

IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT PORVORIM

Public Interest Litigation No. of 2026

Enough is Enough & Ors.

...Petitioners

V/s

State of Goa & Ors.

...Respondents

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Date: 17-April, 2026

Place: Porvorim, Goa



Advocate for the Petitioners

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Synopsis

A) Chronology of Events :

1976	The Govt. Of Goa introduces the Goa Public Gambling Act, 1976 to govern gaming in the State of Goa.
1992	The Goa Public Gambling Act, 1976 was amended to introduce Section 13A to permit any game of electronics amusement/slot machines in 5 star, hotels subject to such conditions as may be prescribed.
09.11.1995	In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 13A of the Gambling Act, the

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	<p>Government had issued a notification dated 9th November 1995. That notification was amended from time to time. Important for consideration is Condition 5, clause (iv). Two provisos were introduced in Condition 5 (iv) of the Notification issued under Section 13A on 17th October 2013. The amended Condition 5 clause (iv) reads as under:</p> <p><i>iv) A licence granted hereunder shall be for a period of five years and may be renewed for further period of five years only if in renewed for further period of five years only if an application is made in that behalf before the expiry period of the licence, on payment of renewal fee of Rs.1.00 lakh. The licence shall not be renewed if the application is made after its expiry and in such case fresh application for licence shall have to be made.”</i></p> <p><i>Provided that the licences of offshore casinos which are expiring on or before 30-6-2014, <u>may be</u></i></p>
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	<p><u>considered for renewal/extension for a period not exceeding two years, so as to enable them to make alternate arrangements for moving out of river Mandovi.</u></p> <p><u>Provided further that the licences of offshore casinos which are expiring after 31-03-2014, shall not be renewed, for operation in River Mandovi</u></p>
18.07.1996	Office Circular dated 18 th July, 1996 provides guidelines for regulating the dimensions of vessels upto 90 meters of length, plying within the navigable limits of Mandovi and Zuari.
1996	Section 13A was amended to include within the activities that the Government may permit “and such table games and gaming on board in vessels offshore as may be notified”.

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18.09.1997	The definition of the term “Vessel” [Condition (1) clause (xi)] was amended to state that “vessel” means and includes any ship, boat, etc. used in navigation and licensed by the Director General of Shipping, Ministry of Surface Transport, Government of India.”
09.12.1999	The notification was amended to introduce the words “table games and games on board in vessels offshore” after term “slot machines” in the entire notification.
2012	<p>Goa Public Gambling Act was then amended by the Goa Public Gambling (Amendment) Act, 2012 to introduce Section 13B , which reads as under:</p> <p><i>13B. Places or areas for gaming: (1)</i> <i>Except the places or areas as may be designated by the Government, by a notification issued in this regard in the Official Gazette, for conducting game/games as authorized under sub-section (1) of section 13A, no game/games</i></p>

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	<p><i>shall be conducted at any other place or area in the State of Goa or on board in vessel within the territorial waters of the State of Goa.</i></p> <p><i>(2) The Government may, in the notification issued under sub-section (1), specify the total number of vessels which may operate in such designated areas.</i></p>
12.02.2013	<p>The mooring permissions for M.V. Royale Flotel as per information received by Petitioner No.2 under Right to Information Act was on 12th February 2013 and was extended upto 31st March 2023.</p>
08.01.2016	<p>The following proviso was inserted in condition 5 clause iv. The proviso reads as follows:</p> <p><i>Provided also that the licensee, whose licence has been renewed based on an undertaking given by the licensee for moving out its operations from river Mandovi within a period of two years from the date of the renewal of licence,</i></p>

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	<p><i>shall be allowed to operate in river Mandovi for a period from 30-08-2015 to 30-9-2020 or till an alternate site is notified by the Government, whichever is earlier, subject to the condition that such licence is in force during such period.</i></p> <p>(the time period to allow operations of such vessels/ renewal of licenses has been consistently extended).</p>
13.01.2016	<p>Respondent No.3 obtains a license with the following clause 8 encompassed in the said license</p> <p><i>“8. The licence shall be valid only upto 31/03/2017 for operation in the River Mandovi or till an alternate feasible site is finalized by the Government whichever is earlier and thereafter within territorial sea waters of Goa outside river Mandovi.”</i></p>

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26.11.2019	Respondent No.3 addresses a letter to Respondent No.2 applying in principle for the grant of approval and no objection to bring in a new vessel in place of M.V. Royale Flotel.
03.01.2020	Respondent No.3 is granted approval to get the vessel into river Mandovi/ the inland waters of Goa in place of M.V. Royale Flotel subject to certain terms and conditions.
01.02.2020	Section 13B to Section 13L comes into force. Section 13B clarifies that off shore gaming could only operate in the territorial waters of the State of Goa. Therefore, since 01.02.2020 all casino boats would have to move out of the river Mandovi.
17.11.2020	Respondent No.3 files a secondary application for the grant of in principle no objection to bring in a new vessel in place of M.V. Royale Flotel. However, this time stating that they have decided to build a brand new vessel of 112 meters, breadth of

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	<p>28 meters, depth of 5.7 meters and draft of 3 meters. The said vessel has a capacity of 2000 persons which is more than the capacity of all the casino vessels combined. Further with Section 17B already being in force no executive/administrative decision could have been taken to authorize or grant permission for any casino vessel to enter Mandovi.</p>
24.11.2021	<p>The Respondent No. 2 forwards the Respondent No.3's application dated 17.11.2020 to Respondent No.1 with a communication, the same of which explicitly states that the size of the vessel creates hazards for the safety of navigation.</p> <p>The Respondent No. 2 referred request to Respondent No. 1 for grant of in principle approval qua the mooring permissions of the new vessel.</p>
25.11.2021	<p>The Secretary (Ports) in its file notings specifically state that the new vessel may create further navigational hazards due to</p>

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	the clustering of vessels which will create a bottle neck at the mooring positions requested by the Respondent No.3.
26.11.2021	The Commissioner cum Secretary (Ports) forwards Respondent No.3's proposal to the Chief Minister with adverse notings.
05.01.2022	Respondent No.3 obtains the last license for its vessel M.V. Royale Flotel which license encompasses the following condition no.10 <i>“10. The licence shall be valid only up to 30/09/2022 for operation in the River Mandovi or till alternate feasible site is finalized by the Government whichever is earlier and thereafter within the territorial sea waters of Goa outside river Mandovi.”</i>
22.09.2022	Despite the serious concerns uniformly raised by various Officers of Respondent No.2, the Office of the Chief Minister granted No Objection to Respondent No.3.

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14.10.2022	Respondent No.2 issues communication to Respondent No.3 being the Government's No Objection to replace the vessel know as M.V. Royale Flotel.
07.09.2023	Respondent No.2 vide its Office Note granted Respondent No.3 a No Objection for issuing a temporary mooring permission for the new vessel in the Mandovi.
29.07.2024	Vide Office Note the in principle temporary mooring N.O.C for Respondent No.3's new vessel was placed for further approval.
08.08.2024	The Respondent No.3 is granted approval for a temporary mooring N.O.C. It is to be noted the new vessel has a capacity of more than 2000 passengers as compared to the 70 passengers of M.V. Royale Flotel.
17.09.2024	Respondent No.2's Office Note acknowledges the fact that the vessel is "permanently moored in one location"

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	<p>whereas all previous permissions were for temporary mooring in the Mandovi. This is the basis of which the exemption from lifesaving appliances was granted.</p>
23.01.2025	<p>By way of Notification the third proviso of condition 5 clause iv is amended/extended till 31.03.2027, thereby permitting casino vessels to continue operating in the Mandovi till 31st March 2027</p>
07.11.2025	<p>The Petitioner No. 2 received a report of the Goa State Pollution Control Board which explicitly states that there are exceeding levels of fecal coliform, the same is indicative of the ongoing discharge of untreated or partially treated waste into the Mandovi</p>
27.10.2025, 06.11.2025, 07.02.2026	<p>The Petitioner No.2 writes to Respondent No.2 addressing various objections. Further the Petitioner No.2 also writes to the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Goa.</p>

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06.01.2026	Association of persons formed which is being represented by Petitioners No. 1 (a) & 1 (b)
2026	10-point charter is formulated
16.02.2026	Petitioner No. 2 applies for information in respect of incoming vessel from Respondent No.2.
20.02.2026	The Petitioner No.3 files R.T.I. Application for collection of the appropriate information sought to be relied upon in the present Petition.
Present	The present Public interest litigation is filed

B) Points for Determination

- (a) Whether the the Impugned Gazette Notification dated 28th January, 2025, Impugned Communication dated 14th October, 2022 and Impugned Office Notes dated 22nd September, 2022, 7th September, 2023 and 8th August, 2024 are illegal, *ultra-vires*, arbitrary,

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unreasonable, perverse and violate Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India and are therefore non-est in law?

- (b) Whether this Hon'ble Court should restrain the Respondents, their officers or any person claiming through or under them from acting upon or in furtherance of the Impugned Gazette Notification dated 28th January, 2025, Impugned Communication dated 14th October, 2022 and Impugned Office Notes dated 22nd September, 2022, 7th September, 2023 and 8th August, 2024 ?
- (c) Whether this Hon'ble Court should direct the Respondent Nos.1-2 to restrain Respondent No.3 from mooring its new vessel in the river Mandovi?
- (d) Whether this Hon'ble Court should to stay the effect, operation and implementation of the Impugned Gazette Notification dated 28th January, 2025, Impugned Communication dated 14th October, 2022 and Impugned Office Notes dated 22nd September, 2022, 7th September, 2023 and 8th August, 2024?
- (e) Whether this Hon'ble Court should direct the private respondents from mooring their new vessel in the river Mandovi?
- (f) Whether this Hon'ble Court should consider and grant Interim Orders for the prayers sought to be prayed?

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(g) Any other point to be determined

Date: 17- April-2026

Place: Porvorim

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Advocate for the Petitioners

IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO. OF 2026

In the matter of Articles 226 & 227
of the Constitution of India read
with Articles 14, 21, 38 48-A and
51 A (g) of the Constitution of
India;

AND

In the matter of Office Note dated
22nd September, 2022;

AND

In the matter of the Communication
dated 14th October, 2022;

AND

In the matter of Office Note dated
7th September, 2023

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In the matter of Office Note dated
8th August, 2024

AND

In the matter of Gazette
Notification dated 23rd
January, 2025



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1. Enough is Enough)
 An Association of Persons having)
 PAN Card No. AADAE1570H)
 Annual Income: Under Rs. 1,00,000/-)
 represented by)
 a. Libia Lobo Sardessai, Aged 101 years)
 6/3, John Paul Building,)
 Church Square, Panjim Church,)
 Panaji, Goa-403001)
 Having PAN Card No. ABAPL7129C)
 b. Uday Laxmikant Bhembre, Aged 86 years)
 H. No.-1486 Laxmi Prabha,)
 Near Trimurti Hospital, Ghogol,)
 Salcete, Fatorda, South Goa,)
 Goa-403602)
 Having PAN Card No. AEYPB4723M)
2. Sudip Narayan Tamankar)
 S/o Narayan Tamankar, aged 53 years)
 R/o H. No.P-51/S-304 Sai Apartment)
 Behind Goa State Co-operative Bank)
 Portais Waddo, Reis Mags, Verem,)
 Bardez Goa-403114)
 PAN Card Number: AHRPT3315P)
3. Harish M. Madkaikar)
 S/o Manohar Madkaikar, aged 36 years)
 H.No. S/85, Sonar Bhat,)

Notarized



Near Hanuman Temple, Reis Magos)
P.O. Verem, Bardez, North Goa,)
Goa-Panaji, Goa-403114)
Having PAN Card No. BSAPM5494D

...Petitioners

Vs.

1. The State of Goa)
represented by the Chief Secretary)
Secretariat Building, Porvorim, Goa)
2. The Conservator, of the Port of Panaji/)
Captain of Ports Panaji, Office of the captain of ports,)
Panaji Goa)
3. M/s. Delta Pleasure Cruise Company)
Pvt. Ltd.)
Through its Director)
Fisheries Department Building)
D.B. Marg Panaji, Goa 403001)

...Respondents

TO:

THE HONOURABLE CHIEF JUSTICE AND THE
JUDGES OF THE HONOURABLE HIGH COURT AT
PANAJI



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THE HUMBLE PETITION
OF THE PETITIONER
ABOVE NAMED:

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH: -

I. Particulars of the cause/order against which the Petition is made.

Subject matter in brief:

1. The Petitioners are, inter-alia, seeking issuance of appropriate orders/directions from this Hon'ble Court to the Respondents to set aside various permissions granted to Respondent No.3 to replace the vessel M.V. Royale Flotel (with a passenger capacity of 70), which no longer operates in the Mandovi, with Respondent No.3's new vessel, Y-178 (**"new vessel"**) (with a passenger capacity of 2000 in the Mandovi). The new vessel is also known as **M.V. Deltin Royale**.
2. The Impugned Communications, Orders, Decisions, Notes under challenge are as follows:

2.1 Government Notification dated 23rd January 2025 published in Government of Goa Gazette Series One No.43 (Extraordinary) dated 23rd January 2025 (**"Impugned Notification"**) pursuant to Cabinet Resolution dated 28th December 2024 by which Respondent No.1 permitted casino vessels to continue operating in the Mandovi till 31st March, 2027, is directly in the teeth of the provisions of the Goa Public

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Gambling Act. A copy of the Impugned Notification dated 23rd January 2025 is annexed hereto and marked as **Exhibit A**.

2.2 Communication dated 14th October, 2022 (“**Impugned Communication**”) by which Respondent No.2 granted Respondent No.3, No-Objection to proceed with replacing the M.V. Royale Flotel with the new vessel without considering that the passenger capacity of M.V. Royale Flotel was only 70 passengers whereas the passenger capacity of the new vessel is 2000 passengers and much larger dimensions, both length and breadth wise. A copy of the Impugned Communication dated 14th October 2022 is annexed hereto and marked as **Exhibit B**.

2.3 Note dated 22nd September, 2022 (“**Impugned Office Note 1**”) by which the Hon’ble Chief Minister gave his no-objection to Respondent’s abovementioned proposal. A copy of the Impugned Office Note 1 dated 22nd September 2022 is annexed hereto and marked as **Exhibit C**.

2.4 Office Note dated 7th September, 2023 (“**Impugned Office Note 2**”) issued by Respondent No.2, vide which granted it Respondent No.3 its no objection for issuing of a temporary mooring permission for the new vessel in the Mandovi. A copy of the Impugned Office Note 2 is annexed hereto and marked as **Exhibit D**.

2.5 Office Note dated 8th August, 2024 (“**Impugned Office Note 3**”) by which Respondent No,2 granted Respondent No.3 its temporary mooring NOC; A copy of the Impugned



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Office Note 3 dated 08th August 2024 is annexed hereto and marked as **Exhibit E**

II. Particulars of the Petitioners:

3. The Petitioners are Indian Nationals residing at the address mentioned in the cause title above. The Petitioners are public spirited citizens who have consistently sought to take up various public issues before numerous authorities that concern public interest. The Petitioners are also concerned with issues qua corruption at the Government and/or Semi-Government level in the State of Goa.
4. Petitioner No.1 is an association of persons formed on 6th January, 2026 to fight for the protection and ecology of Goa which includes as a part of its charter the removal of all existing casino vessels from the river Mandovi within six months from 6th January 2026 and further seeking repeal of Section 39A, amendment of Section 17(2) and Section 17A of the Goa Town and Country planning Act and various other legislations. The Association has a Pan Number AADAE1570H with an income below on. In this Petition, the Association is represented by the following persons:
 - a. Petitioner No.1(a) is aged 101 years and is a freedom fighter who fought for the freedom of Goa and was a practicing advocate. She has been awarded the Padma Shri by the Government of India. She was a participant in the first meeting conducted in Panaji on 6th January, 2026.
 - b. Petitioner No.1(b) is a practicing advocate, an ex-member of the Legislative Assembly of Goa and a former president

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of the Konkani Basha Academy. He has been awarded the Sahitya Akademi award and several other awards and accolades. He was a prominent figure to fight for Konkani as a state language of Goa and statehood for Goa.

5. The Petitioner No.2 has filed numerous complaints and petitions before numerous courts across the courts of Goa, as well as the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The Petitioner No.2 has in the past espoused environmental causes including pollution in the river Mandovi occasioned by the permanent mooring of the casino vessels and had filed petitions before the National Green Tribunal. One of the directions issued by the National Green Tribunal is for constantly monitoring the waters of the river Mandovi in or around the location of the casinos. The Petitioner No. 2 craves leave to rely on the above stated information when called upon by this Hon'ble Court.
6. The Petitioner No.3 hails from a fishing community and his family continues to carry on fishing activities in the River Mandovi. Petitioner no. 3 is aggrieved by the impact the large casino vessel will cause on the quality of water and marine life in the Mandovi. The Petitioner No. 3 has also applied for seeking information in respect of the incoming vessel from the Captain of Ports by way of application dated 16-02-2026. Petitioner No. 3 has also sought for a report on the adverse effects on fishing in the Mandovi due to the existence of such casinos prepped by NIO which the Petitioner No. 3 is yet to



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receive. The Petitioner No. 3 craves leave to rely upon the above stated information when received.

7. The Petitioners state that they have not been involved or are involved in any other civil, revenue, criminal litigation in any Court and/or Tribunal which has any bearing on the issues before this court. The Petitioners further state that they shall disclose their Annual income if and when called upon by this Hon'ble Court.

III. Particulars of the Respondents:

8. (a) Respondent No. 1 is the State of Goa.
(b) Respondent No. 2 is the Conservator /Captain of Ports responsible for implementing/carrying out developmental works of Inland Waterways and Minor Ports in Goa by relying on Acts which include the Indian Ports Act 2025 and the Inland Vessels Act 2021.
(c) Respondent No. 3 is the holder of a gaming license to operate a vessel in the Mandovi River amongst others to have gaming operations on board the Vessel, M.V. Royale Flotel.

IV. Declaration and understanding of the Petitioners:

9. That the present petition is being filed by way of Public Interest Litigation and the Petitioners do not have any personal interest in the matter. The Petition is being filed in the interest of the general public, who are aggrieved by the social and environmental hazards being caused by existing Casino vessels moored in the river Mandovi, near the office of the Captain of

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ports which area already has excessive faecal coliform as evidenced from the report of the Goa State Pollution Control Board dated 7th November 2025 and consequently will have a severe impact on the ecology and environment of the river and surrounding habitats. The Petitioner craves leave to rely on the said report when called upon.

10. That the entire litigation costs are being borne by the Petitioners. The Advocates appearing in the matter are appearing pro-bono.
11. That thorough research has been conducted in the matter raised through the Petition.
12. That to the best of the Petitioners knowledge and research, the issue in the present Public Interest Litigation is being raised for the first time and the same is not the subject matter of challenge in any pending proceedings before this Hon'ble Court, the Apex Court or any other authority.
13. That this Hon'ble Court has the jurisdiction to hear and decide the present matter.
14. That the Petitioners undertake to serve the Respondents.
15. That the requisite court fee has been paid.
16. That the Petitioners understand that in the course of hearing of this PIL, the Court may require any security to be furnished towards costs or any other charges. It is the Petitioners request that considering the strong prima facie case made out by the Petitioners, this Hon'ble Court may dispense with the Petitioners being called upon to furnish any security. If this



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Hon'ble Court calls upon the Petitioners to furnish any security, the Petitioners shall comply with such requirements.

