections is over. The concerned Head of the Department/Head of Office/Controlling Officers shall immediately relieve the above Officers.

The concerned RO shall provide them with logistic support and other assistance for functioning.

The duties and responsibilities attached to the Observer shall be as mentioned in the Order No. 1/199/Standing Orders/2020-SEC/1234 dated 30-10-2020.

Menino D'Souza, IAS (Retd.), Commissioner, State Election Commission, Goa.

Altinho, Panaji.

Order

No. 4/95/Bye-ELN/V.P./2025-26/SEC/36

Date : 20-Apr-2026

In exercise of the powers vested in me under Article 243K of the Constitution of India and Section 237 of the Goa Panchayat Raj Act, 1994, I, *Menino D'Souza*, IAS (Retd.), State Election Commissioner, Goa do hereby appoint the following officers as General Observers for the purpose of Bye Election to Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Pissurlem, Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Dongurli Thane, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Batim and Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Verna shown below which are scheduled to be held on Sunday, 10th May, 2026.

Sr. No.	Name & designation of the officer appointed as General Observer	Taluka	Name of the Village Panchayat
1	2	3	4
1.	Shri Laxmikant B. Kuttikar, Deputy Collector & Sub-Divisional Officer, Sattari	Sattari	Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Pissurlem, taluka Sattari, North Goa District in the State of Goa and Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Dongurli Thane, taluka Sattari, North Goa District in the State of Goa.
2.	Shri Bhiku L. Gawas, Deputy Collector & Sub-Divisional Officer, Tiswadi	Tiswadi	Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Batim, taluka Tiswadi, North Goa District in the State of Goa.
3.	Shri Ganesh Barve, Deputy Collector & Sub-Divisional Officer-I (SDO-I), Salcete	Salcete	Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Verna, taluka Salcete, South Goa District in the State of Goa.

The General Observers shall look into public grievance regarding violations of Code of Conduct, Malpractices by the candidates and proper functioning of RO/ARO.

The duties and responsibilities attached to the Observer shall be as mentioned in the Order No. 1/199/Standing Orders/2020-SEC/1232 dated 30-10-2020.

The respective Controlling Officers shall relieve them immediately along with the office vehicle.

Menino D'Souza, IAS (Retd.), Commissioner, State Election Commission, Goa.

Altinho, Panaji.

Notification

No. 4/95/Bye-ELN/V.P./2025-26/SEC/33

Date : 20-Apr-2026

Whereas, the Bye-Election to elect the member for Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Verna, taluka Salcete, South Goa District in the State of Goa will be conducted on 10-05-2026 (Sunday).

And whereas, this State Election Commission has issued a public notice in Form No. 2 of the intended election as required under Rule 10(3) of the Goa Panchayat and Zilla Panchayat (Election Procedure) Rules, 1996.

And whereas, the reservation for the above mentioned wards shall be as per Notification No. 3/30/Reservation/GEVP-186/2022-23/SEC/3424 dated 13-07-2022, and Notification No. 3/20/Reservation/GEVP-186/2022-23/SEC/3469 dated 15-07-2022.

Now therefore, this State Election Commission in exercise of the powers conferred upon it under Article 243K of the Constitution of India and Section 237 of the Goa Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 read with Rule 10 (2) (i) of the Goa Panchayat and Zilla Panchayat (Election Procedure) Rules, 1996 do hereby notify as following:

Nomination papers of candidates in respect of Bye Election to elect the member for Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Verna, taluka Salcete, South Goa District in the State of Goa which is going to poll on Sunday, 10th May, 2026, shall be accepted by the Returning Officer at the notified place i.e. office of Mamlatdar of Salcete Taluka, Salcete-Goa from 21st April, 2026 to 28th April, 2026 from (10.00 hrs. to 13.00 hrs.) except on 26th April, 2026 being a Sunday.

Menino D'Souza, IAS (Retd.), Commissioner, State Election Commission, Goa.

Altinho, Panaji.

Form No. 2

[See rule 10(2)]

Bye-Election to elect the member for Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Verna, taluka Salcete, South Goa District in the State of Goa.

