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#### GOVERNMENT OF GOA

#### State Election Commission, Goa

#### Order

No. 3/47/Bye-ELN/2026-27/SEC/109

Date : 04-May-2026

Whereas, the Bye-Election to Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Arpora Nagao, taluka Bardez, North Goa District in the State of Goa and Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Sancordem, taluka Dharbandora, Kushavati District in the State of Goa will be conducted on Sunday, 24th 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 04-05-2026 (Monday) till completion of election process. The Code of Conduct shall be applicable to the areas under the jurisdiction of Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Arpora Nagao and Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Sancordem.

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

Altinho, Panaji.

#### Order

No. 3/47/Bye-ELN/2026-27/SEC/111

Date : 04-May-2026

Whereas, the Bye-Election to Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Arpora Nagao, taluka Bardez, North Goa District in the State of Goa and Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Sancordem, taluka Dharbandora, Kushavati District in the State of Goa will be conducted on Sunday, 24th 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. III of Village Panchayat Arpora Nagao, taluka Bardez, North Goa District in the State of Goa”.

“that the Additional Collector-I, South Goa District shall function as the overall District Election Officer (DEO) for Bye-Election to Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Sancordem, taluka Dharbandora, Kushavati District in the State of Goa”.

This comes into force with immediate effect.

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

Altinho, Panaji.

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**Order**

No. 3/47/Bye-ELN/2026-27/SEC/112

Date : 04-May-2026

Sub.: Manner of Voting for Bye-Election to Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Arpora Nagao, taluka Bardez, North Goa District in the State of Goa and Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Sancordem, taluka Dharbandora, Kushavati District in the State of Goa.

Whereas the Bye-Election to Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Arpora Nagao, taluka Bardez, North Goa District in the State of Goa and Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Sancordem, taluka Dharbandora, Kushavati District in the State of Goa will be conducted on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**Order**

No. 3/47/Bye-ELN/2026-27/SEC/113

Date : 04-May-2026

Sub.: Maximum Limit of Expenditure to be incurred by Contesting Candidates for Bye-Election to Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Arpora Nagao, taluka Bardez, North Goa District in the State of Goa and Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Sancordem, taluka Dharbandora, Kushavati District in the State of Goa.

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. 3/47/Bye-ELN/2026-27/SEC/114

Date : 04-May-2026

Subject:- Restriction on number of vehicles and people at the time of nominations for Bye-Election to Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Arpora Nagao, taluka Bardez, North Goa District in the State of Goa and Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Sancordem, taluka Dharbandora, Kushavati District in the State of Goa.

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. 3/47/Bye-ELN/2026-27/SEC/115

Date : 04-May-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. III of Village Panchayat Arpora Nagao, taluka Bardez, North Goa District in the State of Goa and Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Sancordem, taluka Dharbandora, Kushavati District in the State of Goa shown below which are scheduled to be held on Sunday, 24th May, 2026.

| Sr. No. | Name & Designation of the Officer appointed as General Observer                                                      | Taluka      | Name of the Village Panchayat                                                                            |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1       | 2                                                                                                                    | 3           | 4                                                                                                        |
| 1.      | Smt. Varsha Parab, Deputy Collector & Sub-Divisional Officer-I, Mapusa.                                              | Bardez      | Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Arpora Nagao, taluka Bardez, North Goa District in the State of Goa.   |
| 2.      | Shri Amitesh Shirvoikar, Deputy Collector/Sub-Divisional Officer (SDO)/Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM), Dharbandora. | Dharbandora | Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Sancordem, taluka Dharbandora, Kushavati 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.

**Order**

No. 3/47/Bye-ELN/2026-27/SEC/116

Date : 04-May-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. III of Village Panchayat Arpora Nagao, taluka Bardez, North Goa District in the State of Goa and Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Sancordem, taluka Dharbandora, Kushavati District in the State of Goa shown below which are scheduled to be held on Sunday, 24th 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.      | Shri Deepesh D. Gawas, Accountant, O/o the Assistant Director of Transport, Directorate of Transport Mapusa Goa. Mob: 9923241246 | Bardez      | Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Arpora Nagao, taluka Bardez, North Goa District in the State of Goa.   |
| 2.      | Shri Milind Maruti Dessai, Accountant, O/o Directorate of Accounts, "Kautilya" Lekha Bhavan, Alto-Porvorim, Bardez-Goa           | Dharbandora | Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Sancordem, taluka Dharbandora, Kushavati District in the State of Goa. |

The services of above Officers are hereby requisitioned for the Bye Election to Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Arpora Nagao, taluka Bardez, North Goa District in the State of Goa and Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Sancordem, taluka Dharbandora, Kushavati District in the State of Goa 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.