V. BRIEF FACTS

17. Gaming in the State of Goa is governed by the provisions of the Goa Public Gambling Act, 1976 ("Act"). Till 1992, no gambling was permitted.

18. In 1992, the Act was amended to introduce Section 13A. Section 13A, as originally introduced, authorised the Government to permit 'any game of electronic amusement/slot machines in Five Star Hotels' subject to such conditions as may be prescribed. Section 13A, as originally introduced read thus:

13A. Authorised Game: (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the Government may authorize any game of electronic amusement/ slot machines in Five Star Hotels as may be notified subject to such conditions, including payment of such recurring and non-recurring fees, as may be prescribed.

Gambling on board ships was therefore not permitted.

A copy of the 1992 amendment is annexed hereto and marked as **Exhibit F**.

19. In 1996, Section 13A was amended to include within the activities that the Government may permit "and such table

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games and gaming on board in vessels offshore as may be notified". Section 13A as amended reads thus:

13A. Authorised Game: (1) *Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the Government may authorize any game of electronic amusement/ slot machines in Five Star Hotels and such table games and gaming on board vessels offshore as may be notified subject to such conditions, including payment of such recurring and non-recurring fees, as may be prescribed.*

(2) *The provisions of this Act shall not apply to any game authorized under sub-section (1).*

A copy of the 1996 amendment is annexed hereto and marked as **Exhibit G**.

20. In 2012, the Goa Public Gambling Act was then amended by the Goa Public Gambling (Amendment) Act, 2012 to introduce Section 13B, which reads as under:

13B. Places or areas for gaming: (1) *Except the places or areas as may be designated by the Government, by a notification issued in this regard in the Official Gazette, for conducting game/games as authorized under sub-section (1) of section 13A, no game/games shall be conducted at any other place or area in the State of Goa or on board in vessel within the territorial waters of the State of Goa.*



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(2) The Government may, in the notification issued under sub-section (1), specify the total number of vessels which may operate in such designated areas.

A copy of the Goa, Daman and Diu Public Gambling Act 1976 along with the Goa Public Gambling (Amendment) Act, 2012 amendment is annexed hereto and marked as **Exhibit H**.

21. Sections 13B to 13L were however brought into force only from 1st February 2020.

22. Section 13A and Section 13B are facets of a common legislative scheme and intent and have to be read together. Section 13A is a limited exception to the absolute bar under the Act against gambling. Section 13A empowers the Government to authorise a limited type of gambling. These were Five Star Hotels; and 'on board vessels offshore'. Section 13B contains a similar limited exception in respect of the areas where the Government could designate for gaming. This extended to both land and sea (vessels within the territorial waters of the State of Goa). Read together, it is very clear that both the game and area which could be authorised were indicated. The power to authorise was expressly limited to vessels off the coast and did not extend to vessels in rivers. The expression "territorial waters of the State of Goa" can never mean the Mandovi river. Firstly, the ordinary meaning of 'territorial water' means a body of water which defines or demarcates the State i.e. separates or distinguishes one from the

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other and/or identifies the limits of the territory or boundary of a State. This is also clear on perusing Section 2(j) of the Goa, Daman and Diu Marine Fishing Regulation Act, 1982. A river flowing through a State cannot be territorial water. Territorial water is not to be conflated/equated with 'water in the territory of a State'. Therefore, it is the 'Sea' which washes the coast line of a State which constitutes territorial waters. To conclude therefore, while Section 13A deals with the grant/type of licences, and Section 13B sets out where the said licences can operate. In the case of vessels where table games and gaming are permitted, the said vessel could only be located in the territorial waters of Goa.

23. After coming into force of Section 13B, insofar as a vessel is concerned, the Government had to notify a place for gaming on the vessel in the territorial waters of Goa.

24. What comes to the fore on reading Section 13B is that games/gaming could only be in designated areas, which insofar as vessels is concerned must be in the territorial waters of Goa. The Mandovi is a not part of the territorial waters of the State of Goa. It is a river. The area where the State can authorise is therefore the high sea which would extend to twelve nautical miles from the nearest point of the appropriate baseline. Therefore, the Mandovi is not and can never be a designated under Section 13B. Consequently, no vessel can operate in the river Mandovi for gaming activities after Section 13B has come into force.



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25. It appears that after the 1996 Amendment to Section 13A, a number of amendments were made to the Notifications issued under the Act.

26. Firstly, on 18th September, 1997, the definition of the term "Vessel" [Condition (1) clause (xi)] was amended to states that "vessel" means and includes any ship, boat, etc used in navigation and licensed by the Director General of Shipping, Ministry of Surface Transport, Government of India."

A copy of the amendment dated 18th September 1997 is annexed hereto and marked as **Exhibit I**.

27. Secondly, on 9th December, 1999, the notification was amended to introduce the words "table games and games on board in vessels offshore" after term "slot machines" in the entire notification.

A copy of the amendment dated 09th December 1999 is annexed hereto and marked as **Exhibit J**.

28. In 1995, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 13A of the Gambling Act, the Government had issued a notification dated 9th November 1995. That notification was amended from time to time. Important for consideration is Condition 5, clause (iv). Two provisos were introduced in Condition 5 (iv) of the Notification issued under Section 13A on 17th October 2013. The amended Condition 5 clause (iv) reads as under:

iv) A licence granted hereunder shall be for a period of five years and may be renewed for further period of five years only if in renewed for further period of five years only if an application is made in that behalf before the expiry period of the licence, on payment of renewal fee of Rs.1.00 lakh.

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The licence shall not be renewed if the application 1 is made after its expiry and in such case fresh application for licence shall have to be made."

Provided that the licences of offshore casinos which are expiring on or before 30-6-2014, may be considered for renewal/extension for a period not exceeding two years, so as to enable them to make alternate arrangements for moving out of river Mandovi.

Provided further that the licences of offshore casinos which are expiring after 31-03-2014, shall not be renewed, for operation in River Mandovi

A copy of the notification dated 09th November 1995 is annexed hereto and marked as **Exhibit K**.

29. Thereafter by Notification dated 8th January 2016 a third proviso was inserted into the notification. The said proviso reads as under:

Provided also that the licensee, whose licence has been renewed based on an undertaking given by the licensee for moving out its operations from river Mandovi within a period of two years from the date of the renewal of licence, shall be allowed to operate in river Mandovi for a period from 30-08-2015 to 30-9-2020 or till an alternate site is notified by the Government, whichever is earlier, subject to the condition that such licence is in force during such period.



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A copy of the notification dated 08th January 2016 in Official Gazette dated 12th January 2016 is annexed hereto and marked as **Exhibit L**.

30. This proviso for the first time set out despite an undertaking given by the licensee for moving out its operation of the river Mandovi within a period of two years from the date of renewal of license, the vessel would be allowed to operate in river Mandovi for the period until 30th September 2020 or till an alternative site is notified by the Government, whichever is earlier. The dates in the third proviso have been extended from time to time and the last such extension is till 31st March 2027.

31. It is interesting to note here that by this proviso in the licence, the Government for the first time took upon itself the onus of finding an alternative site outside the river Mandovi; rather than the licence making other arrangements.

32. Regardless, the deadline for removal of the vessels from the Mandovi as per the cabinet resolution is now 31st March 2027. However, as has been pointed out that after coming into force of Section 13B with effect from 1st February 2020, this period in the third proviso could not have been extended by executive fiat. The operation within the Mandovi, was therefore at best a temporary measure until the coming into force of Section 13B. The Mandovi can be described as a temporary/ transitional site.

33. Petitioner No.2 has obtained a copy of a license dated 13th January 2016 issued to Respondent No.3. Clause 8 of the said license reads as under:

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“8. The licence shall be valid only upto 31/03/2017 for operation in the River Mandovi or till an alternate feasible site is finalized by the Government whichever is earlier and thereafter within territorial sea waters of Goa outside river Mandovi.”

A copy of the said license is attached hereto as **‘Exhibit M’**.

34. The last license issued to Respondent No.3 for the vessel M.V. Royale Flotel dated 5th January 2022 had a condition in Condition No.10 which reads as under:-

“10. The licence shall be valid only up to 30/09/2022 for operation in the River Mandovi or till alternate feasible site is finalized by the Government whichever is earlier and thereafter within the territorial sea waters of Goa outside river Mandovi.”

A copy of the said license is attached hereto as **Exhibit ‘N’**.

35. Respondent No.3 had therefore adequate notice and made aware that the casino vessels would have to be moved out of the Mandovi and into the territorial waters pursuant to Section 13B introduced in the Public Gambling Act on 1st February 2020.

36. Pursuant to Section 13A, various vessels were granted licenses for installation of electronic amusements/ slot machines under Section 13A of the Goa Public Gambling Act to temporarily operate in the Mandovi. These vessels included M.V. Royale Flotel, M.V. Horseshoe Casino, M.V. Casino Royale, M.V. Majestic Pride, M.V. Pride of Goa and M.V. Lucky Seven.



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37. The mooring permissions for M.V. Royale Flotel as per information received by Petitioner No.2 under Right to Information Act was on 12th February 2013 and was extended upto 31st March 2023. The said vessel recently is not seen either moored or operating in the river Mandovi. The Petitioner craves leave to rely upon the said information

38. It is clear that the net effect of deferral of the coming into force of Section 13B and the introduction of the above provisos was to give the operators of the casinos adequate opportunity to move the vessels out of the Mandovi before Section 13B was brought into force. This was because, Section 13B made express what was earlier implied – that “offshore” gaming vessels could only be in the “territorial waters” and not “inland waters”. They would therefore have to be removed from the Mandovi.

39. On 1st February 2020, Section 13B came into force. On the coming into force of Section 13B, vessels for offshore gaming could only operate in the territorial waters of the State of Goa. The State therefore brought into effect what was known all along – that the casino boats would have to move out of the Mandovi to the territorial waters of Goa i.e. the high sea to give effect to the will of the State Legislature.

40. Furthermore, in the teeth of Sections 13A read with 13B, by the Gazette Notification dated 23rd January, 2025 (“**Impugned Gazette Notification**”) under Section 13A, Respondent No.1 extended the time limit to the offshore casino licences for



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relocating their casino vessels from the Mandovi until 31st March 2027. This is clearly an attempt to circumvent the mandate of legislation (Sections 13A read with 13B) by administrative action. This is impermissible.

41. In October 2025, Petitioner No.3 found out about the proposed mooring position of a new vessel, Y-178 replacing Respondent No.3's vessel M.V. Royale Flotel. Thus, he addressed two RTI Applications on 6th October, 2025 and 3rd November, 2025 to Respondent Nos. 1 and the Office of Respondent No.2, wherein he sought the following information:

- (a) All the correspondence pertaining to Respondent No.3's Application to replace M.V. Royale Flotel with a new vessel in the Mandovi; and
- (b) Information with respect to the licenses/gambling permissions issued to Offshore Casino Vessels anchored in the Mandovi.

Annexed hereto and attached as **Exhibits- O and P** are copies of the said RTI Applications dated 6th October, 2025 and 3rd November, 2025 filed by the Petitioner No.1.

42. In response to the first RTI Application dated 6th October 2025, the Petitioner No. 1 received a response on 13th October, 2025, and in response to the second RTI Application dated 3rd November, 2025, the Petitioner received a response on 17th February, 2026. Annexed hereto and attached as **Exhibits-Q and R (without annexures)** are the copies of the RTI responses dated 15th October, 2025 and 17th February, 2026.



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43. Based on the said responses, the following factual narrative emerges:

44. On 26th November, 2019, Respondent No.3 addressed a letter to Respondent No.2, wherein it applied for grant of in principle approval and No Objection to bring in a new vessel in place of M.V. Royale Flotel. This proposed vessel was built by Service Marine Industries, Gibson, LA, USA, in the year 1998. A copy of the said letter is annexed hereto as '**Exhibit S**'.

45. In response to Respondent No.3's said application, Respondent No. 2 on 3rd January, 2020 granted Respondent No.3 approval to bring in the new vessel into the Mandovi/the inland waters of Goa in place of M.V. Royale Flotel, subject to certain terms and conditions. A copy of the same is annexed hereto as '**Exhibit-T**'.

46. Curiously, on 17th November, 2020, the Respondent No. 3 filed another Application with Respondent No. 2 for grant of in principle no objection to bring in a new vessel in place of M.V.Royale Flotel. However, this time it was stated that Respondent No. 3 had decided to build a brand-new vessel (Builder of Ship being M/s. Waterways Shipyard Pvt. Ltd.). The proposed ship, which was to be built at Hungarcutta, Udipi, had a length of 112 meters, breadth of 28 meters, depth of 5.7 meters and draft of 3 meters. A copy of Respondent No.3's application is annexed hereto as '**Exhibit-U**'.



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47. Thus, vide this application, Respondent No. 3 sought for permission that the new vessel be moored in the current mooring position of M.V (in the Mandovi). Horse Shoe Casino which would be shifted to the current mooring position of M.V. Casino Royale which in turn would be shifted to the mooring position of M.V. Royale Flotel. This is Y-178, that has been defined earlier as the new vessel. This vessel had a capacity of 2000 persons that is more than the capacity of all the existing casino vessels combined.

48. At the time of this permission, Section 13B had already come into force, and therefore no executive/administrative decision could have ever authorized or granted permission for any casino vessel to enter the Mandovi.

49. The Office of Respondent No.2 forwarded Respondent No.3's Application to Respondent No. 1 vide a communication dated 24th November, 2021. It is pertinent to state that the communication explicitly stated that the size of the vessel created hazards for the safety of navigation. Respondent No.2 then referred the request to Respondent No.1 for grant of in principle approval qua the mooring permission of the new vessel. A copy of the said Communication is annexed hereto as '**Exhibit-V**'.

50. The Secretary (Ports) on 25th November, 2021 in its file notings on the proposal specifically stated that the new vessel may create further navigational hazards due to the clustering of



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vessels, which would create a bottleneck at the mooring position requested by the Respondent No.3. A copy of the said file noting is annexed hereto as 'Exhibit-W'.

51. Following this, on 26th November, 2021, the Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Ports), forwarded Respondent No.3's proposal to the Office of the Hon'ble Chief Minister with adverse notings. This noting explicitly records the following:

- (i) After carrying out discussions with Respondent No.2, numerous issues came up.
 - (a) Firstly, there was going to be navigational hazard in case the new vessel was permitted to be brought in.
 - (b) Secondly, there are no clear guidelines on how large sized vessels were to be brought in.
 - (c) Lastly, there could be more Applicants in future with such requests.
- (ii) Resultingly, given the technical and safety issues involved, the Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Ports), was of the opinion that technical feasibility needs to be conducted by technical experts, in order to ascertain whether vessels of such size could be brought inside Zuari, Mandovi and other Goan Inland Water, keeping in view, the navigational safety of the vessels.
- (iii) In light of the above adverse remarks, the Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Ports), deemed it



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fit and proper to refer Respondent No.3's request to the Office of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa for further directions.

A copy of the said file noting is annexed hereto as '**Exhibit-X**'.

52.However, despite the serious concerns uniformly raised by various officers of Respondent No.2, the Office of the Chief Minister granted No Objection to Respondent No. 3 on 22nd September, 2022 ("**Impugned Office Note 1**"), wherein the following was stated:

- (i) The Office Circular dated 18th July, 1996 ("**1996 Circular**") provides guidelines for regulating the dimensions of vessels upto 90 meters of length, plying within the navigable limits of Mandovi and Zuari. For vessels with proposed length of 90 to 120 meters, a prior approval of the Captain of Ports is essential.
- (ii) In the present case, Respondent No.3 sought in-principle No Objection to bring in a vessel replacing M.V. Royale Flotel.
- (iii) Considering the fact that the dimensions of the proposed vessel are within the limit of 90 to 120 meters, in terms of the aforementioned notification, the said proposal can be considered.

53.This noting completely ignores the fact that the 1996 circular only allows for the plying of vessels upto 90m in length. Admittedly the new vessel is more that the said permissible



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limit. The policy only provides an exception for “large ship building yards” to construct vessels from 90 to 120 meters on a case-to-case basis. This does not relate to the navigation and regular plying of these vessels, but only for construction. Impugned Office Note 1 is not for construction of a new vessel. The latter provision is sought to be misused to justify the completely illegal Impugned Office Note 1 and permit the mooring of the new vessel. The 1996 Circular is therefore relevant to determine the present issue. A copy of the 1996 Circular is annexed hereto as ‘**Exhibit-Y**’.

54. Finally, vide the Impugned Communication dated 14th October, 2022 (“**Impugned Communication**”), addressed by the Respondent No.2 to Respondent No.3, the Government’s No-Objection to replace M.V. Royale Flotel was conveyed.

55. In furtherance to the above, the Office of Respondent No.2, vide its Office Note dated 7th September, 2023 (“**Impugned Office Note 2**”) granted Respondent No.3 its no objection for issuing of a temporary mooring permission for the new vessel in the Mandovi.

56. This was followed by the Office Note dated 29th July, 2024, wherein the in-principal temporary mooring NOC for Respondent No.3’s new vessel was placed for further approval. This approval for a temporary mooring NOC was finally



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granted vide Respondent No.2's Office Note dated 8th August, 2024 (**"Impugned Office Note 3"**).

57. In furtherance to the already shocking and illegal manner in which the Respondent No.3 was granted temporary mooring permission to replace M.V. Royale Flotel with the new vessel, it also came to light that Respondent No.3's request for exemption towards the requirement of life saving appliances was also considered favorably by Respondent No.2. This request was considered, inspite of the fact that Respondent No.3's new vessel had a capacity of more than 2000 passengers as compared to 70 of the M.V. Royale Flotel.

58. Surprisingly, Respondent No.2's Office Note dated 17th September, 2024 now acknowledged the fact that the vessel is "permanently moored at one location", whereas all previous permissions were for temporary mooring in the Mandovi. This is the basis on which the exemptions from life saving appliances was given. A copy of the Office Note dated 17th September, 2024 is annexed hereto as **'Exhibit-Z'**.

59. Additionally, while various mooring permissions and exemption from key safety requirements have been granted contrary to law, Respondent No.3 did not even have a license to operate the new vessel on the Mandovi.

60. Aggrieved by the illegal actions of Respondent Nos.1-2, the Petitioner No.2 addressed the following communications



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objecting to the illegal manner in which the mooring permissions have been granted:

- Letter dated 27th October, 2025 addressed by the Petitioner No.1 to Respondent No.2.
- Letter dated 6th November, 2025 addressed by the Petitioner No.1 to the Respondent No.2.
- Letter dated 17th February, 2026 addressed by the Petitioner No.1 to the Chief Secretary, Government of Goa.

61. Unfortunately, no response has been provided by Respondent Nos.1-2 to the abovementioned communications. Annexed hereto and attached as **Exhibits-AA, AB and AC** are copies of Petitioner No.1's letters dated 27th October, 2025, 6th November, 2025 and 17th February, 2026.