The Programme of Election is as under:

1	Last date and time for receiving nomination papers	Tuesday, 28 th April, 2026. From 10.00 hrs. to 13.00 hrs.
2	Date and time for scrutiny of nomination papers	Wednesday, 29 th April, 2026. From 10.00 hrs. till the scrutiny is over.
3	Date and time of withdrawal of nomination papers	Thursday, 30 th April, 2026. From 10.00 hrs. to 14.00 hrs.
4	Date and time of poll	Sunday, 10 th May, 2026. From 08.00 hrs. to 17.00 hrs.
5	Date and time of counting	Monday, 11 th May, 2026. From 08.00 hrs. till the counting of votes is completed.

- (i) A voter in a Ward is entitled to cast only one vote.
- (ii) Form of nomination paper will be available in the office of the Returning Officer during office hours.
- (iii) In case of general seat, a sum of Rs. 100/- (Rs. One hundred only) and in case of seat reserved for a woman or a person belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes or Backward Class, a sum of Rs. 50/- (Rs. Fifty only) is required to be deposited with the Returning Officer on or before the date fixed for receiving the nomination papers.

Menino D'Souza, IAS (Retd.), Commissioner, State Election Commission, Goa.

Altinho, Panaji.

Notification

No. 4/95/Bye-ELN/V.P./2025-26/SEC/31

Date : 20-Apr-2026

Whereas, the Bye-Election to elect the member for Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Batim, taluka Tiswadi, North Goa District in the State of Goa will be conducted on 10-05-2026 (Sunday).

And whereas, this State Election Commission has issued a public notice in Form No. 2 of the intended election as required under Rule 10(3) of the Goa Panchayat and Zilla Panchayat (Election Procedure) Rules, 1996.

And whereas, the reservation for the above mentioned wards shall be as per Notification No. 3/30/Reservation/GEVP-186/2022-23/SEC/3424 dated 13-07-2022, and Notification No. 3/20/Reservation/GEVP-186/2022-23/SEC/3469 dated 15-07-2022.

Now therefore, this State Election Commission in exercise of the powers conferred upon it under Article 243K of the Constitution of India and Section 237 of the Goa Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 read with Rule 10 (2) (i) of the Goa Panchayat and Zilla Panchayat (Election Procedure) Rules, 1996 do hereby notify as following:

Nomination papers of candidates in respect of Bye-Election to elect the member for Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Batim, taluka Tiswadi, North Goa District in the State of Goa which is going to poll on

Sunday, 10th May, 2026, shall be accepted by the Returning Officer at the notified place i.e. office of Mamlatdar of Tiswadi Taluka, Tiswadi-Goa from 21st April, 2026 to 28th April, 2026 from (10.00 hrs. to 13.00 hrs.) except on 26th April, 2026 being a Sunday.

Menino D'Souza, IAS (Retd.), Commissioner, State Election Commission, Goa.
Altinho, Panaji.

No. 4/95/Bye-ELN/V.P./2025-26/SEC/30

Date : 20-Apr-2026

Form No. 2

[See rule 10(2)]

Bye Election to elect the member for Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Batim, taluka Tiswadi, North Goa District in the State of Goa.

The Programme of Election is as under:

1	Last date and time for receiving nomination papers	Tuesday, 28 th April, 2026. From 10.00 hrs. to 13.00 hrs.
2	Date and time for scrutiny of nomination papers	Wednesday, 29 th April, 2026. From 10.00 hrs. till the scrutiny is over.
3	Date and time of withdrawal of nomination papers	Thursday, 30 th April, 2026. From 10.00 hrs. to 14.00 hrs.
4	Date and time of poll	Sunday, 10 th May, 2026. From 08.00 hrs. to 17.00 hrs.
5	Date and time of counting	Monday, 11 th May, 2026. From 08.00 hrs. till the counting of votes is completed.

- (i) A voter in a Ward is entitled to cast only one vote.
- (ii) Form of nomination paper will be available in the office of the Returning Officer during office hours.
- (iii) In case of general seat, a sum of Rs. 100/- (Rs. One hundred only) and in case of seat reserved for a woman or a person belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes or Backward Class, a sum of Rs. 50/- (Rs. Fifty only) is required to be deposited with the Returning Officer on or before the date fixed for receiving the nomination papers.

Menino D'Souza, IAS (Retd.), Commissioner, State Election Commission, Goa.
Altinho, Panaji.