**Notification**

No. 4/95/Bye-ELN/V.P./2025-26/SEC/104

Date : 04-May-2026

Whereas, the Bye Election to elect the members for 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, I, *Menino D'Souza*, IAS (Retd.), State Election Commissioner, Goa State, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me under Article 243 K of the Constitution of India and section 237 of the Goa Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 read with Rule 49 of the Goa Panchayat and Zilla Panchayat (Election Procedure) Rules, 1996, do hereby notify that the counting of votes in respect of Bye Election to Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Batim and Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Verna will be done on Monday, 11th May, 2026 from 8.00 hrs. till the counting of votes is completed as mentioned below:—

| Sr. No. | Name of the Taluka | Name of the Village Panchayats                                                                  | Place for Counting of Votes                                                                                  |
|---------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1       | 2                  | 3                                                                                               | 4                                                                                                            |
| 1.      | Tiswadi            | Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Batim, taluka Tiswadi, North Goa District in the State of Goa | In the Chamber of Mamlatdar of Tiswadi, Mamlatdar Office, Tiswadi, Goa.                                      |
| 2.      | Salcete            | Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Verna, taluka Salcete, South Goa District in the State of Goa   | Chamber of the Mamlatdar of Salcete, Room No. 114, 1st Floor, Matanhy Saldhana Complex, Margao, Salcete-Goa. |

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

**Notification**

No. 3/47/Bye-ELN/ 2026-27/SEC/106

Date : 04-May-2026

Whereas, the Bye Election to elect the member for Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Arpora Nagao, taluka Bardez, North Goa District in the State of Goa will be conducted on 24-05-2026 (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 Arpora Nagao, taluka Bardez, North Goa District in the State of Goa which is going to poll on Sunday, 24th May, 2026, shall be accepted by the Returning Officer at the notified place i.e. office of Mamlatdar of Bardez Taluka, Bardez-Goa from 6th May, 2026 to 13th May, 2026 from (10.00 hrs. to 13.00 hrs.) except on 10th May, 2026 being a Sunday.

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

No. 3/47/Bye-ELN/2026-27/SEC/108

Date : 04-May-2026

Whereas, the Bye-Election to elect the member for Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Sancordem, taluka Dharbandora, Kushavati District in the State of Goa will be conducted on 24-05-2026 (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 Sancordem, taluka Dharbandora, Kushavati District in the State of Goa which is going to poll on Sunday, 24th May, 2026, shall be accepted by the Returning Officer at the notified place i.e. office of Mamlatdar of Dharbandora Taluka, Dharbandora Goa from 6th May, 2026 to 13th May, 2026 from (10.00 hrs. to 13.00 hrs.) except on 10th May, 2026 being a Sunday.

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

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**Notification**

No. 3/47/Bye-ELN/2026-27/SEC/110

Date : 04-May-2026

Whereas the Bye-Election to Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Arpora Nagao, taluka Bardez, North Goa District in the State of Goa and Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Sancordem, taluka Dharbandora, Kushavati District in the State of Goa will be conducted on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> 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. III of Village Panchayat Arpora Nagao and Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Sancordem at the Polling Station before issue of ballot paper.

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

Altinho, Panaji.

**Notification**

No. 3/47/Bye-ELN/2026-27/SEC/105

Date : 04-May-2026

Form No. 2

[See rule 10 (2)]

Bye-Election to elect the member for Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Arpora Nagao, taluka Bardez, North Goa District in the State of Goa.

The Programme of Election is as under:

|   |                                                      |                                                                                     |
|---|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Last date and time for receiving nominations papers. | Wednesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> May, 2026.<br>From 10.00 hrs. to 13.00 hrs.             |
| 2 | Date and time for scrutiny of nomination papers.     | Thursday, 14 <sup>th</sup> May, 2026.<br>From 10.00 hrs. till the scrutiny is over. |
| 3 | Date and time of withdrawal of nomination papers.    | Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> May, 2026.<br>From 10.00 hrs. to 14.00 hrs.                |
| 4 | Date and time of poll.                               | Sunday, 24 <sup>th</sup> May, 2026.<br>From 08.00 hrs. to 17.00 hrs.                |

|   |                            |                                                                                     |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5 | Date and time of counting. | Monday, 25th May, 2026.<br>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.

No. 3/47/Bye-ELN/2026-27/SEC/107

Date : 04-May-2026

Form No. 2  
[See rule 10 (2)]

Bye Election to elect the member for Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Sancordem, taluka Dharbandora, Kushavati District in the State of Goa.

The Programme of Election is as under:

|   |                                                      |                                                                                     |
|---|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Last date and time for receiving nominations papers. | Wednesday, 13th May, 2026.<br>From 10.00 hrs. to 13.00 hrs.                         |
| 2 | Date and time for scrutiny of nomination papers.     | Thursday, 14th May, 2026.<br>From 10.00 hrs. till the scrutiny is over.             |
| 3 | Date and time of withdrawal of nomination papers.    | Friday, 15th May, 2026.<br>From 10.00 hrs. to 14.00 hrs.                            |
| 4 | Date and time of poll.                               | Sunday, 24th May, 2026.<br>From 08.00 hrs. to 17.00 hrs.                            |
| 5 | Date and time of counting.                           | Monday, 25th May, 2026.<br>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.

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