62. Petitioner No.3 also filed an RTI Application on 20th February, 2026, which was addressed to the Public Information Officer of the Office of Respondent No.2. Annexed hereto and attached as **Exhibit-AD** is a copy of the RTI Application dated 20th February, 2026.

63. The Petitioners, therefore, challenge the Impugned Communication & Office Notes & seek directions as prayed for on the following grounds which are without prejudice to each other:



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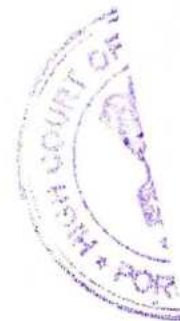
- A. The Impugned Gazette Notification dated 28th January, 2025, Impugned Communication dated 14th October, 2022 and Impugned Office Notes dated 22nd September, 2022, 7th September, 2023 and 8th August, 2024 are contrary to the statutory mandate of Sections 13A and 13B of the Goa Gambling Act, (brought into effect from 1st February, 2020) that no gaming activity can be conducted on board a vessel unless it is within a designated area in the territorial waters of Goa. The Mandovi is not in the “territorial waters” of Goa and cannot therefore ever be notified as a designated area. Additionally it has not been notified as a designated area. The permissions granted are therefore contrary to and *ultra-vires* Section 13B and must be struck down.
- B. The Impugned Gazette Notification dated 28th January, 2025, Impugned Communication dated 14th October, 2022 and Impugned Office Notes dated 22nd September, 2022, 7th September, 2023 and 8th August, 2024 are in essence administrative action undertaken by the Respondent Nos.1-2 which are directly in the teeth of Sections 13A and 13B of the Goa Public Gambling Act. Administrative action of the state cannot be contrary to the law established by statute, as is the clear case here under the Goa Public Gambling Act.
- C. The Impugned Gazette Notification dated 28th January, 2025, Impugned Communication dated 14th October, 2022



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and Impugned Office Notes dated 22nd September, 2022, 7th September, 2023 and 8th August, 2024 are for the reasons above manifestly arbitrary and are directly violative of Article 14 of the Constitution of India.

- D. Consequently, on the coming into force of Section 13B, the Impugned Gazette Notification dated 28th January, 2025, could have been issued as based on a cabinet decision extending the time to moor in the Mandovi beyond 1st February, 2020 as the same is contrary to Section 13B.
- E. The expression “offshore” always means in the territorial waters and not inland waters. This is obvious from the clear language of the statute, the cabinet decision of 2013, and that the license is issued to the vessels in which gaming was carried out wherein the vessel had to move “within the territorial sea waters of Goa outside river Mandovi”. Therefore, “offshore” has always been and understood to mean, the territorial waters, as understood in terms of Maritime Zones Act, 1976. This is also evident from other legislations such as the Goa, Daman and Diu Marine Fishing Regulation Act, 1982. This has been clarified by use of the expression “within the territorial waters of the State of Goa” in Section 13B.
- F. It is submitted that the total passenger capacity of the six vessels presently allowed to operate in the Mandovi, which include M.V. Royale Flotel, M.V. Horseshoe Casino, M.V. Casino Royale, M.V. Majestic Pride, M.V. Pride of Goa and



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M.V. Lucky Seven is 1987 passengers. It is shocking to note that the total passengers capacity of all these vessels put together still falls below the passenger capacity of the new vessel, which exceeds 2000 passengers. The vessel that is to be “replaced” i.e. MV Royale Flotel has a capacity of only 70. The “replacement” of a vessel with a capacity of 70 with the new vessel having a capacity of 2000 passengers is arbitrary and unreasonable.

G. The concept of “offshore gaming” does not include activities in inland waters. This is because the term offshore means activities in or outside territorial waters; and cannot mean inland waters. Therefore, the term “gaming” in Section 13A read with Section 13B of the Goa Gambling Act always contemplated “offshore” gaming, as is reflected in the first notification dated 23rd November, 1995 and further clarified by the subsequent provisos inserted to condition 5 clause (iv). To clarify this position by notification dated 17th October 2023, it was provided that the casino boats would be moved out of the Mandovi and into the territorial waters. Therefore, no mooring or other permission can be granted to the new vessel in the Mandovi river as the same would be ultra-vires Section 13A of the Goa Gambling Act and would be arbitrary and perverse.

H. The expression “offshore” always means in the territorial waters and not inland waters. This is obvious from the clear language of the statute, the cabinet decision of 2013, and that the license is issued to the vessels in which gaming was

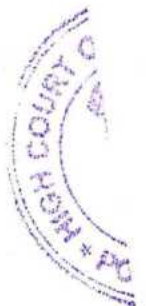


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carried out wherein the vessel had to move “within the territorial sea waters of Goa outside river Mandovi”. Therefore, “offshore” has always been and understood to mean, the territorial waters, as understood in terms of Maritime Zones Act, 1976. This has been clarified by use of the expression “within the territorial waters of the State of Goa” in Section 13B.

- I. The Petitioners submit that that Respondent No.3 does not have a license to operate the new vessel for gaming in the Mandovi. It therefore cannot be moored in the Mandovi and no installation of electronic amusements, slot machines, gaming etc. can be carried out on the same. In light of Cabinet Resolution dated 28th December 2024 of the Cabinet read with Note for Cabinet dated 18th December 2024, only existing vessels were granted permission to operate in the Mandovi until 31st March 2027 or until an alternate feasible site is finalized whichever is earlier.
- J. M.V. Royale Flotel cannot be “replaced” by the new vessel. The law does not provide for “replacing” an existing vessel with a new vessel. Section 13E of the Goa Gambling Act permits transfer of a license to “any other person”. However, the said license in such a case would pertain to the same vessel. Even if the new vessel seeks to replace M.V. Royale Flotel, it would have to obtain its own fresh license in light of the fact that the license granted to a vessel is passenger capacity specific.

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- K. The Petitioners submit that irrespective of the status of the license of M.V. Royale Flotel, it is pertinent to state that M.V. Royale Flotel is no longer moored/operating in the Mandovi. Thus, Respondent No.1 & 2 could not have granted permission to Respondent No.3 to bring in a "replacement vessel" for M.V. Royale Flotel. There is no provision for "replacement" or "transfer" in law. The new vessel would have to get its own independent license, which in any event is not possible for the reasons stated above.
- L. The actions of Respondent No.3 in granting NOC by way of the Impugned Communication and Office Notes, in the face of adverse safety remarks made by the officers of Respondent No.2 are *ex-facie* arbitrary, illegal, unreasonable and perverse.
- M. The Petitioners submit that placing reliance/referring to the 1996 Circular was erroneous and misguided as the same pertained to permission 1) ply within the Mandovi and 2) construct larger vessels and not for grant of mooring permission. The said exemption can only be to "owners of large shipyards" for "construction".
- N. The Petitioners submit that placing reliance/referring to the 1996 Circular was erroneous and misguided as the Respondent Nos.1-2 failed to consider the fact that while the Circular only granted permission to construct larger vessels subject to prior approval, it never referred to a procedure to grant mooring permission, which was what Respondent No.3 sought in its application dated 17th



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November, 2020. On the subject of mooring permission, reliance could never have been placed on the 1996 Circular.

O. The actions of Respondent No.3 in granting NOC by way the Impugned Communication by ignoring the serious concerns raised by multiple authorities about the navigational hazards cause by the mooring of the new vessel is illegal, unreasonable and arbitrary. Respondent No. 2 and the Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Ports) had opined that technical feasibility needs to be conducted by technical experts due to the potential navigational hazards that may arise. Respondent No.1 granted its NOC despite the same not being done without even applying its mind to the same. Navigational hazard in the mooring of the vessel is an important aspect that the Respondent No.1 ought to have considered before granting his NOC.

P. No permissions can be granted to the new vessel as the concepts of "mooring", "vessel" and "ports" under various legislations do not permit the permanent mooring of vessels in inland waters and port limits. Section 2(zu) of The Inland Vessels Act, 2021 defines vessels as:

"vessel" includes every description of water craft used or capable of being used in inland waters, including any ship, boat, sailing vessel, tug, barge or other description of vessel including non-displacement craft, amphibious craft, wing-in-ground craft, ferry, roll on-roll-off vessel, container vessel, tanker vessel, gas carrier or floating unit or dumb

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vessel used for transportation, storage or accommodation within or through inland waters;”

Thus, a vessel is to be used for transportation, storage or accommodation within or through inland waters. The casino vessels moored in the Mandovi are not used for any of these purposes.

Similarly, Section 2(u) of the Indian Ports Act, which defines a port as:

““port” includes any terminal, offshore terminal, shipyard, repair yard, ship breaking yard, bunkering station, captive jetties or roadstead or port facility or single buoy mooring which is normally used for the fuelling, re-fuelling, loading, unloading, embarkation or disembarkation of passengers, warehousing, building or repair or anchoring of vessels, or any other place at which a vessel can call, and any part of the navigable river or channel to which this Act extends, but shall not include any ship recycling activities;”

All of the above activities are temporary in nature and are in aid of the vessel eventually making its way back to the sea/river. The definition does not cover the use case for a vessel being permanently moored in a river, especially for a purpose such as running a casino on the vessel.



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Even the concept of mooring is along similar lines. Section 2(p) of the Indian Ports Act, which defines mooring as:

“mooring” means a fixed or floating structure or device which is used for the berthing and unberthing of any vessel or aircraft making use of a port, including shifting along the quayside, or is required for the safe operation of a waterborne vessel in the port or in the waterway access to the port;”

A permission for mooring, is at best temporary in nature and does not contemplate a situation wherein the mooring is permanent in nature. Therefore, based on the above, no use of a moored vessel for entertainment in the form of running/operating a casino on a vessel, is contemplated. Consequently, no permission can be granted for the same.

- Q. The new vessel does not meet the requirements and safety standards under the Inland Vessels Act 2021 Respondent no. 3 sought exemption from providing safety appliances for passengers on the ground that it would be permanently moored in the Mandovi as is apparent from the application. The Respondent No. 3 on this basis has been given dispensation from the life jackets safety requirements, inspite of the fact that the total passenger capacity of the new vessel was expected to exceed 2000 people. This amounts to arbitrariness on the part of Respondents no. 1 & 2. The fact that a vessel is moored does not take away from the requirement of life jackets. It makes no difference

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whether a vessel is moored or in transit. If the ship goes down, life jackets are essential to ensure that the persons on board don't go down with it.

- R. The mooring of casino vessels in the Mandovi has caused an exponential increase in water pollution levels. The Goa State Pollution Control Board ("GPCB"), on 7th November, 2025, addressed a letter to Petitioner No. 2 in response to a letter addressed by him to GPCB on 6th October, 2025. The letter stated the Board had collected and analyzed water samples at 5 locations in and around anchored casinos in Mandovi on 30th October, 2025. The River Mandovi Water Sampling Report explicitly states that the exceeding levels of fecal coliform indicates the ongoing impact of untreated or partially treated waste discharges into the Mandovi. Annexed hereto and attached as "**Exhibit-AE**" is a copy of GPCB's letter dated 7th November, 2025. The Petitioners submit that the Respondent Nos.1-2 have failed to pay due regard to the various environmental issues that arise as a result of the new vessel being moored in the Mandovi. The same violates the rights of the citizens of Goa to live in a healthy environment.
- S. The Petitioners submit that the people at large have a vested right of all natural resources which are by nature meant for public use and enjoyment and the State is merely a trustee. The public at large is beneficiary of the seashore, running waters, etc. The State as a trustee has a legal duty to protect the natural resources, these resources meant for public use cannot be converted into private ownership. The



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Respondents No. 1 & 2 by allowing 6 casino vessels in the Mandovi, starting from 1997 has failed to discharge its duty as trustee for the people and has denied to the public at large the benefit of running waters. This is against the public trust doctrine and the precautionary principle.

- T. The Petitioners submit that the Respondent Nos.1-2 have failed to pay due regard to the fact that the permanent mooring of such a large vessel in the Mandovi will gravely impact the ecology and environment of the Mandovi.
- U. The Petitioners submit that the Respondent Nos.1-2 have failed to pay due regard to the fact that the change from a 70 passenger vessel to a 2000 passenger vessel, which exclusively serves as a floating casino will have a catastrophic problems in the form of rise of anti-social public elements, especially problems resulting from gambling and gambling under the influence of alcohol. This will also result in increased traffic, parking in Panjim that is already strained in terms of public infrastructure.
- V. The Petitioners submit that the Respondent Nos.1-2 have failed to pay due regard to the fact that the permanent mooring of such a large vessel in the Mandovi will also gravely impact the activities of numerous fishermen who operate along the coast of Mandovi.

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VII. Source of information:-

64. The Petitioners state that the Petitioners have narrated the factual facts as above.

VIII. Nature and extent of injury caused/apprehended.

65. Petitioners submit, that the populus at large on the banks for the River Mandovi will suffer grave harm and injury, if the prayer as sought for in this PIL are not granted. The balance of convenience is in favour of the Petitioners

IX. Any representation etc. made.

66. The Petitioner has not filed any other Petition either in this Hon'ble Court or in the Hon'ble Supreme Court, or in any other High Court with reference to the subject matter of the present petition.

67. The Petitioner states that the entire cause of action has arisen within the jurisdiction of this Hon'ble Court and therefore this Hon'ble Court has jurisdiction to try, entertain and dispose of the present PIL.

68. The Petitioners have no alternate efficacious remedy and the remedy prayed herein is just and absolute.

X. Delay, if any, in filing the petition and explanation therefore:-

69. It is submitted that there is no delay in approaching this Hon'ble Court for the reliefs sought in the present PIL as the Petitioners started to actively espouse this cause once they



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found out plans of Respondent No.3's new vessel being moored in the Mandovi in October 2025.

XI. Documents relied upon:

70.The Petitioners will rely upon the documents, a list of which is annexed to this Petition.

XII. RELIEFS PRAYED FOR:-

- (a) That this Hon'ble Court be pleased to declare that The Impugned Gazette Notification dated 28th January, 2025, Impugned Communication dated 14th October, 2022 and Impugned Office Notes dated 22nd September, 2022, 7th September, 2023 and 8th August, 2024 are illegal, *ultra-vires*, arbitrary, unreasonable, perverse and violate Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India and are therefore non-est in law;
- (b) That this Hon'ble Court be pleased to issue a writ of certiorari/mandamus or any other writ in the nature of mandamus or issue appropriate writ, order or direction under Article 226 & 227 of the Constitution of India, restraining the Respondents, their officers or any person claiming through or under them from acting upon or in furtherance of the Impugned Gazette Notification dated 28th January, 2025, Impugned Communication dated 14th October, 2022 and Impugned Office Notes dated 22nd September, 2022, 7th September, 2023 and 8th August, 2024;
- (c) That this Hon'ble Court be pleased to issue a writ of mandamus or any other writ in the nature of mandamus or

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issue appropriate writ, order or direction under Article 226 & 227 of the Constitution of India, directing the Respondent Nos.1-2 to restrain Respondent No.3 from mooring its new vessel in the river Mandovi;

- (d) Pending the hearing and final disposal of the captioned PIL, this Hon'ble Court be pleased to stay the effect, operation and implementation of the Impugned Gazette Notification dated 28th January, 2025, Impugned Communication dated 14th October, 2022 and Impugned Office Notes dated 22nd September, 2022, 7th September, 2023 and 8th August, 2024;
- (e) Pending the hearing and final disposal of the captioned PIL, this Hon'ble Court be pleased to restrain the Respondents from mooring the New Vessel in the Mandovi River;
- (f) For other and further reliefs as this Hon'ble Court may in the facts and circumstances deem fit and proper;

XIII. Interim order, if prayed for:

As above

XIV. Caveat

That no notice has been received of lodging a caveat by the opposite party.

Place: Goa

Date: 17.04.2026



x 
PETITIONER No. 1 (a)


PETITIONER No. 1 (b)

PETITIONER No. 2

PETITIONER No. 3

Advocate for the Petitioners:

[Adv. Laban I. Carvalho
MAH-6396-2023]

VERIFICATION

I, Sudip Narayan Tamankar, s/o Narayan Tamankar, aged 53 years R/o H. No.P-51/S-304 Sai Apartment Behind Goa State Co-operative Bank Portais Waddo, Reis Mags, Verem, Bardez Goa-403114, the Petitioner No. 2 herein do hereby verify that the contents of the above petition are true to the best of my knowledge and none of what is held therein is false.

Place: Porvorim, Goa

Date: 17.04.2026

Identified by me:

[Adv. Laban I. Carvalho
MAH-6396-2023]

Signature

Before me.

Signature
17/04/2026
Section Officer



IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO. OF 2026

1. Enough is Enough & Ors

...Petitioner

Versus

1. State of Goa & Ors

...Respondents

AFFIDAVIT

I, Sudip Narayan Tamankar, s/o Narayan Tamankar, aged 53 years R/o H. No.P-51/S-304 Sai Apartment Behind Goa State Co-operative Bank Portais Waddo, Reis Mags, Verem, Bardez Goa-403114, the Petitioner No. 2 herein do hereby on solemn oath swear as under:

1. I say that I have today filed in association with one association of persons, being Enough is Enough and another individual a Writ Petition in Public Interest for the reliefs sought therein, which has been prepared under the collective instructions of all the Petitioners.
2. I say that there is no personal gain, private motive or oblique reasons in filing the present PIL.
3. I say that the Petitioners are ready to pay costs as ordered by this Hon'ble Court, if it is ultimately held that the present



Sudip Tamankar

Petition is frivolous or has been filed for extraneous considerations, or that it lacks bona fide.

4. I say that the sources of most of the information sought to be relied upon have been disposed in the present Petition.

5. I say that the Petitioners shall disclose the source of its remaining information, if any, if and when called upon by this Court, to do so.

6. I solemnly declare and say that what has been stated in paras 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, & 62 of the accompanying petition are in the nature of facts which are correct and true to the best of my knowledge and information collected by me and my co petitioner from the Departments of the Government and Official Gazette, Website & Internet which I believe to be true and the contents of para 63 [A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U & V], 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69 & 70 are my submissions made on legal advice which I believe to be true and correct. No part of it is false and nothing material has been concealed therefrom.



Mitalakari

7. I say that the documents annexed are true copies of their originals.
8. I say that what has been sworn in the present affidavit at points no. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 are true and factual to the best of my knowledge.

Solemnly Sworn on this 17th day of the month of April, 2026
at Porvorim, Goa

DEPONENT

Identified by me:

Carvalho

[Adv. Laban I Carvalho
MAH- 6396-2023]

Mitabhakar

Solemnly affirmed before me by Sudip
Narayan Tamankar who is
identified before me by Adv. Laban
I. Carvalho whom I personally
know. Dated this 17th day
of April 2026

Sraoutay
17/04/2026
Section Officer
High Court of Bombay
at Goa, Porvorim



Reg. No. RNP/GOA/32/2024-2026

RNI No. GOAENG/2002/6410

Panaji, 23rd January, 2025 (Magha 3, 1946)

SERIES I No. 43

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GOVERNMENT OF GOA

Department of Home

Home—General Division

Notification

21/2/2013-HD(G)/Vol.-I/280

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 13A of the Goa Public Gambling Act, 1976 (Act 14 of 1976), read with Section 21 of the General Clauses Act, 1897 (Central Act 10 of 1897), the Government of Goa hereby further amends the Government Notification No. 2-20-92-HD(G) dated 09-11-1995, published in the Official Gazette, Series I No. 34 dated 23-11-1995 (hereinafter called the "principal Notification"), as follows:—

In the principal Notification, in condition 5, in clause (iv), in the third proviso, for the expression "31-03-2023" the expression "31-03-2027" shall be substituted.