Notification

No. 4/95/Bye-ELN/V.P./2025-26/SEC/29

Date : 20-Apr-2026

Whereas, the Bye-Election to elect the member for Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Pissurlem, taluka Sattari, North Goa District in the State of Goa and Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Dongurli Thane, taluka Sattari, North Goa District in the State of Goa will be conducted on 10-05-2026 (Sunday).

And whereas, this State Election Commission has issued a public notice in Form No. 2 of the intended election as required under Rule 10(3) of the Goa Panchayat and Zilla Panchayat (Election Procedure) Rules, 1996.

And whereas, the reservation for the above mentioned wards shall be as per Notification No. 3/30/Reservation/GEVP-186/2022-23/SEC/3424 dated 13-07-2022, and Notification No. 3/20/Reservation/GEVP-186/2022-23/SEC/3469 dated 15-07-2022.

Now therefore, this State Election Commission in exercise of the powers conferred upon it under Article 243K of the Constitution of India and Section 237 of the Goa Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 read with Rule 10 (2) (i) of the Goa Panchayat and Zilla Panchayat (Election Procedure) Rules, 1996 do hereby notify as following:

Nomination papers of candidates in respect of Bye Election to elect the member for Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Pissurlem, taluka Sattari, North Goa District in the State of Goa and Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Dongurli Thane, taluka Sattari, North Goa District in the State of Goa which is going to poll on Sunday, 10th May, 2026, shall be accepted by the Returning Officer at the notified place i.e. office of Mamlatdar of Sattari Taluka, Sattari-Goa from 21st April, 2026 to 28th April, 2026 from (10.00 hrs. to 13.00 hrs.) except on 26th April, 2026 being a Sunday.

Menino D'Souza, IAS (Retd.), Commissioner, State Election Commission, Goa.

Altinho, Panaji.

No. 4/95/Bye-ELN/V.P./2025-26/SEC/28

Date : 20-Apr-2026

Form No. 2

[See rule 10(2)]

Bye Election to elect the member for Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Pissurlem, taluka Sattari, North Goa District in the State of Goa and Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Dongurli Thane, taluka Sattari, North Goa District in the State of Goa.

The Programme of Election is as under:

1	Last date and time for receiving nomination papers	Tuesday, 28 th April, 2026. From 10.00 hrs. to 13.00 hrs.
2	Date and time for scrutiny of nomination papers	Wednesday, 29 th April, 2026. From 10.00 hrs. till the scrutiny is over.
3	Date and time of withdrawal of nomination papers	Thursday, 30 th April, 2026. From 10.00 hrs. to 14.00 hrs.
4	Date and time of poll	Sunday, 10 th May, 2026. From 08.00 hrs. to 17.00 hrs.
5	Date and time of counting	Monday, 11 th May, 2026. From 08.00 hrs. till the counting of votes is completed.

- (i) A voter in a Ward is entitled to cast only one vote.
- (ii) Form of nomination paper will be available in the office of the Returning Officer during office hours.
- (iii) In case of general seat, a sum of Rs. 100/- (Rs. one hundred only) and in case of seat reserved for a woman or a person belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes or Backward Class, a sum of Rs. 50/- (Rs. fifty only) is required to be deposited with the Returning Officer on or before the date fixed for receiving the nomination papers.

Menino D'Souza, IAS (Retd.), Commissioner, State Election Commission, Goa.

Altinho, Panaji.

Corrigendum

No. 4/95/Bye-ELN/V.P./2025-26/SEC/37

Date : 20-Apr-2026

Read: Order No. 4/95/Bye-ELN/V.P./2025-26/SEC/1091 dated 31-03-2026.

The Order No. 4/95/Bye-ELN/V.P./2025-26/SEC/1091 dated 31-03-2026 stands modified as under:

1. The Assistant Returning Officer mentioned at Serial No. 2 at column No. 3 shall be read as “Awal Karkun-I in the office of the Mamlatdar of Tiswadi taluka, Tiswadi-Goa” instead of Awal Karkun in the office of the Mamlatdar of Tiswadi taluka, Tiswadi Goa. Awal Karkun-I in the office of the Mamlatdar of Tiswadi taluka, Tiswadi-Goa, shall take charge as the Assistant Returning Officer with immediate effect.

The remaining part of the order remains unchanged.

Menino D'Souza, IAS (Retd.), Commissioner, State Election Commission, Goa.

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