This Notification shall come into force with immediate effect.

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

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

Porvorim, 23rd January, 2025.

Note:— The principal Notification was published in the Official Gazette, Series I No. 34 dated 23-11-1995 and subsequently amended vide the following notifications, namely:—

- (1) Notification No. 2/20/92-HD(G) dated 16-10-1996, published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 33 dated 14-11-1996.
- (2) Notification No. 2/20/92-HD(G) dated 29-04-1997, published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 14 dated 03-07-1997.
- (3) Notification No. 2/20/92-HD(G) dated 27-08-1997, published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 25 dated 18-09-1997.
- (4) Notification No. 2/20/92-HD(G) dated 30-11-1999, published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 37 dated 09-12-1999.
- (5) Notification No. 2/20/92-HD(G) dated 20-12-1999, published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 42 dated 13-01-2000.
- (6) Notification No. 2/20/92-HD(G) dated 02-05-2000, published in Official Gazette, Extraordinary No. 3, Series I No. 4 dated 02-05-2000.
- (7) Notification No. 2/1/2001-HD(G) dated 26-07-2001, published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 20 dated 16-08-2001.
- (8) Notification No. 2/1/2001-HD(G) dated 29-11-2002, published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 39 dated 26-12-2002.

- (9) Notification No. 2/1/2001-HD(G) dated 24-07-2003, published in Official Gazette, Extraordinary, Series I No. 17 dated 24-07-2003.
- (10) Notification No. 2/1/2001-HD(G) dated 05-01-2004, published in Official Gazette, Extraordinary, Series I No. 40 dated 05-01-2004.
- (11) Notification No. 2/1/2001-HD(G) dated 12-02-2004, published in Official Gazette, Extraordinary, Series I No. 46 dated 16-02-2004.
- (12) Notification No. 2/1/2001-HD(G) dated 30-03-2004, published in Official Gazette, Extraordinary No. 4, Series I No. 52 dated 31-03-2004.
- (13) Notification No. 2/1/2001-HD(G) dated 08-01-2007, published in Official Gazette, Extraordinary No. 2, Series I No. 41 dated 15-01-2007.
- (14) Notification No. 2/1/2001-HD(G) dated 22-07-2009, published in Official Gazette, Extraordinary, Series I No. 17 dated 23-07-2009.
- (15) Notification No. 2/1/2001-HD(G) dated 31-03-2011, published in Official Gazette, Extraordinary, Series I No. 1 dated 07-04-2011.
- (16) Notification No. 2/1/2001-HD(G) dated 04-11-2011, published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 32 dated 10-11-2011.
- (17) Notification No. 2/1/2001-HD(G) dated 25-05-2012, published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 9 dated 31-05-2012.
- (18) Notification No. 21/9/2012-HD(G) dated 11-09-2012, published in Official Gazette, Extraordinary No. 2, Series I No. 23 dated 12-09-2012.
- (19) Notification No. 21/12/2011-HD(G) dated 21-11-2012, published in Official Gazette, Extraordinary No. 4, Series I No. 33 dated 21-11-2012.
- (20) Notification No. 21/2/2013-HD(G)/3466 dated 17-10-2013, published in Official Gazette, Extraordinary No. 2, Series I No. 29 dated 22-10-2013.
- (21) Notification No. 21/1/2014-HD(G)/1324 dated 28-03-2014, published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 1 dated 03-04-2014.
- (22) Notification No. 21/1/2014-HD(G)/1326 dated 28-03-2014, published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 1 dated 03-04-2014.
- (23) Notification No. 21/3/2015-HD(G)/992 dated 31-03-2015, published in Official Gazette, Extraordinary, Series I No. 1 dated 02-04-2015.
- (24) Notification No. 21/2/2013-HD(G)/105 dated 08-01-2016, published in Official Gazette, Extraordinary, Series I No. 41 dated 12-01-2016.
- (25) Notification No. 21/1/2016-HD(G)/1124 dated 31-03-2016, published in Official Gazette, Extraordinary No. 3, Series I No. 53 dated 01-04-2016.
- (26) Notification No. 21/2/2013-HD(G)/1928 dated 06-06-2016, published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 10 dated 09-06-2016.
- (27) Notification No. 21/1/2016-HD(G)/2604 dated 04-08-2016, published in Official Gazette, Extraordinary No. 2, Series I No. 18 dated 10-08-2016.
- (28) Notification No. 21/1/2016-HD(G)/2604 dated 19-08-2016, published in Official Gazette, Extraordinary No. 2, Series I No. 20 dated 22-08-2016.
- (29) Notification No. 21/2/2013-HD(G)/908 dated 30-03-2017, published in Official Gazette, Extraordinary No. 2, Series I No. 52 dated 31-03-2017.
- (30) Notification No. 21/4/2017-HD(G)/1195 dated 24-04-2017, published in Official Gazette, Extraordinary No. 2, Series I No. 3 dated 25-04-2017.
- (31) Notification No. 21/2/2013-HD(G)/1853 dated 29-06-2017, published in Official Gazette, Extraordinary No. 4, Series I No. 13 dated 30-06-2017.
- (32) Notification No. 21/2/2013-HD(G)/2897 dated 03-10-2017, published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 27 dated 05-10-2017.
- (33) Notification No. 21/5/2018-HD(G)/953 dated 27-03-2018, published in Official Gazette, Extraordinary No. 2, Series I No. 51 dated 28-03-2018.
- (34) Notification No. 21/2/2013-HD(G)/972 dated 29-03-2018, published in Official Gazette, Extraordinary, Series I No. 52 dated 29-03-2018.

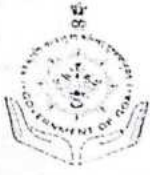
- (35) Notification No. 21/5/2018-HD(G)/1362 dated 04-05-2018, published in Official Gazette, Extraordinary, Series I No. 5 dated 04-05-2018. Extraordinary, Series I No. 51 dated 24-03-2021.
- (36) Notification No. 21/2/2013-HD(G)/2895 dated 28-09-2018, published in Official Gazette, Extraordinary, Series I No. 26 dated 28-09-2018. (43) Notification No. 21/5/2020-HD(G)/976 dated 05-04-2020, published in Official Gazette, Extraordinary No. 2, Series I No. 1 dated 06-04-2021.
- (37) Notification No. 21/2/2013-HD(G)/888 dated 14-03-2019, published in Official Gazette, Extraordinary, Series I No. 50 dated 15-03-2019. (44) Notification No. 21/2/2013-HD(G)/3495 dated 01-10-2021, published in Official Gazette, Extraordinary No. 2, Series I No. 27 dated 01-10-2021.
- (38) Notification No. 21/2/2013-HD(G)/2652 dated 09-10-2019, published in Official Gazette, Extraordinary, Series I No. 27 dated 09-10-2019. (45) Notification No. 21/5/2020-HD(G)(Part-III/3539 dated 06-10-2021, published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 27, Extraordinary No. 4 dated 6th October, 2021.
- (39) Notification No. 21/2/2013-HD(G)/883 dated 09-04-2020, published in Official Gazette, Extraordinary, Series I No. 3 dated 21-04-2020. (46) Notification No. 21/5/2020-HD(G)(Part-III/6411 dated 02-05-2022, published in Official Gazette, Extraordinary, Series I No. 4 dated 2nd May, 2022.
- (40) Notification No. 21/2/2013-HD(G)/2082 dated 28-09-2020, published in Official Gazette, Extraordinary, Series I No. 26 dated 29-09-2020. (47) Notification No. 21/5/2020-HD(G)/Part/8614 dated 25-11-2022, published in Official Gazette, Series II No. 35 dated 1st December, 2022.
- (41) Notification No. 21/5/2020-HD(G)/2425 dated 3-11-2020, published in Official Gazette, Extraordinary No. 3, Series I No. 31 dated 04-11-2020. (48) Notification No. 21/2/2013-HD(G)/Vol-I/87 dated 10-01-2023, published in Official Gazette, Extraordinary, Series I No. 41 dated 12th January, 2023.
- (42) Notification No. 21/2/2013-HD(G)/867 dated 23-03-2021, published in Official Gazette, (49) Notification No. 21/13/2023-HD(G)/2960 dated 09-11-2023, published in Official Gazette, Extraordinary No. 2, Series I No. 32 dated 13th November, 2023.

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No. B 11039/DPCCPL/3158

Dated:- 14/10/2022.

Tp.
M/s. Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Pvt. Ltd.,
Delta Centre, H.No. 850,
NH 17, Porvorim - Goa, 403527.

Sub- Application for grant of in-principle no-objection to bring in a
new vessel in place of M.V. Royale Flotel, O.No. PNJ - 780.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 17/11/2020 on the above cited subject, it is to inform that Government decision is hereby conveyed to its no objection to replace the present vessel M.V. Royale Flotel, O.No. PNJ - 780 with a new vessel which will be constructed and having dimensions of 112.0 meters in length, 28.0 meters in breadth, 5.70 meters in depth and having a draft of around 3.00 meters, subject to submission of followings documentation and drawings.

1. Name of the yard the above vessel will be constructed.
2. Keel laying date of the vessel as per I.V. Act, 1917.
3. All drawings of the vessel.
4. To execute an Indemnity Bond stating that the plying of the vessel, in question, would be at the risk of the Owners/Masters, and also the vessel should not create any obstruction to channel, other vessels for smooth movement during navigation.
5. A tug boat has to be standby for such big vessel during the monsoons.
6. The vessel should have thrusters.
7. Prior arrival to inner anchorage, passage plan from seawards to the mooring location.

However, with regards to the mooring position, the new vessel will be permitted to be moored in the current mooring position of M.V. Horseshoe Casino, O.No. PNJ - 785 subject to safety and technical feasibility including sea room which will be ascertained once the vessel arrives in Panaji Port. The vessel M.V. Horseshoe Casino, O.No. PNJ - 785 will then be permitted to shift to the current mooring position of M.V. Casino Royale, O.No. PNJ - 660 and M.V. Casino Royale, O.No. PNJ - 660 will then be permitted to shift to the current mooring position of M.V. Royale Flotel, O.No. PNJ - 780 also considering the safety & technical feasibility for such shifting, including sea room availability.

Further, this office letter No. B 11039/DPCCPL/65 dated 03/01/2020 is hereby withdrawn with immediate effect **Issued under the R.T.I. Act. 2005**

Received

[Signature]
14.10.2022

[Signature]
Public Information Officer
Captain of Ports Department
Panaji-Goa

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]
(Capt. James Braganza)
Captain of Ports

Copy to:-

M/s. Highstreet Cruises and Entertainment Pvt. Ltd.,
C/o. Delta Pleasure Cruise Co. Pvt. Ltd.,
Fisheries Jetty, Ground Floor,
Fisheries Department Building,
D. Bandothkar Road, Panaji - Goa.

HON.CM-

In my considered opinion, the circular dated 18th July 1996 issued by the Captain of Ports Govt of Goa, provides guidelines for regulating the dimensions of vessels upto 90 mtrs length, plying within the navigable limits of rivers Mandovi and Zuari. For vessels with proposed length of 90-120 mtrs a prior approval of the Captain of Ports is essential.

In the instant case, the applicant has sought in-principle No Objection to bring in a vessel replacing an existing one viz. M.V. Royal Flotel. Considering the fact that the dimensions indicated as "X" at pre-page 1/N are within the limit of 90-120 mtrs, in terms of the aforementioned notification, the said proposal can be considered.

Therefore, we may convey No Objection to the applicant to proceed with the said proposal.

Approved accordingly.

Sawant
Dr. Pramod Sawant ^{22/9/22}

Captain of Ports Department
Panaji-Goa
Entry No. 9322/57/1779
Date: 28 SEP 2022

Captain of Ports *[Signature]* for information.
^{29/9/22}

Pr. Sec (Hors) -

Captain of Ports Department
Panaji-Goa
Entry No. 5525/57/1779
Date: 03 OCT 2022

60P *[Signature]* ^{30/09/2022}
[Signature] ^{04/10/22} with similar letter as sent to Pride - etc - etc
[Signature] ^{04/10/22} to *[Signature]* will communicate

Ports
2027/F
^{29/9/22}

NEES - *[Signature]* ^{01/10/2022}

Issued under the R.T.I. Act, 2005

[Signature]
Public Information Officer
Captain of Ports Department
Panaji-Goa

[Signature] ^{07/10/22}

[Signature] ^{to *[Signature]*}

[Signature]

[Signature]

11/N

Government of Goa
 Captain of Ports Department
 Panaji, Goa.

File No. B-11039/Replacement/2021

Dated: 07th September, 2023.**OFFICE NOTE**

Subject: Allocation of mooring location for new vessel Y-178 in river Mandovi, regarding.

This has reference to the letter bearing No. DPCCPL/2023-24/03 dated 29-05-2023 and letter bearing No. DPCCPL/2023-24/01 dated 04-08-2023 as received from M/s. Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Pvt. Ltd., Panaji placed at Page No. 24/C and Page No. 28/C, respectively. May, please be seen.

Vide above letters M/s. Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Pvt. Ltd., Panaji submitted proposed mooring positions for their new vessel Y-178 in replacement of the present vessel M.V. Royal Flotel and request for allocation of mooring permission. The GPS Co-ordinates of proposed mooring buoys are as under:

A – 15° 30' 18.69" N
 73° 48' 59.78" E

B – 15° 30' 21.19" N
 73° 49' 5.43" E

C – 15° 30' 17.52" N
 73° 49' 7.17" E

D – 15° 30' 15.02" N
 73° 49' 1.51" E

Accordingly, a joint site inspection was conducted on 28-08-2023 and the above proposed mooring locations/ positions of the buoys were verified and it was confirmed that the proposed mooring positions of the buoys would not cause hindrance to the Transit Line. The mooring positions of the vessel Y-178 duly marked on the Google map is placed at Page No. 29/C. The Inspection Report is placed at Page No. 35/C. May, please be seen.


In view of the above, since the above proposed mooring positions would not obstruct navigational traffic, we may not have objection for issuing temporary mooring permission at the above proposed location for the new casino vessel Y-178.

However, higher authorities may decide.

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Submitted, please.

Sup(HS(C))


 Public Information Officer
 Captain of Ports Department
 Panaji-Goa

11.S.

C.O.P.


 07/09/23

 13/11/2023

13/N

Captain of Ports Department,
Panaji – Goa.
Dated:- 24/07/2024.

O/Note


Sub:- Reg. In-principal Temporary Mooring NOC for new vessel (Y-178) in river Mandovi (Replacement of Casino vessel M.V. Royale Flotel with new vessel).

M/s. Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Pvt. Ltd., vide their letter dated 17/11/2020 had requested for grant of in-principal no-objecting to bring in a new vessel in place of M.V. Royale Flotel, O. No. PNJ-780. Also, it was requested to grant in-principal approval for the mooring permission to their new vessel (Y-178) to moored in the current mooring position of M.V. Horseshoe Casino, which in turn can be shifted to the current mooring position of M.V. Casino Royale, and M.V. Casino Royale can be shifted to the mooring position of M.V. Royale Flotel. May, please be seen at pages 2/C to 1/C.

The details of the proposed new vessel (Y-178) are as under:

1. Name of Builder: M/s. Waterways Shipyard Pvt. Ltd.
2. Location of Yard: Hungarcutta, Udupi.
3. Year of Build: 2023.
4. Length: 112.0 M.
5. Breadth: 28.0 M.
6. Depth: 5.70 M
7. Draft: 3.00 M.

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Public Information Officer
Captain of Ports Department
Panaji-Goa

The above proposal of the Company was forwarded for Govt. approval and the same was approved by the government at page 6/N. Accordingly, this office vide letter no. B 11039/DPCCPL/3158 dated 14/10/2022 had informed M/s. Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Pvt. Ltd., that the Government approval has been conveyed to bring a new vessel in place of M.V. Royale Flotel, O.No. PNJ-780. Also, it was permitted to be moored in the current mooring position of M.V. Horseshoe Casino, O. No. PNJ - 785 subject to safety and technical feasibility including sea room which will be ascertained once the vessel arrives in Panaji Port. The vessel M.V. Horseshoe Casino, O. No. PNJ - 785 will then be permitted to shift to the current mooring position of M.V. Casino Royale, O.No. PNJ – 660 and M.V. Casino Royale, O. No. PNJ – 660 will then be permitted to shift to the current mooring position of M.V. Royale Flotel, O. No. PNJ – 780 also considering the safety & technical feasibility for such shifting, including sea room availability. May, please be seen at page 8/C.

P.T.O.

Further, in response to this office letter dated 14/10/2022, M/s. Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Pvt. Ltd had submitted the Indemnity Bond and Registration forms in respect of their new vessel (Y-178) vide letters dated 17/10/2022 (10/C) & 30/01/2023 (16/C). However, this department vide letter dated 15/03/2023 had requested M/s. Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Pvt. Ltd. to submit the mooring position plan superimposed on the Navigational Chart and General Arrangement Plan of the vessel. Accordingly, the Company vide letter dated 06/04/2023 submitted the required documents. May, be seen at pages 23/C to 20/C.

Further regarding mooring position, M/s. Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Pvt. Ltd vide their letter dated 04/08/2023 had again submitted the revised suitable mooring position plan superimposed on the Navigational Chart for approval and requested this department to depute departmental Surveyor to carryout survey of the proposed mooring location in the river Mandovi for their new vessel (Y-178). May, please be seen at pages 28/C to 27/C.

Accordingly, a joint site inspection was conducted on 28/08/2023 by the departmental Hydrographic Surveyor along with Company Representative. However, as per the Inspection Report of the Departmental Hydrographic Surveyor it was confirmed that the proposed mooring position of the buoys would not cause hindrance to the Transit line in river Mandovi and have given no objection for issuing temporary mooring permission for the new vessel (Y-178). Inspection Report is placed at page 35/C, may please be seen.

The above Inspection Report was forwarded for Government information and approval through file and the same was approved by the Hon'ble Chief Minister at page 11/N, may please be seen.

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Contd..... 15/N



Public Information Officer
Captain of Ports Department
Panaji-Goa

15/N

In view of the above, D.F.A. of in-principal temporary mooring NOC for new vessel Y-178 in river Mandovi is placed opposite at page 36/C for approval. However, prior issuing of in-principal temporary mooring NOC to M/s. Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Pvt. Ltd. for their new vessel (Y-178) we may put up the file for information of the Hon'ble Minister Ports.

Submitted please.

~~D.H.M~~
29/07/24

~~H.C.~~
29/7/24

~~COP~~
~~Adodge~~
29/7/24

Secretary (Ports)
inward No 519/E
Date 30/07/2024

Kindly confirm if all requirements have been completed.

~~Secretary (Ports)~~

~~COP~~
18/24

All requirements been completed as per Inspection Report placed at 35/C.

~~Hon'ble Minister (Ports)~~

~~Adodge~~
07/08/24

Captain of Ports Department
Panaji-Goa
Entry No.: 588/5712940
Date: 2024

Captain of Ports Department
Panaji-Goa
Entry No.: 6708/5712945
Date: 08 AUG 2024

~~Adodge~~
07/08/24

~~C.O.P.~~

We may issue the Temporary Mooring NOC. Also the owner should submit 'Mooring System Design' and load analysis report.

~~Adodge~~
08/08/24

Office of the Minister for
Law & Judiciary, Legislative Affairs,
Environment & Captain of Ports
Inward No.: 40/F
Date: 07/08/2024

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~~H.S.~~
29

Public Information Officer
Captain of Ports Department
Panaji-Goa

Submitted please:

D.H. Sd/- 29/07/24

H.C. Sd/- 29/7/2024

COP Sd/- 29/7/2024

Secretary (Ports): Kindly confirm if all requirements have been completed Sd/- 1/8/24

COP All requirements been completed as per Inspection Recort placed at 35/c Sd/- 07/08/24

Hon'ble Minister (Ports) Sd/- 07/08/2024

COP We may issue the Temporary Mooring NOC. Also the owner should submit mooring System design and load analysis report

Sd/- 08/08/24

HS Sd/- 8/8/24

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Panaji, 17th September, 1992 (Bhadra 26, 1914)

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Department of Personnel

Notification

1/1/91-PER

In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution, and in supersession of the existing recruitment rules for the posts, the Governor of Goa hereby makes the following rules relating to recruitment to the Goa General Service, Group 'B' Gazetted-post, in the Directorate of Food & Drugs Administration, Government of Goa, namely:—

1. Short title, application and commencement.—

(1) These rules may be called the Government of Goa, Directorate of Food and Drugs Administration, Group 'B', Gazetted post, Recruitment Rules, 1992

(2) *Application:* These rules 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 from the date of publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Number, classification and scales of pay.—

The number of posts, classification of the said posts and the scales of pay 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 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 posts, 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 and in consultation with the Goa Public Service Commission 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, and other special categories of persons in accordance with the orders issued by the Government from time to time in that regard.

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These rules are issued in consultation with the Goa Public Service Commission vide their letter Nos. COM/II/13/56(1)/92 dated 6-5-1992 and No. COM/II/13/56(2)/92 dated 6-5-1992.

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

G. J. Prabhudessai, Under Secretary (Personnel).
Panaji, June, 1992.

SCHEDULE

Name/designation of post	No. of posts	Classification	Scale of pay	Whether selection post or non-selection post	Age limit for direct recruits	Whether the benefit of added years of service is admissible under Rule 30 of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972	Educational and other qualifications required for direct recruits	Whether age & Educational Qualifications prescribed for the direct recruits will apply in the case of promotees	Period of probation if any	Method of recruitment whether by direct recruitment or by promotion/transfer / contract and percentage of the vacancies to be filled by various methods	In case of recruitment by promotion/deputation/transfer, grades from which promotion/deputation/transfer is to be made	If a D. P. C. exists, what is its composition	Circumstances in which Goa Public Service Commission is to be consulted in making recruitment
1	2	3	4	5	6	6(a)	7	8	8	10	11	12	13
Junior Scientific Officer (Food)	1 (1992) subject to variation dependent on workload.	Goa General Service Group 'B' Gazetted.	Rs. 2000-60-2300-EB-75-3200-100-3500.	Selection	Not exceeding 35 years (relaxable for Government servants upto 5 years in accordance with the instructions or orders issued by the Government)	No	Essential:	Age: No 2 years Qualification: Yes	By promotion failing which by transfer on deputation and failing both by direct recruitment.	<p>Promotion: Chemist with 5 years regular service in the grade.</p> <p>Transfer on deputation: Officers under the Central/State Government and Union Territory Administration:</p> <p>A) i) holding analogous post on regular basis; or</p> <p>ii) with 5 years regular service in the post of Chemist in the scale of Rs. 1640-2900 and above; and</p> <p>B) possessing the educational qualification and experience prescribed for direct recruits under column 7.</p> <p>(Period of deputation, including period of deputation in another ex-cadre post held immediately in the same or some other Organisation/Department of the Central/State Government shall not exceed 3 years.) (The Departmental Officers in the feeder category who are in the direct line of promotion will not be eligible for consideration on deputation. Similarly denu-</p>	<p>Group 'B' D.P.C. consisting of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Chairman/Member, Goa Public Service Commission-Chairman Chief Secretary or his nominee-Member Administrative Secretary/Head of Department-Member <p>(For promotion and confirmation only)</p>	<p>As required under the Goa Public Service Commission (Exemption from consultation) Regulations 1988. Consultation with the G.P.S.C. necessary while making direct recruitment, Promotion, Confirmation, Selecting an Officer for appointment on Deputation and amending/relaxing any of the provisions of these Rules.</p>	
OR							<p>Post Graduate in Pharmacy or Pharmaceutical Chemistry of a recognised University and has not less than 3 years experience, after post graduation in testing of drugs in a laboratory under the control</p>						

of (i) a Government Analyst appointed under the Act or (ii) Approved testing laboratory under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and Rules framed thereunder or (iii) in testing laboratory of a reputed manufacturer of drugs licensed under the drugs and Cosmetics Act and Rules framed thereunder.

Desirable:

- (i) Experience as Chemical Analyst or work in analysing of Narcotics, Drugs and Psychotropic Substance under the Narcotics Drugs Act, 1985 and Rules framed thereunder (ii) Knowledge of Konkani and/or Marathi.

tationists shall not be eligible for appointment on promotion).

Junior Scientific Officer (Drugs)	2 (1992) subject to variation dependent on workload	Goa General Service Group 'B' Gazetted	Rs. 2000-60-2300-EEB-75-3200-100-3500	Selection	Not exceeding 35 years (relaxable for Government servants upto 5 years in accordance with the instructions or orders issued by the Government.)	No.	<i>Essential:</i>	Age: No Qualification: Yes	2 years	By promotion failing which by transfer on deputation and falling both by direct recruitment	<i>Promotion:</i> Chemist with 5 years regular service in the grade. <i>Transfer on deputation:</i> Officers under the Central / State Government and Union Territory Administration: A) 1) holding analogous post on regular basis; or ii) with 5 years regular service in the post of Chemist in the scale of Rs. 1640-2900 and above; and B) possessing the educational qualification and experience prescribed for direct recruits under column 7. (Period of deputation, including period of deputation in another ex-cadre post held immediately in the same or some other Organi-	Group 'B' D. As required P. C. consisting of: 1. Chairman/Member, G.P.S.C.-Chairman 2. Chief Secretary or his nominee-Member 3. Administrative Secretary/Head of Department-Member (for promotion and confirmation only)	As required under the Goa Public Service Commission (Exemption from Consultation) Regulations 1988. Consultation with the G.P.S.C. necessary while making direct recruitment, promotion, confirmation, selecting an officer for appointment on deputation and amending/relaxing any of the provisions of these Rules.		
						1)	Graduate in Pharmacy or Pharmaceutical Chemist of a recognised University and has not less than 5 years of experience in the testing of drugs in a laboratory under the control of (i) a Government Analyst appointed under the Act or (ii) Approved testing laboratory under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and Rules framed thereunder or (iii) In a testing laboratory of a reputed manufacturer of drugs licensed under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and Rules framed thereunder or (iv) Has not less than 5 years of experience after graduation in the analysis of drugs/narcotics in the combined Food and Drugs laboratory of Directorate of Food & Drugs Administration.								

OR

Post Graduate in Pharmacy or Pharmaceutical Chemistry of a recognised University and has not less than 3 years experience, after post graduation in testing of drugs in a laboratory under the control of (i) a Government Analyst appointed under the Act or (ii) Approved testing laboratory under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and Rules framed thereunder or (iii) In testing laboratory of a reputed manufacture of drugs licensed under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and Rules framed thereunder.

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sation/Department of the Central/State Government shall not exceed 3 years.) (The Departmental Officers in the feeder category who are in the direct line of promotion will not be eligible for consideration on deputation. Similarly, deputationists shall not be eligible for appointment on promotion).

Notification

5/3/74-PER (Part)

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-Section (2) of Section 9, Sub-section (2) of Section 12 and Section 24 of the Central Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1965, read with item (iii) of Serial No. 4 of Part III and item (iii) of Serial No. 1 of Part IV of the Schedule thereto

the Governor of Goa hereby specifies, in relation to the posts mentioned in Column 2 of the Schedule appended hereto, the following appointing authority, the disciplinary authority and penalties which the said disciplinary authority may impose and the appellate authority in the corresponding entries in columns 3, 4, 5 and 6 respectively of the said schedule, with immediate effect.

SCHEDULE

Sr. No.	Description of post	Appointing Authority	Authority competent to impose penalties and which it may impose (with reference to item numbers in Rule 11)		Appellate Authority
			Authority	Penalties	
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	All Group 'C' and Group 'D' posts in Raj Bhavan	Special Assistant to Governor	Special Assistant to Governor	All	Chief Secretary

This issues in supersession of Government Notification of even number dated 25-5-1983.

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

G. J. Prabhudessai, Under Secretary (Personnel).

Panaji, 13th July, 1992.

Department of Labour**Notification**

25/2/89-LAB

Whereas vide Government Notification No. 25-2-/89-LAB dated 25-3-1992, published in the Official Gazette (Ext. No. 3), Series I, No. 52 dated 30-3-1992, two months notice of Government's intention to apply all the provisions of the Motor Transport Workers Act, 1961 (Central Act 27 of 1961) (hereinafter referred to as 'the said Act'), to any motor transport undertaking employing less than five motor transport workers, was given, thereby inviting suggestions or objections from all persons likely to be affected thereby;

And whereas the said Gazette was made available to the public on 30-3-1992;

And whereas no objections or suggestions have been received from the public on the said intention of the Government.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to sub-section (4) of section 1 of the said Act, the Government of Goa hereby applies all the provisions of the said Act to any motor transport undertaking, employing less than five motor transport workers, with immediate effect.

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

V. G. Manerkar, Under Secretary (Labour).

Panaji, 17th August, 1992.

Law (Legal and Legislative Affairs) Department**Notification**

7-8-92/LA

The Goa Public Gambling (Amendment) Act, 1992 (Goa Act 11 of 1992) which has been passed by the Legislative Assembly of Goa on 20-7-1992 and assented to by the Governor of Goa on 24-8-1992, is hereby published for the general information of the public.

P. V. Kadnekar, Under Secretary (Drafting).

Panaji, 7th September, 1992.

The Goa Public Gambling (Amendment) Act, 1992

(Goa Act No. 11 of 1992 [24-8-1992])

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further to amend the Goa, Daman and Diu Public Gambling Act, 1976.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of Goa in the Forty-third Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. *Short title and commencement.*— (1) This Act may be called the Goa Public Gambling (Amendment) Act, 1992.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. *Amendment of section 2.*— In clause (3) of section 2 of the Goa, Daman and Diu Public Gamb-

ling Act, 1976 (Act 14 of 1976) (hereinafter referred to as the "principal Act"), for the words and figure "the Government of Goa, Daman and Diu", the words "the Government of Goa" shall be substituted.

3. *Insertion of new section 13A.* — After section 13 of the principal Act, the following shall be inserted, namely: —

"13A. *Authorised Game.* — (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the Government may authorise any game of electronic amusement/Slot machines in Five Star Hotels subject to such conditions, including payment of such recurring and non-recurring fees, as may be prescribed.

(2) The provisions of this Act shall not apply to any game authorised under sub-section (1)."

4. *Repeal and saving.* — (1) The Goa Public Gambling (Amendment) Ordinance, 1992 (Ordinance No. 3 of 1992) is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken under the principal Act, as amended by the said Ordinance, shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the principal Act, as amended by this Act.

Secretariat Annexe,
Panaji,

Dated: 7-9-1992

B. S. SUBBANNA,
Secretary to the Government of Goa,
Law Department (Legal Affairs)

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Panaji, 26th September, 1996 (Asvina 4, 1918)

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GOVERNMENT OF GOA

Department of Law and Judiciary

Legal Affairs Division

Notification

7-5-96/LA

The Goa State Commission for Women Act, 1996 (Goa Act 10 of 1996), which has been passed by the Legislative Assembly of Goa, on 31-7-1996 and assented to by the Governor of Goa on 11-9-1996, is hereby published for general information of the public.

P. V. Kadneker, Joint Secretary (Law).

Panaji, 23rd September, 1996.

THE GOA STATE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN ACT, 1996

(Goa Act No. 10 of 1996) [11-9-1996]

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to provide for the constitution of the Goa State Commission for Women to exercise the powers conferred on, and to perform the functions assigned to it on all matters concerning women in Goa and incidental thereto so as to improve the status of women in Goa.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of Goa in the Forty-seventh year of the Republic of India as follows:—

CHAPTER I

Preliminary

1. Short title, extent and commencement.—(1) This Act may be called the Goa State Commission for Women Act, 1996.

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

(3) It shall come into force on such date as the Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.

2. Definitions.— In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) “Commission” means the Goa State Commission for Women constituted under section 4;

(b) “Member” means a member of the Commission and includes the Chairperson and the Member-Secretary;

(c) “National Commission for Women” means the National Commission for Women constituted under section 3 of the National Commission for Women Act, 1990 (Central Act 20 of 1990);

(d) “Official Gazette” means the Official Gazette of the Government of Goa;

(e) “Person” shall include a firm, company, corporation, association of persons or the Government and its agencies including agencies receiving aid from the Government;

(f) “Prescribed” means prescribed by rules made under this Act;

(g) “Public servant” means any person as defined in section 21 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (45 of 1860);

(h) “Registered” means registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (Central Act 21 of 1860);

(i) “State” means the State of Goa;

(j) “State Government” means the State Government of Goa;

(k) "Women" includes female children and/or adolescent girls.

3. **Application of other laws not barred.**— Save as otherwise provided, the provisions of this Act shall be in addition to and not in derogation of, any other law for the time being in force, except to the extent the provisions of the other law are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act.

CHAPTER II

The Commission

4. **Constitution of the Commission.**— (1) The State Government shall, by notification in the Official Gazette, constitute a body known as the "Goa State Commission for Women", to exercise the powers conferred on and to perform the functions assigned to it, under this Act.

(2) The Commission shall consist of,—

(a) a Chairperson, who shall be an eminent Goan woman by birth or by marriage committed to the cause of women, to be nominated by the State Government, and shall possess such qualification as may be prescribed:

Provided that, before nominating the Chairperson, the State Government shall consult women's organisations registered within the State of Goa;

(b) not more than six non-official members, preferably women, to be nominated by the State Government from amongst persons of ability, integrity and standing who have served the cause of women or have sufficient knowledge and experience in law or legislation, trade unionism, management of an industry or organisation committed to increasing the employment potential of women, women's voluntary organisations (including women activists), administration, economic development, health, education or social welfare, provided that, at least one member shall be from amongst persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes or Other Backward Classes;

(c) any woman member elected by the Goa Legislative Assembly, from amongst its members;

(d) a Member-Secretary, to be nominated by the State Government who shall be an officer of the Civil Service of the State with appropriate experience, not below the rank of Joint Secretary in the Government.

5. **Term of office and conditions of service of Chairperson and members.**— (1) The Chairperson and every non-official member shall hold office for a period of three years provided that the member specified at clause (c) of sub-section (2) of section 4 shall cease to hold office as soon as she ceases to be a member of the State Legislative Assembly.

(2) The Chairperson or a non-official member may, at any time, by writing under her hand and addressed to the State Government, resign from the office of the Chairperson or the office of the member, as the case may be.

(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), the State Government may remove a person from the office of the Chairperson or member, if that person—

(a) becomes an undischarged insolvent; or

(b) is convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for an offence which in the opinion of the State Government involved moral turpitude; or

(c) becomes of unsound mind and stands so declared by a competent Court; or

(d) refuses to act or becomes incapable of acting; or

(e) is, without obtaining leave of absence from the Commission, absent from three consecutive meetings of the Commission; or

(f) in the opinion of the State Government, has so abused the position of the Chairperson or member, as to render that person's continuance in office detrimental to the public interest or is otherwise unfit or unsuitable to continue as such Chairperson or member:

Provided that, no person shall be removed under this sub-section unless that person has been given a reasonable opportunity of being heard in the matter.

(4) A vacancy caused under sub-section (2) or (3) or in any other manner, shall be filled in within 30 days by a fresh nomination by the State Government and the person so nominated shall hold office for the remainder of the term of office of the person in whose vacancy such person has been nominated:

Provided that, if the vacancy of a member other than that of the Chairperson occurs within three months preceding the date on which the term of office of the member expires, the vacancy shall not be filled in.

(5) The honorarium, if any, and allowances payable to, and the other terms and conditions of holding the office of the Chairperson and the members shall be such as may be prescribed.

6. **Officers and other employees of the Commission.**— (1) The State Government shall provide the Commission with such officers and employees, as in the opinion of the State Government may be necessary for the efficient performance of the functions of the Commission under this Act.

(2) The salaries and allowances payable to, and other terms and conditions of service of the officers and other employees appointed for the purpose of the Commission shall be as may be prescribed.

7. **Salaries and other allowances to be paid out of grants.**— The honorarium and allowances payable to the Chairperson and members as well as the administrative expenses including salaries, allowances and pensions payable to the officers and other employees referred to in section 6 shall be paid out of the grants referred to in section 17.

8. Vacancies, etc. not to invalidate the proceedings of the Commission.— No act or proceeding of the Commission shall be questioned or shall be invalid on the ground merely of the existence of any vacancy in, or defect in the nomination of a person acting as the Chairperson or a member or any irregularity in the procedure of the Commission, including in issuing of notice of holding a meeting, not affecting merits of the matter.

9. Committees of the Commission.— (1) The Commission may appoint such committees as may be necessary for the efficient performance, exercise and discharge of its functions, powers and duties and also for dealing with such special issues as may be taken up by the Commission from time to time.

(2) The Commission shall have the power to appoint one or more persons, as it may think fit, on any Committee appointed under sub-section (1), and such person or persons, who are not members of the Commission, shall have the right to attend the meetings of the Committee and take part in the proceedings but shall not have the right to vote.

(3) The person so appointed shall be entitled to receive such allowances towards expenses for attending the meeting or any other task of the Committee, as may be prescribed.

(4) The Commission may invite any representative of the National Commission for Women to any of its meetings, or may associate with itself, in such manner and for such purposes as it may deem necessary, any person whose assistance or advice it may need in complying with any of the provisions of this Act or in carrying out its functions under this Act, and a person so invited or associated, shall have the right to take part in the discussions of the Commission relevant to the purpose for which such representative or person has been invited or associated, but shall not have the right to vote.

10. Procedure to be regulated by the Commission.— (1) The Commission or a Committee thereof shall meet at least once a month and as and when necessary and shall meet at such time and place, as the Chairperson may deem fit.

(2) The Commission shall regulate its own procedure and the procedure of the Committees thereof.

(3) All orders and decisions of the Commission shall be authenticated by the Member-Secretary in this behalf.

CHAPTER III

Functions and Powers of the Commission

11. Functions of Commission.— (1) The Commission shall perform all or any of the following functions, namely:—

(a) investigate, examine and recommend course of action on all matters relating to the provisions for women under the Constitution and other laws;

(b) present to the State Government annually and at such other times, as the Commission may deem fit, reports about the functioning of the Commission;

(c) make in such reports recommendations for the effective implementation of the provisions of law for improving the conditions of women in the State;

(d) review, from time to time, the existing provisions of the Constitution and other laws affecting women and recommend amendments thereto so as to suggest remedial legislative measures to meet any lacunae, inadequacies, or shortcomings in such legislation;

(e) take up cases of violations of the provisions of the Constitution and of other laws relating to women with the State Government, or appropriate authorities;

(f) entertain complaints and take suo motu notice of matters relating to—

(i) deprivation of women's rights;

(ii) non-implementation of laws enacted to provide protection to women and also to achieve the objective of equality and development;

(iii) non-compliance of policy decisions, guidelines or instructions aimed at mitigating hardships and ensuring welfare and providing relief to women, and to take up the issues arising out of such matters with the State Government or appropriate authorities;

(g) render guidance and advice to needy women in instituting proceedings in any judicial forum or tribunal for violation of Constitutional provisions or any other laws relating to women;

(h) call for special studies or investigation into specific problems or situations arising out of discrimination and atrocities committed against women and identify the constraints so as to recommend strategies for their removal;

(i) undertake promotional and educational research so as to suggest ways of—

(i) ensuring due representation to women in all spheres,

(ii) identifying factors responsible for impeding their advancement, such as, lack of access to education and basic services, inadequate support service, and

(iii) developing technologies for reducing drudgery and health hazards as well as for increasing their efficiency;

(j) participate and advice on any planning process to ensure the socio-economic development of women;

(k) evaluate the progress of the development of women in the State;

(l) inspect or cause to be inspected a jail, remand home, women's institutions or other places of custody where women are kept as prisoners or otherwise with or without prior

intimation to the authorities and take up with the concerned authorities such matters for remedial action as found necessary;

(m) attend and with the permission of the concerned Court or Lok Adalat have a right of audience before such Court or Lok Adalat in any case or any question involving the protection of rights of women including in-camera trials by any Court, within the State;

(n) fund litigation and assist in filing police complaints involving issues affecting a larger body of women or the interpretation of any provision of the Constitution or any other law affecting women, and recommend to the State Government every six months, reports relating to such matter;

(o) make periodical reports to the State Government in any matter pertaining to women and, in particular various difficulties under which women toil;

(p) co-operate with and assist and seek co-operation and assistance of the National Commission for Women and other Commissions for Women set up by different State Governments and also the Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and the Minorities Commission;

(q) frame Schemes for the consideration of the State Government or any other appropriate authority for more effective implementation of this Act and in particular, frame for more effective implementation of laws relating to payment of maintenance to deserted women; payment of minimum wages; ensuring equal pay for equal work; housing and shelter for women; prevention of violence, physical, mental, emotional, sexual, at home, at work and all places; prevention of illegal trafficking in women; improvement of the health; and ensuring safety as well as legal aid for women;

(r) any other matter which may be referred to it by the State Government or by the National Commission for Women.

(2) The Commission shall, while investigating any matter referred to in clause (a) or sub-clause (i) and (ii) of clause (f) of sub-section (1), have all the powers of a Civil Court trying a suit, in respect of the following matters, namely:—

(a) summoning and enforcing the attendance of any person, including a public servant from any part in the country and examining him/her on oath;

(b) requiring the discovery and production of any document;

(c) receiving evidence on affidavits;

(d) requisitioning any public record or copy thereof from any Court or public office;

(e) issuing commissions for the examination of witnesses and documents; and

(f) any other matter which may be prescribed.

(3) Any proceedings before the Commission shall be deemed to be a judicial proceedings within the meaning of sections 193 and 228 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (45 of 1860) and the Commission shall be deemed to be a Court for the purpose of section 195 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (2 of 1974).

(4) (a) On any investigation mentioned in clause (a) or sub-clause (i) and (ii) of clause (f) of sub-section (1) being completed, the Commission may institute legal proceedings or prosecution in the matter and on being satisfied that it is necessary, in its opinion, appoint a counsel or special prosecutor, to do so.

(b) The appropriate authority, as the case may be, shall communicate in writing to the Commission, from time to time, the progress of any such legal proceeding or prosecution filed on the recommendation of the Commission.

(5) The appropriate authority, shall not recommend for withdrawal of any such case or proceedings instituted under sub-section (4) without the prior consultation in writing, with the Commission.

12. Government to consult Commission.— The State Government shall consult the Commission on all major policy matters affecting women.

13. Power of the Commission to utilize the services of certain officers and investigating agencies for conducting investigation.— (1) The Commission may, for the purpose of conducting investigations under this Act, utilize the services of:—

(a) any officer or investigating agency of the State or the Central Government with the concurrence of that Government; or

(b) any other person.

(2) For the purpose of conducting an investigation, any officer or agency referred to in clause (a) of sub-section (1) may, subject to the direction and control of the Commission,—

(a) summon and enforce the attendance of any person and examine him/her;

(b) require the discovery and production of any document; and

(c) requisition any public record or copy thereof from any office.

(3) Such officer or agency or person shall investigate into the matter as directed by the Commission and submit a report thereon within the time as may be specified by the Commission.

(4) The Commission shall satisfy itself about the correctness of the facts stated and the conclusions, if any, arrived at in the investigation report submitted to it under sub-section (3), and for this purpose the Commission may make such inquiry including the examination of the person or persons who conducted or assisted in the investigation, as it thinks fit.

14. Statement made by persons to Commission.— No statement made by a person in the course of giving evidence before the Commission or an officer or agency, referred to in clause (a) or the person appointed under clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 13, shall subject him/her to, or be used against him/her in any civil and/or criminal proceeding except a prosecution for giving false evidence by such statement:

Provided that the statement is made in reply to a question which is required by the Commission or such officer or agency or such person to be answered and is relevant to the subject matter under investigation.

15. Registration of registered voluntary organisations and seeking their assistance.— (1) Any registered voluntary organisation for women within the State may seek registration with the Commission for the purpose of this Act. The Commission may after satisfying itself in the manner deemed fit by the Commission about the value and role of such organisation in the society, include the name of such organisation in its register as may be prescribed.

(2) The Commission may maintain a register of registered voluntary organisations within the State and particularly women's organisations whose assistance it may seek in the discharge of its functions.

(3) A list of such organisations registered with the Commission shall be made available to any Court or authority or, on request, to the members of the general public.

(4) If for any reasons, to be recorded in writing, the Commission deems it fit to cancel the name of any organisation from its register, it may do so, after giving such organisation a reasonable opportunity of being heard.

(5) The decision of the Commission about such cancellation shall be final.

16. Prosecution of act done in good faith.— No prosecution or other legal proceedings shall lie against any member of the Commission or any officer or other employee of the Commission or any person acting under directions, either of the State Government or the Commission, in respect of anything which is in good faith done or intended to be done in pursuance of this Act or any rules or orders made thereunder.

CHAPTER IV

Finance, Audit and Accounts

1. Grants by State Government.— (1) The State Government shall, after due appropriation made by the State Legislature by law in this behalf, pay to the Commission by way of grants from the Consolidated Fund of the State, such sums of money as the State Government may think fit for being utilised for the purpose of this Act.

(2) The Commission may incur such expenditure as it thinks fit for performing the functions under this Act, and such sums of money shall be treated as expenditure payable out of the grants referred to in sub-section (1).

18. Accounts and Audit.— (1) The Commission shall maintain proper accounts and other relevant records and prepare an annual statement of accounts in such form as may be prescribed by the State Government in consultation with the Director of Accounts of the State.

(2) The annual accounts of the Commission shall be audited by the Director of Accounts of the State at such interval as may be prescribed by him and any expenditure incurred in connection with such audit shall be borne by the Commission to the Director of Accounts of the State.

(3) The Director of Accounts of the State or any person appointed by him in connection with the audit of the accounts of the Commission under this Act, shall have the same rights and privileges and the authority in connection with such audit of the Government accounts and, in particular, shall have the right to demand the production of books, accounts, connected vouchers and other documents and papers and to inspect any of the offices of the Commission.

(4) The accounts of the Commission, as certified by the Director of Accounts of the State or any other person duly appointed or authorised by him in this behalf, together with the audit report thereon shall be forwarded annually to the State Government by the Commission.

19. Annual Report.— The Commission shall prepare, in such form and at such time of each financial year as may be prescribed, its annual report, giving a full account of its activities during the previous financial year and forward a copy thereof to the State Government.

20. Accounts and other reports and audit report to be laid before State Legislature.— The State Government shall cause the annual report and all the reports under clauses (b), (n) and (o) of sub-section (1) of section 11 together with the memorandum of action taken or proposed to be taken on the recommendations contained therein, in so far as they relate to the State Government and the reasons for the non-acceptance, if any, of such recommendations, and the audit report to be laid as soon as may be after the reports are received, before the State Legislature.

CHAPTER V

Miscellaneous

21. The Chairperson, members, etc. to be public servants.— The Chairperson, members, officers and other employees of the Commission shall be deemed to be public servants within the meaning of section 21 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (45 of 1860).

22. Power to make rules.— The State Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette and subject to the condition of previous publication, make rules for carrying out the provisions of this Act. Such rules may provide for charging of fees for any of the purposes of this Act.

23. Power to remove difficulty.— If any difficulty arises in giving effect to any of the provisions of this Act, the State Government may, by order published in the Official Gazette,

make provisions, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, as appears to it to be necessary or expedient for removing the difficulty:

Provided that no such order shall be made after the expiry of a period of three years from the date of commencement of this Act.

Secretariat Annexe,
Panaji,
Dated: 23-9-1996.

B. S. SUBBANNA
Secretary to the Government of Goa,
Law Department (Legal Affairs).

Notification

7-10-96/LA

The Goa Public Gambling (Amendment) Act, 1996 (Goa Act 13 of 1996), which has been passed by the Legislative Assembly of Goa on 16-8-1996 and assented to by the Governor of Goa on 11-9-1996, is hereby published for general information of the public.

P. V. Kadneker, Joint Secretary (Law).

Panaji, 24th September, 1996.

THE GOA PUBLIC GAMBLING (AMENDMENT) ACT,

1996

(Goa Act No. 13 of 1996) [11-9-1996]

AN
ACT

further to amend the Goa, Daman and Diu Public Gambling Act, 1976.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of Goa in the Forty-seventh Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

1. *Short title and commencement.*— (1) This Act may be called the Goa Public Gambling (Amendment) Act, 1996.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. *Amendment of section 13A.*— In section 13A of the Goa, Daman and Diu Public Gambling Act, 1976 (Act 14 of 1976), after the words "Five Star Hotels" and before the words "subject to such conditions" the words "and such table games and gaming on board in vessels offshore as may be notified" shall be inserted.

Secretariat Annexe,
Panaji,
Dated: 24-9-1996.

B. S. SUBBANNA
Secretary to the Government of Goa,
Law Department (Legal Affairs).

Notification

7-7-96/LA

The Maharashtra Agricultural Produce Marketing (Regulation) (Second Goa Amendment) Act, 1996 (Goa Act 12 of 1996), which has been passed by the Legislative Assembly of Goa on 1-8-1996 and assented to by the Governor of Goa on 11-9-1996, is hereby published for general information of the public.

P. V. Kadneker, Joint Secretary (Law).

Panaji, 23rd September, 1996.

THE MAHARASHTRA AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE
MARKETING (REGULATION) (SECOND GOA
AMENDMENT) ACT, 1996

Goa Act 12 of 1996 [11-9-1996]

AN
ACT

to amend the Maharashtra Agricultural Produce Marketing (Regulation) Act, 1963 (Maharashtra Act XX of 1964), as in force in the State of Goa.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of Goa in the Forty-seventh Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

1. *Short title and commencement.*— (1) This Act may be called the Maharashtra Agricultural Produce Marketing (Regulation) (Second Goa Amendment) Act, 1996.

(2) It shall come into force on such date as the Government may, by Notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.

2. *Insertion of new section 15A.*— In the Maharashtra Agricultural Produce Marketing (Regulation) Act, 1963 (Maharashtra Act XX of 1964), as in force in the State of Goa (hereinafter referred to as the 'principal Act') after section 15, the following shall be inserted, namely :-

"15A. *Appointment of Administrator.*— (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (3) of section 15 or any other provisions of this Act, where the term of office of two years, three years or as the case may be, the extended terms of office, if any, under sub-section (3) of section 14 of the members of any Market Committee has expired, the State Government shall, by order in writing, direct that,—

(a) all members of the Committee shall, as from the date specified in the Order, cease to hold and vacate their office as members or otherwise; and

(b) the person appointed by the State Government from time to time, shall be the Administrator to manage the affairs of the Committee, during the period from the date specified in the Order upto the day on which the first meeting of the reconstituted Committee is held (hereinafter in this section referred to as the

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“said period”), and elections shall be held within a period of one year from the date the Administrator assumes office.

(2) During the said period, all the powers and duties of the Committee and its various authorities under this Act and the rules and bye-laws made thereunder or any other law for the time being in force shall be exercised and performed by the Administrator.

(3) The Administrator may delegate any of his powers and duties to any Officer for the time being serving under him or under the Committee.

(4) The Administrator shall receive such remuneration from the Market Fund as the State Government may, from time to time, by general or special order, determine.”

3. *Amendment of section 21*. — In section 21 of the principal Act, after the words “until their successors enter upon their office”, the words “or the Administrator appointed under section 15A assumes office” shall be added.

Secretariat Annexe,
Panaji,
Dated: 23-9-1996.

B. S. SUBBANNA
Secretary to the Government of Goa,
Law Department (Legal Affairs).

Notification

7-6-96/LA

The Goa Toddy Tappers Welfare Fund (Amendment) Act, 1996 (Goa Act 11 of 1996), which has been passed by the Legislative Assembly of Goa on 1-8-1996 and assented to by the Governor of Goa on 11-9-1996, is hereby published for general information of the public.

P. V. Kadneker, Joint Secretary (Law),
Panaji, 23rd September, 1996.

**THE GOA TODDY TAPPERS WELFARE FUND
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 1996**

(Goa Act No. 11 of 1996) [11-9-1996]

AN

ACT

further to amend the Goa, Daman and Diu Toddy Tappers Welfare Fund Act, 1984.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of Goa in the Forty-seventh Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. *Short title and commencement*.— (1) This Act may be called the Goa Toddy Tappers Welfare Fund (Amendment) Act, 1996.

2. It shall come into force at once.

2. *Amendment of section 6*.— In section 6 of the Goa, Daman and Diu Toddy Tappers Welfare Fund Act, 1984 (Act 14 of 1984), after sub-section (5), the following shall be inserted, namely:—

“(6) There shall be paid to the non-official members of the Board such amount of TA/DA and sitting fees for attending the meetings of the Board, as may be fixed by the Board from time to time. The amount shall be drawn from the funds of the Board and shall be paid to the members on producing attendance certificate issued by the Chairman/Member-Secretary of the Board.”

Secretariat Annexe,
Panaji,
Dated: 23-9-1996.

B. S. SUBBANNA
Secretary to the Government of Goa,
Law Department (Legal Affairs).

The Goa, Daman and Diu Public Gambling Act, 1976

1. The Goa, Daman and Diu Public Gambling Act, 1976 (Act No. 14 of 1976) [30th July, 1976] published in the Official Gazette, Series I No. 20 dated 12-08-1976 and came into force at once.

2. The Goa, Daman and Diu Public Gambling (Amendment) Act, 1979 (Act No. 4 of 1979) [6th June, 1979] published in the Official Gazette, Series I No. 12 dated 21-06-1979 and came into force at once.

3. The Goa Public Gambling (Amendment) Act, 1992 (Act No. 11 of 1992) [24-08-1992] published in the Official Gazette, Series I No. 25 dated 17-09-1992 and came into force at once.

4. The Goa Public Gambling (Amendment) Act, 1993 (Act No. 2 of 1994) [17-02-1994] published in the Official Gazette, Series I No. 48 (Extraordinary) dated 25-02-1994 and deemed to have come into force with effect from 17-09-1993.

5. The Goa Public Gambling (Amendment) Act, 1996 (Act No. 13 of 1996) [11-09-1996] published in the Official Gazette, Series I No. 26 (Extraordinary) dated 26-09-1996 and came into force at once.

6. The Goa Public Gambling (Amendment) Act, 2003 (Act No. 25 of 2003) [20-11-2003] published in the Official Gazette, Series I No. 34(Extraordinary) dated 24-11-2003 and came into force at once.

7. The Goa Public Gambling (Amendment) Act, 2012 (Act No. 18 of 2012) [7-9-2012] published in the Official Gazette, Series I No. 23(Extraordinary) dated 12-09-2012 and it shall come into force on such date as the Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette ,appoint.¹[and different dates may be appointed for different provisions of this Act]

The Government vide Notifications mentioned below appointed dates from which the provisions of the Act came into force :-

Notification Number and date	Sections	Date from which provisions come into force
21/7/2012-HD(G)/Part File/3381 dated 25-10-2016 published in the Official Gazette Series-I No. 29 (Extraordinary-3)dated 25-10-2016	2	28 th October 2016
21/1/2020/HD(G)/283 dated 30-1-2020 published in the Official Gazette Series-I No. 44(Extraordinary) dated 30-1-2020	3,4,5	1 st February, 2020

8. The Goa Public Gambling (Amendment) Act, 2016 (Act No. 27 of 2016) [3-10-2016] published in the Official Gazette, Series I No. 26(Extraordinary-3) dated 4-10-2016

9. The Goa Public Gambling (Amendment) Act, 2021 (Act No. 28 of 2021) [8-9-2021] published in the Official Gazette, Series I No. 25 (Extraordinary) dated 17-09-2021 and come into force at once.

¹ Inserted in the sub-section (2) of Section 1 of the Goa Public Gambling (Amendment) Act 18 of 2012) by the amendment Act 27 of 2016.

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GOVERNMENT OF GOA, DAMAN AND DIU
Legislative Assembly of Goa, Daman and Diu

Legislature Department

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Notification

LD/Bill/6/76

The following Bill passed by the Legislative Assembly of Goa, Daman and Diu which received the assent of the President of India on 30th July, 1976 is hereby published for general information.

B. S. Subbanna, Draftsman.

Panaji, 9th August, 1976.

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The Goa, Daman and Diu Public Gambling Act, 1976

(Act No. 14 of 1976) [30th July, 1976]

AN

ACT

*to provide for the punishment of public gambling and the keeping of common gaming houses in the*²*[State of Goa]*

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of Goa, Daman and Diu in the Twenty-seventh Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. Short title, extent and commencement.— (1) This Act may be called the Goa,³[***] Public Gambling Act, 1976.

(2) It extends to the whole of the⁴*[State of Goa]*.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. Definitions.— In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(1) “common gaming-house” means—

(i) in the case of gaming—

(a) on the market price of cotton, opium or other commodity or on the digits of the number used in stating such price, or

² The expression “*Union territory of Goa, Daman and Diu.*” Substituted vide Amendment Act 28 of 2021

³ The expression “Daman and Diu” omitted vide Amendment Act 28 of 2021.

⁴ The expression “*Union territory of Goa, Daman and Diu.*” Substituted vide Amendment Act 28 of 2021

(b) on the amount of variation in the market price of any such commodity or on the digits of the number used in stating the amount of such variation, or

(c) on the market price of any stock or share or on the digits of the number used in stating such price, or

(d) on the occurrence or non-occurrence of rain or other natural event, or

(e) on the quantity of rainfall or on the digits of the number used in stating such quantity, or

(f) on the wagering or betting on the digits of a numerical figure arrived at by manipulation in any manner whatsoever, or on the order of the digits, or on the digits themselves or on pictorial representations,

any house, room or any place whatsoever in which such gaming takes place or in which instruments of gaming are kept or used for such gaming;

(ii) in the case of any other form of gaming, any house, room or place whatsoever in which any instruments of gaming are kept or used for the profit or gain of the person owning, occupying, using, keeping such house, room or place whether by way of charge for the use of such house, room or place or instrument or otherwise;

⁵[(1A) “Five Star Hotel” means a Five Star Hotel categorized and certified as such by the Government of India.]

(2) “gaming” includes—

(a) wagering or betting and includes wagering or betting on the digits of a numerical figure arrived at by manipulation in any manner whatsoever, or on the order of the digits, or on the digits themselves or on pictorial representations,

(b) any transaction by which a person in any capacity whatever employs another person in any capacity whatever or engages for another in any capacity whatever, to wager or bet with any other person,

(c) the collection or soliciting of bets, receipts or distribution of winnings or prizes in money or otherwise in respect of wagering or betting or any act which is intended to aid or facilitate wagering or betting or such collection, soliciting, receipt or distribution, but does not include a lottery;

⁶[(2A) “Gaming Commissioner” means Gaming Commissioner appointed under section 13C];

(3) [⁷“Government” means the Government of Goa];

⁵ Inserted vide Amendment Act 18 of 2012 which came into force w.e.f. 28-10-2016.

⁶ Inserted vide Amendment Act 18 of 2012 which came into force w.e.f. 28-10-2016.

⁷ Substituted by the Amendment Act 11 of 1992.

(4) “instrument of gaming”, includes any article used or intended to be used as a subject, an accessory or means of gaming, any document used or intended to be used as a register or record or evidence of any gaming, the proceeds of any gaming, and any winnings or prizes in money or otherwise distributed or intended to be distributed in respect of any gaming;

(5) “place” includes a tent, enclosure, space, vehicle and vessel.

⁸[(6) “prescribed” means prescribed by rules made under this Act;

(7) “tourist” means a person or a group of persons, who have attained the age of 21 years, including pilgrims who are on a visit to the State of Goa, and not domiciled or permanently residing in the State of Goa, holding a valid tourist permit issued under this Act;

(8) “Tourist permit” means Tourist Permit issued to tourist by Gaming Commissioner, authorizing him to enter the place or area designated under section 13B where the game/games as authorized under section 13A are actually conducted;

(9) “Vessel” means and includes any ship, boat, duly registered with the Captain of Ports, Goa, under the Inland Vessels Act, 1917 (Act 1 of 1917), or registered with the Director General of Shipping.”.]

⁹[**3. Punishment for keeping common gaming-house.**— Whoever,—

(a) opens, keeps or uses any house, room or place for the purpose of a common gaming-house,

(b) being the owner or occupier of any such house, room or place knowingly or willfully permits the same to be opened, occupied, kept or used by any other person for the purpose aforesaid,

⁸ Clause 6 to 9 inserted vide Amendment Act 18 of 2012 which came into force w.e.f. 28-10-2016.

⁹ Section 3 substituted vide Amendment Act 28 of 2021. Original section read as follows:-

3. Punishment for keeping common gaming-house.— Whoever—

(a) opens, keeps or uses any house, room or place for the purpose of a common gaming-house,

(b) being the owner or occupier of any such house, room or place knowingly or willfully permits the same to be opened, occupied, kept or used by any other person for the purpose aforesaid,

(c) has the care or management of, or in any manner assists in conducting the business of, any such house, room or place opened, occupied, kept or used for the purpose aforesaid,

(d) advances or furnishes money for the purpose of gaming with persons frequenting any such house, room or place, shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years and also with fine which may extend to five thousand rupees:

Provided that —

(i) for the first offence, such imprisonment shall not be less than two month and the fine shall not be less than one thousand rupees,

(ii) for the second offence, such imprisonment shall not be less than six months and the fine shall not be less than two thousand rupees, and

(iii) for the third or subsequent offence, such imprisonment shall not be less than one year and the fine shall not be less than three thousand rupees.

(c) has the care or management of, or in any manner assists in conducting the business of, any such house, room or place opened, occupied, kept or used for the purpose aforesaid,

(d) advances or furnishes money for the purpose of gaming with persons, frequenting any such house, room or place, shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years, or with fine which may extend to seven thousand rupees or with both:

Provided that—

(i) for the first offence, such imprisonment shall not be less than two months and the fine shall not be less than three thousand rupees,

(ii) for the second offence, such imprisonment shall not be less than six months and the fine shall not be less than five thousand rupees, and

(iii) for the third or subsequent offence, such imprisonment shall not be less than one year and the fine shall not be less than seven thousand rupees.]

4. Punishment for gaming in common gaming-houses.— ¹⁰[(1) Whosoever is found in any common gaming-house gaming or present for the purpose of gaming shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years or with fine which may extend to seven thousand rupees or with both:

Provided that,—

(a) for the first offence, such imprisonment shall not be less than three months and the fine shall not be less than four thousand rupees,

(b) for the second offence, such imprisonment shall not be less than six months and the fine shall not be less than five thousand and five hundred rupees, and

(c) for the third or subsequent offence, such imprisonment shall not be less than one year and the fine shall not be less than seven thousand rupees.]

(2) Any person found in any common gaming-house during any gaming therein shall be presumed, until the contrary is proved, to have been there for the purpose of gaming.

¹¹[**4 A. Cancellation of licence.**- If any place where any business or any other activity is being carried on under a licence granted under any law for the time being in force, and

¹⁰ Sub-section(1) substituted vide Amendment Act 28 of 2021. Original sub-section read as follows:- (1) Whosoever is found in any common gaming-house gaming or present for the purpose of gaming shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years and also with fine which may extend to five thousand rupees:

Provided that—

(a) for the first offence, such imprisonment shall not be less than three months and the fine shall not be less than two thousand and five hundred rupees,

(b) for the second offence, such imprisonment shall not be less than six months and the fine shall not be less than three thousand rupees, and

(c) for the third or subsequent offence, such imprisonment shall not be less than one year and the fine shall not be less than five thousand rupees.

¹¹ Inserted by the Amendment Act 25 of 2003.

such place is used for the purpose of gaming in contravention of the provisions of this Act and/or the rules made thereunder, then, notwithstanding anything contained in section 3 or in section 4 or in such law, the licensee of such business or other activity may, on conviction, be liable for suspension of such licence for such period as deemed fit or for cancellation of such licence:

Provided that no order under this section shall be passed unless the licensee is given an opportunity of being heard in the matter.]

5. Power to enter and authorise police to enter and search. — (1) (a) If a District Magistrate, or a Sub-divisional Magistrate, or a Judicial Magistrate of the First Class, or ¹²[Gaming Commissioner or]

(b) The Inspector General or a Superintendent of Police or a Deputy Superintendent of Police or an Assistant Superintendent of Police specially empowered by the Government in this behalf,

upon credible information, and after such enquiry as he may think necessary, has reason to believe that any house, room or place is used as a common gaming-house, he may—

(i) either himself enter, or by his warrant, authorise any police officer not below the rank of ¹³[a Head Constable of Police] to enter, by ‘force, if necessary, with such assistance as may be found necessary, by night or by day, any such house, room or place,

(ii) either himself take into custody, or authorise such officer to take into custody, all persons whom he or such officer finds therein whether or not then actually gaming,

(iii) seize or authorise such officer to seize all instruments of gaming, and all money and securities for money, and articles of value, reasonably suspected to have been used or intended to be used for the purpose of gaming, which are found therein,

(iv) search or authorise such officer to search all parts of the house, room or place which he or such officer shall have so entered when he or such officer has reason to believe that any instruments of gaming are concealed therein, and also the persons of those whom he or such officer so takes into custody, and

(v) seize or authorise such officer to seize and take possession of all instruments of gaming found upon such search.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, no search made under this section shall be deemed to be illegal by reason only of the fact that the witnesses (if any) of the search were not inhabitants of the locality in which the house, room or place searched is situated.

¹² Inserted vide Amendment Act 18 of 2012 which came into force w.e.f. 1-2-2020.

¹³ Substituted by the Amendment Act 4 of 1979.

6. Punishment for giving false names and addresses.— If any person found in any common gaming-house, entered by any Magistrate or officer of police under the provisions of this Act, upon being arrested by any such officer or upon being brought before any Magistrate, and on being required by such officer or Magistrate to give his name and address refuses or neglects to give the same or gives any false name or address, he shall, on conviction, be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to ¹⁴[one year] or with fine, not exceeding ¹⁵[two thousand rupees].

7. Presumptive proof of keeping or gaming in common gaming-house.— When any instrument of gaming has been seized in any house, room or place entered under section 5 or about the person of anyone found therein, and in the case of any other thing so seized, if the court is satisfied that the Magistrate or police officer who entered such house, room or place had reasonable grounds for suspecting that the thing so seized was an instrument of gaming, the seizure of such instrument or thing shall be evidence, until the contrary is proved, that such house, room or place is used as a common gaming-house and the persons found therein were there present for the purpose of gaming, although no gaming was actually seen by Magistrate or the police officer or by any person acting under the authority of either of them:

Provided that the aforesaid presumption shall be made notwithstanding any defect in the warrant or order in pursuance of which the house, room or place was entered under section 5, if the court considers the defect not to be a material one.

8. On conviction for keeping or gaming in common gaming-house, instruments of gaming may be destroyed or forfeited.— On conviction of any person for opening, keeping or using a common gaming-house, or gaming therein, or being present therein for the purpose of gaming, the convicting Magistrate may order all the instruments of gaming found the rein or on the persons of those who were found therein to be forthwith destroyed or forfeited, and may also order all or any of the securities for money and other articles seized, not being instruments, of gaming, to be sold and the proceeds thereof, with all moneys seized therein, to be forfeited, or, in his discretion, may order any part of such proceeds and other moneys to be paid to any person appearing to be entitled thereto.

9. Proof of playing for money not required for conviction.— It shall not be necessary, in order to convict a person of any offence under any of the provisions of section 3 or section 4 to prove that any person found gaming was playing for any money, wager or stake.

10. Indemnification of certain witnesses.— Any person who has been concerned in gaming contrary to this Act, and who is examined as a witness before a Magistrate in the trial of any person for a breach of any of the provisions of this Act relating to gaming, and who, upon such examination, makes, in the opinion of the Magistrate, a true and

¹⁴ Substituted by the Amendment Act 25 of 2003.

¹⁵ Substituted by the Amendment Act 25 of 2003.

faithful discovery to the best of his knowledge of all things as to which he is so examined, shall thereupon receive from the said Magistrate, a certificate in writing to that effect and shall become free from all liabilities to undergo any punishment for contravention of any provision of this Act, for anything done before that time in respect of such gaming.

11. Power to arrest without warrant for gaming and setting birds and animals to fight in public streets.— (1) A police officer may arrest and search without warrant—

(a) any person found playing for money or other valuable thing with cards, dice, counters or other instruments of gaming used in playing any game not being a game of mere skill on any public street or thoroughfare or in any place to which the public have or are permitted to have access;

(b) any person setting any birds or animals to fight in any public street or thoroughfare, or in any place to which the public have or are permitted to have access;

(c) any person present there aiding or abetting such public fighting of birds and animals.

¹⁶[(2) Any person who is found gambling under sub-section (1) shall be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to six months or with fine which may extend to seven thousand rupees or with both.

Provided that,—

(i) (a) for the first offence under clause (a) of sub-section (1), such imprisonment shall not be less than ten days and the fine shall not be less than three thousand rupees;

¹⁶ Sub-section (2) initially substituted vide Amendment 4 of 1979 thereafter vide Act 28 of 2021. substituted sub-section read as follows:- (2) Any person who is found gambling under sub-section (1) shall be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to six months and also with fine which may extend to five thousand rupees:

{Provided that—

(i) (a) for the first offence under clause (a) of sub-section (1), such imprisonment shall not be less than ten days and fine shall not be less than one thousand rupees;

(b) for the second offence under clause (a) of sub-section (1), such imprisonment shall not be less than twenty days and fine shall not be less than two thousand rupees; and

(c) for the third or subsequent offence under clause (a) of sub-section (1), such imprisonment shall not be less than thirty days and fine shall not be less than three thousand rupees;

(ii) (a) for the first offence under clause (b) of sub-section (1), such imprisonment shall not be less than fifteen days and fine shall not be less than one thousand rupees;

(b) for the second offence under clause (b) of sub-section (1), such imprisonment shall not be less than twenty days and fine shall not be less than two thousand rupees; and

(c) for the third or subsequent offence under clause (b) of sub-section (1), such imprisonment shall not be less than thirty days and fine shall not be less than three thousand rupees;

(iii) (a) for the first offence under clause (c) of sub-section (1), such imprisonment shall not be less than one month and fine shall not be less than two thousand rupees; and

(b) for subsequent offence under clause (c) of sub-section (1) such imprisonment shall not be less than fifty days and fine shall not be less than three thousand rupees:

Provided further that where such gambling consists of wagering or betting or any such transaction as referred to in sub-clause (b) of clause (2) of section 2, such person shall be punishable to the extent specified in section 4 and all moneys found with such persons shall be forfeited.

(b) for the second offence under clause (a) of sub-section (1), such imprisonment shall not be less than twenty days and the fine shall not be less than four thousand rupees; and

(c) for the third or subsequent offence under clause (a) of sub-section (1), such imprisonment shall not be less than thirty days and the fine shall not be less than five thousand rupees;

(ii) (a) for the first offence under clause (b) of sub-section (1), such imprisonment shall not be less than fifteen days and the fine shall not be less than three thousand rupees;

(b) for the second offence under clause (b) of sub-section (1), such imprisonment shall not be less than twenty days and the fine shall not be less than four thousand rupees; and

(c) for the third or subsequent offence under clause (b) of sub-section (1), such imprisonment shall not be less than thirty days and the fine shall not be less than five thousand rupees;

(iii) (a) for the first offence under clause (c) of sub-section (1), such imprisonment shall not be less than one month and the fine shall not be less than four thousand rupees; and (b) for subsequent offence under clause (c) of sub-section (1) such imprisonment shall not be less than fifty days and the fine shall not be less than five thousand rupees:

Provided further that where such gambling consists of wagering or betting or any such transaction as referred to in sub-clause (b) of clause (2) of section 2, such person shall be punishable to the extent specified in section 4 and all moneys found with such persons shall be forfeited

(3) Any such police officer may seize all birds and animals and things reasonably suspected to be instruments of gaming found in such public street, thoroughfare, place or on or about the person of those whom he shall so arrest and the Magistrate may, on conviction of the offender, order such instruments to be forthwith destroyed and such birds and animals to be sold and the proceeds forfeited.

(4) When anything has been found on or about any person and the Magistrate is satisfied that the police officer has reasonable grounds for suspecting that such a thing was an instrument of gaming, such circumstances shall, until the contrary is proved, be evidence that such thing was an instrument of gaming and that the person on or about whom the thing was found was present for the purpose of gaming.

12. Arrest without warrant for printing, publishing or distributing any news or information.— (1) A police officer not below the rank of a sub-inspector of police may arrest without warrant—

(a) any person who prints, publishes, sells, distributes or in any other manner circulates any newspaper, news sheet or other document or any news or information which aids, encourages or facilitates, gaming;

(b) any person who—

(i) prints, publishes or circulates in any manner, any digits or figures or combination of any digits or figures, relating to gaming, or

(ii) by adopting any other form of device, disseminates or attempts to disseminate or abets the dissemination of, information regarding such digits or figures or combination of digits or figures.

(2) Any such person shall, on conviction, be punishable to the extent specified in section 3.

13. Saving of games of mere skill.— Nothing in this Act shall be held to apply to any game of mere skill wherever played.

¹⁷**[13A. Authorised Game.**— (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the Government may authorised any game of electronic amusement/slot machines in Five Star Hotels ¹⁸{and such table games and gaming on board in vessels offshore as may be notified} subject to such conditions, including payment of such recurring and non-recurring fees, as may be prescribed.

(2) The provisions of this Act shall not apply to any game authorised under sub-section (1).]

¹⁹**[13B. Places or areas for gaming.**— (1) Except the places or areas as may be designated by the Government, by a notification issued in this regard in the Official Gazette, for conducting game/games as authorized under sub-section (1) of section 13A, no game/games shall be conducted at any other place or area in the State of Goa or on board in vessel within the territorial waters of the State of Goa.

(2) The Government may, in the notification issued under sub-section (1), specify the total number of vessels which may operate in such designated areas.

13C. Appointment of Gaming Commissioner. — The Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint a officer or an authority to be Gaming Commissioner.

13D. Powers, duties and functions of the Gaming Commissioner.— The powers, duties and functions of the Gaming Commissioner shall be,—

(a) to keep a check and exercise overall control over the games conducted in the designated places or areas;

¹⁷ Inserted by the Amendment Act 11 of 1992.

¹⁸ Inserted by the Amendment Act 13 of 1996.

¹⁹ Section 13 B to 13 L inserted vide Amendment Act 18 of 2012 which came into force w.e.f. 1-2-2020.

(b) to maintain the register, records, documents in connection with the games conducted in the designated places or areas;

(c) subject to such rules as may be framed by the Government in this behalf, to regulate the gaming authorized under sub-section (1) of section 13A;

(d) to order closure, to seal any place in a Five Star Hotel or to take custody of any vessel, and while exercising this power, the Commissioner shall make an inventory of all the items/things of which the custody is taken of;

(e) to issue tourist permit to a tourist desirous of entering the place or area where the game/games as authorized under section 13A are actually conducted;

(f) to issue permissions in such form as may be prescribed, to any person, agency, hotel holding valid registration under the Goa, Daman and Diu Registration of Tourist Trade Act, 1982 (Act No. 10 of 1982), for issuing tourist permits; and

(g) to exercise such other powers, perform such other duties and discharge such other functions, as laid down in this Act or as may be prescribed.

13E. Transfer of licence. — (1) Except as provided in sub-section (2), no person shall transfer a licence obtained under provisions of this Act to conduct game/games, to any other person.

(2) Subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be laid down in this behalf, the Government may, upon a request of the licensee to that effect, by order, transfer a licence in the name of any other person, on payment of such fees as may be prescribed.

13F. Powers of the Government. — (1) The Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, specify the rates of fee that may be levied for conducting game/games authorized under sub-section (1) of section 13A.

(2) Such fee when levied shall be collected in accordance with the rules made under this Act.

(3) The Government may, subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be laid down in this behalf, regulate entry of the persons in a place or area as designated under sub-section (1) of section 13B.

(4) The Government may give such directions to the Gaming Commissioner, as it deems fit.

13G. Entry to place or area designated under section 13B. — (1) No person other than a tourist shall have entry to the place or area where the game/games as authorized under section 13A are actually conducted:

Provided that bonafide staff of a Five Star Hotel or a Vessel, who are engaged in operation and service to guests, shall not be prevented entry:

Provided further that a Government officer, while discharging an official duty, shall also not be prevented entry.

(2) Whoever without a valid tourist permit enters any place or area as referred to in sub-section (1), shall be liable to pay fine which is ten times of the amount of fee payable for the tourist permit.

13H. Punishment.— Whoever contravenes the provisions of section 13B and/or 13E shall, on conviction, be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months or with fine not less than rupees ten lakhs which may extend to rupees twenty lakhs, or with both.

13I. Composition of certain offences.— (1) Any offence punishable under sections 13G and 13H may before the institution of the prosecution, be compounded by the Gaming Commissioner, on payment to the Gaming Commissioner, for the credit to the Government, such sum as may be specified by the Gaming Commissioner, by an order issued in this behalf, not exceeding the maximum amount of fine which may be imposed for that offence:

Provided that the authorization granted under section 13A shall remain suspended till the payment of composition fee is made by the offender.

(2) Where an offence has been compounded under sub-section (1) no proceeding shall be taken against the offender in respect of the offence so compounded and such composition shall not be subject to any appeal.

13J. Attachment/Confiscation.— (1) The premises or the vessel wherein the contravention as mentioned in section 13B and/or 13E has taken place shall be liable for attachment/confiscation, as the case may be.

(2) When anything is confiscated under sub-section (1), it shall thereupon vest in the Government.

13K. Appeal.— (1) An appeal shall lie to the Government against any order passed by the Gaming Commissioner.

(2) All appeals pending before the Goa Administrative Tribunal constituted under the Goa Administrative Tribunal Act, 1965 (Act No. 6 of 1965) as on the date of commencement of the Goa Public Gambling (Amendment) Act, 2012, shall stand transferred to the Government.

13L. Jurisdiction of Civil Court barred. — No Civil Court shall entertain, try, dispose of any matter arising out of any order, direction, rules, issued/framed under this Act]

14. Offences by whom triable.— Offences punishable under this Act shall be triable by a Judicial Magistrate of the first class having jurisdiction in the place where the offence is committed.

15. Offences to be cognizable.— Notwithstanding anything contained in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (Central Act 2 of 1974), every offence under this Act shall be cognizable.

16. Protection of action taken in good faith.— No suit, prosecution or other legal proceedings shall lie against any person for anything which is done in good faith or intended to be done under this Act.

17. Recovery of fines.— All fines imposed under this Act may be recovered in the manner specified by section 421 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (Central Act 2 of 1974).

²⁰[**17A. Power to make rules.**— (1) The Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, make rules to carry out the purposes of this Act.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the power conferred by sub-section (1), the Government may make rules,—

(a) under section 13D(c), to regulate the gaming authorized under sub-section (1) of section 13A;

(b) under section 13D(f), the form of permission;

(c) under section 13D(g), other powers, duties and functions of the Gaming Commissioner;

(d) under section 13E(2), the fees to be paid for transfer of license;

(e) under section 13F(2), the manner of collection of fees;

(f) any other matter which is required to be or may be prescribed.

(3) All rules made under this Act shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall, as soon as may be after they are made, be laid before the Legislative Assembly of Goa while it is in session for a total period of not less than fourteen days, which may be comprised in one session or two or more successive sessions, and shall, unless some later date is appointed, take effect from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette subject to such modification or annulment as the Legislative Assembly of Goa may, during the said period, agree to make, so however, that any such modification or annulment, shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done thereunder.]

18. Repeal and Savings.—The Public Gambling Act, 1867 (Central Act 3 of 1867) as in force in the Union territory of Goa, Daman and Diu, is hereby repealed:

Provided that such repeal shall not affect—

(a) the previous operation of the Act so repealed, or

²⁰ Inserted vide Amendment Act 18 of 2012 which came into force w.e.f. 1-2-2020.

(b) any right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired, accrued or incurred under the Act so repealed, or

(c) any penalty, forfeiture or punishment incurred in respect of any offence committed against any of the provisions of the Act so repealed, or

(d) any investigation, legal proceeding or remedy in respect of any such right, privilege, obligation, liability, penalty, forfeiture or punishment as aforesaid;

and any such investigation, legal proceeding or remedy may be instituted, continued or enforced and any such penalty, forfeiture or punishment may be imposed as if this Act had not been passed:

Provided further that, subject to the preceding proviso, anything done or any action taken (including authorisations made, powers conferred, orders given and indemnity granted) by or under the Act so repealed shall, in so far it is not inconsistent with any provisions of this Act, be deemed to have been done or taken under the corresponding provisions of this Act.

Secretariat
Panaji-Goa
9th August, 1976.

K. C. D. GANGWANI,
Secretary to the Government of Goa,
Daman and Diu
Law and Judiciary Department.

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Panaji, 18th September, 1997 (Bhadra 27, 1919)

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OFFICIAL GAZETTE



GOVERNMENT OF GOA

NOTE: There is one Extraordinary issue to the official Gazette, Series I No. 24 dated 11-9-97 namely, Extraordinary dated 12-9-97 from pages 411 to 412 regarding Notification from Department of Transport.

GOVERNMENT OF GOA

Department of Home
Home - General Division

Notification

2/20/92-HD(G)

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 13A of the Goa, Daman and Diu Public Gambling Act, 1976 (Act 14 of 1976), read with section 21 of the General Clauses Act, 1897 (Central Act 10 of 1897), the Government of Goa hereby amends the Government Notification No. 2-20/92-HD (G) dated 9-11-95, published in the Official Gazette, Series I No. 34, dated 23-11-95 (hereinafter called the "principal Notification"), as follows namely:—

In the principal Notification.—

(a) in condition 1, after clause (x), the following clause shall be added, namely:—

"(xi) 'vessel' means and includes any ship, boat, etc. used in navigation and licensed by the Director General of Shipping, Ministry of Surface Transport, Government of India."

(b) in condition 2, the following proviso shall be added, namely:—

"provided that for installing and operating electronic amusements/slot machines on board any vessel, separate area shall have to be set apart within the licensed premises, for the purpose."

(c) in condition 5, in clause (viii), for the words "Five Star Hotels", the words "Five Star Hotels/Vessels" shall be substituted.

2. This Notification shall come into force with immediate effect.

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

A. Mascarenhas, Under Secretary (Home).

Panaji, 27th August, 1997.

Notification

2/65/90-HD(G)/Part II

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (a) of sub-section (2) read with sub-section (1) of section 23 of the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 (Central Act 104 of 1956), the Government of Goa hereby makes the following rules, namely:—

1. *Short title, commencement and application.*— (1) These rules may be called the Goa Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Notification of public places Rules, 1997.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

(3) They shall apply to the whole of the State of Goa.

2. *Definitions.*— In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) 'Act' means the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 (Central Act 104 of 1956);

(b) 'Section' means a section of the Act;

(c) Words and phrases used in these rules and not defined shall have the same meaning as assigned to them in the Act.

3. *Public place and manner of notifying public places.*— (1) Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, notify such places as it deems fit, to be public places for the purposes of the Act.

(2) The copy of the notification shall be affixed at a conspicuous part of the public place so notified and at the Police Station and Magistrate's office within whose jurisdiction such public place/s falls.

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

A. Mascarenhas, Under Secretary (Home).

Panaji, 9th September, 1997.

Department of Labour

Notification

CL/MWA/(42)/88/4119

The following draft Notification which is proposed to be issued under sub-section (2) of section 5 of the Minimum Wages Act, 1948 (Central Act No. 11 of 1948), revising minimum rates of wages payable to various categories of employees employed in various trades in the Scheduled employment, namely, "Employment in Brick and Tiles Manufactory", is hereby published as required by clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 5 of the said Act.

Notice is hereby given that the said draft would be taken into consideration by the Government after the expiry of two months from the date of publication of this Notification in the Official Gazette. All persons likely to be effected thereby may forward their suggestions and objections if any, to the Secretary, Labour, E. D. C. House, Panaji-Goa before the expiry of the two months from the date of publication of the draft Notification in the Official Gazette.

Draft Notification

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 3 read with clause (iii) of sub-section (1) of section 4 of the Minimum Wages Act, 1948 (Central Act 11 of 1948), the Government of Goa, hereby gives its intention of revising the minimum rates of wages payable to the various categories of employee employed in "Employment in Bricks and Tiles Manufactory" in the State of Goa, as specified in the Schedule below:—

SCHEDULE

Sr. No.	Category of work	All inclusive minimum rates of wages
(1)	(2)	(3)

Category - I

(1) Foreman	Rs. 75.00 per day or
(2) Mistri	Rs. 1950.00 per month
(3) Production Superintendent	
(4) Technician Grade I	
(5) Production Incharge	
(6) Chief Operator	
(7) Any other employees by whatever name called but doing the work of the nature done by persons falling under this category.	

Category - II

(1) Pressman	Rs. 72.00 per day or
(2) Mistry	Rs. 1872.00 per month
(3) Operator	
(4) Machine Operator	
(5) Supervisor	
(6) Moulder	
(7) Machine Mechanic	
(8) Mechanic	
(9) Tiles Salter	
(10) Colour Mixerer	
(11) Draftsman	
(12) Electrician	

(1) (2) (3)

- (13) Carpenter
- (14) Fitter
- (15) Turner
- (16) Welder
- (17) Crusher Operator
- (18) Technician
- (19) Any other employees by whatever name called doing the work of the nature done by the persons falling under the foregoing entries.

Category - III

(1) Asstt. Supervisor	Rs. 64.00 per day or
(2) Asstt. Electrician	Rs. 1664.00 per month
(3) Asstt. Carpenter	
(4) Asstt. Fitter	
(5) Asstt. Turner	
(6) Asstt. Welder	
(7) Asstt. Machine Operator	
(8) Asstt. Fireman	
(9) Any other employees by whatever name called doing the work of the nature done by the persons falling under the foregoing entries.	

Category - IV

(1) Clay slakers	Rs. 60.00 per day or
(2) Helpers	Rs. 1560.00 per month
(3) Watchman	
(4) Labourer	
(5) Sweeper	
(6) Peon	
(7) Gardener	
(8) Hamal	
(9) Worker	
(10) Coolie	
(11) Office Boy	
(12) Any other employees by whatever name called doing the work of the nature done by the persons falling under the foregoing entries.	

Administrative - V

(1) Manager	Rs. 80.00 per day or
(2) Head Clerk	Rs. 2080.00 per month
(3) Accountant	
(4) Senior Store Keeper	
(5) Store Superintendent	
(6) Stenographer	

Clerical - VI

(1) Clerk	Rs. 75.00 per day or
(2) Store Keeper	Rs. 1950.00 per month
(3) Store Clerk	
(4) Accounts Clerk	
(5) Cashier	
(6) Typist	
(7) Telephone Operator	

Explanation for the purpose of this Notification:

1. Where in any area or establishment or scheduled employment wages fixed under this Notification are lower than the wages by agreement/settlement or contract or contractors regulation attached to the conditions of contract, the higher rates would be payable as Minimum Wages under this Notification.

2. The minimum rates of wages are applicable to employees engaged by the Principal Employers or Contractors or Sub-Contractors, etc.

3. The minimum rates of wages fixed are all inclusive rates including the wages for the weekly day or rest.

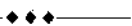
4. Both men and women workers have to be paid the same rates of wages fixed for the same category and for equal work.

5. In case of employees employed on piece-rate basis, the minimum rates of wages payable to him shall be at a rate not less than the minimum rates of wages fixed for the class/category, to which he belongs under this Notification.

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

R. S. Mardolker, Ex-Officio Joint Secretary (Labour).

Panaji, 1st August, 1997.



Department of Law & Judiciary

Legal Affairs Division

Notification

10-5-96/LA-Vol.I

The National Highways Laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 1997 (Ordinance No. 9 of 1997) which has been promulgated by the President of India and published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section I, dated 24th January, 1997 is hereby published for the general information of the public.

P. V. Kadneker, Joint Secretary (Law).

Panaji, 20th February, 1997.

MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE

(Legislative Department)

New Delhi, the 24th January, 1997/Magha 4, 1918 (Saka)

The National Highways Laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 1997

No. 9 of 1997

Promulgated by the President in the Forty-seventh Year of the republic of India.

An Ordinance further to amend the National Highways Act, 1956 and the National Highways Authority of India Act, 1988.

Whereas Parliament is not in session and the President is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary for him to take immediate action.

Now, Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (1) of article 123 of the Constitution, the President is pleased to promulgate the following Ordinance:—

CHAPTER I

Preliminary

1. *Short title and commencement.*—(1) This Ordinance may be called the National Highways Laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 1997.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

CHAPTER II

Amendment of the National Highways Act, 1956

2. *Amendment of section 2.*— In section 2 of the National Highways Act, 1956 (hereinafter referred to as the National Highways Act), in sub-section (1), the words “excepts such parts thereof as are situated within any municipal area” shall be omitted. 48 of 1956.

3. *Substitution of new sections for section 3.*— For section 3 of the National Highways Act, the following sections shall be substituted, namely:—

“3. *Definitions.*— In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) “competent authority” means any person or authority authorised by the Central Government, by notification in the Official Gazette, to perform the functions of the competent authority for such area as may be specified in the notification;

(b) “land” includes benefits to arise out of land and things attached to the earth or permanently fastened to any thing attached to the earth.

3A. *Power to acquire land, etc.*— (1) Where the Central Government is satisfied that for a public purpose any land is required for the building, maintenance, management or operation of a national highway or part thereof, it may, by notification in the Official Gazette, declare its intention to acquire such land.

(2) Every notification under sub-section (1) shall give a brief description of the land.

(3) The competent authority shall cause the substance of the notification to be published in two local newspapers, one of which will be in a vernacular language.

3B. *Power to enter for survey, etc.*— On the issue of a notification under sub-section (1) of section 3A, it shall be lawful for any person, authorised by the Central Government in this behalf, to—

- (a) make any inspection, survey, measurement, valuation or enquiry;
- (b) take levels;
- (c) dig or bore into sub-soil;
- (d) set out boundaries and intended lines of work;
- (e) mark such levels, boundaries and lines by placing marks and cutting trenches; or
- (f) do such other acts or things as may be laid down by rules made in this behalf by that Government.

3C. *Hearing of objections.*— (1) Any person interested in the land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of the notification under sub-section (1) of section 3A, object to the use of the land for the purpose or purposes mentioned in that sub-section.

(2) Every objection under sub-section (1) shall be made to the competent authority in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the competent authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the competent authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.

Explanation.— For the purposes of this sub-section, "legal practitioner" has the same meaning as in clause (i) of sub-section (1) of section 2 of the Advocates Act, 1961.

25 of 1961.

(3) Any order made by the competent authority under sub-section (2) shall be final.

3D. *Declaration of acquisition.*— (1) Where no objection under sub-section (1) of section 3C has been made to the competent authority within the period specified therein or where the competent authority has disallowed the objection under sub-section (2) of that section, the competent authority shall, as soon as may be, submit a report accordingly to the Central Government and on receipt of such report, the Central Government shall declare, by notification in the Official Gazette, that the land should be acquired for the purpose or purposes mentioned in sub-section (1) of section 3A.

(2) On the publication of the declaration under sub-section (1), the land shall vest absolutely in the Central Government free from all encumbrances.

(3) Where in respect of any land, a notification has been published under sub-section (1) of section 3A for its acquisition but no declaration under sub-section (1) has been published within a period of one year from the date of publication of that notification, the said notification shall cease to have any effect:

Provided that in computing the said period of one year, the period or periods during which any action or proceedings to be

taken in pursuance of the notification issued under sub-section (1) of section 3A is stayed by an order of a court shall be excluded.

(4) A declaration made by the Central Government under sub-section (1) shall not be called in question in any court or by any other authority.

3E. *Power to take possession.*— (1) Where any land has vested in the Central Government under sub-section (2) of section 3D, and the amount determined by the competent authority under section 3G with respect to such land has been deposited under sub-section (1) of section 3H, with the competent authority by the Central Government, the competent authority may by notice in writing direct the owner as well as any other person who may be in possession of such land to surrender or deliver possession thereof to the competent authority or any person duly authorised by it in this behalf within sixty days of the service of the notice.

(2) If any person refuses or fails to comply with any direction made under sub-section (1), the competent authority shall apply—

- (a) in the case of any land situated in any area falling within the metropolitan area, to the Commissioner of Police;
- (b) in case of any land situated in any area other than the area referred to in clause (a), to the Collector of a District;

and such Commissioner or Collector, as the case may be, shall enforce the surrender of the land, to the competent authority or to the person duly authorised by it.

3F. *Right to enter into the land where land has vested in the Central Government.*— Where the land has vested in the Central Government under section 3D, it shall be lawful for any person authorised by the Central Government in this behalf, to enter and do other act necessary upon the land for carrying out the building, maintenance, management or operation of a national highway or a part thereof, or any other work connected therewith.

3G. *Determination of amount payable as compensation.*— (1) Where any land is acquired under this Act, there shall be paid an amount which shall be determined by an order of the competent authority.

(2) Where the right of user or any right in the nature of an easement on, any land is acquired under this act, there shall be paid an amount to the owner and any other person whose right of enjoyment in that land has been affected in any manner whatsoever by reason of such acquisition an amount calculated at ten per cent. of the amount determined under sub-section (1), for that land.

(3) Before proceeding to determine the amount under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2), the competent authority shall give a public notice published in two local newspapers, one of which will be in a vernacular language inviting claims from all persons interested in the land to be acquired.

(4) Such notice shall state the particulars of the land and shall require all persons interested in such land to appear in person or

by an agent or by a legal practitioner referred to in sub-section (2) of section 3C, before the competent authority, at a time and place and to state the nature of their respective interest in such land.

(5) If the amount determined by the competent authority under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) is not acceptable to either of the parties, the amount shall, on an application by either of the parties, be determined by the arbitrator to be appointed by the Central Government.

(6) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 shall apply to every arbitration under this Act. 26 of 1996.

(7) The competent authority or the arbitrator while determining the amount under sub-section (1) or sub-section (5), as the case may be, shall take into consideration—

(a) the market value of the land on the date of publication of the notification under section 3A;

(b) the damage, if any, sustained by the person interested at the time of taking possession of the land, by reason of the severing of such land from other land;

(c) the damage, if any, sustained by the person interested at the time of taking possession of the land, by reason of the acquisition injuriously affecting his other immovable property in any manner, or his earnings;

(d) if, in consequences of the acquisition of the land, the person interested is compelled to change his residence or place of business, the reasonable expenses, if any, incidental to such change.

3H. *Deposit and payment of amount.*—(1) The amount determined under section 3G shall be deposited by the Central Government in such manner as may be laid down by rules made in this behalf by that Government, with the competent authority before taking possession of the land.

(2) As soon as may be after the amount has been deposited under sub-section (1), the competent authority shall on behalf of the Central Government pay the amount to the person or persons entitled thereto.

(3) Where several persons claim to be interested in the amount deposited under sub-section (1), the competent authority shall determine the persons who in its opinion are entitled to receive the amount payable to each of them.

(4) If any dispute arises as to the apportionment of the amount or any part thereof or to any person to whom the same or any part thereof is payable, the competent authority shall refer the dispute to the decision of the principal civil court of original jurisdiction within the limits of whose jurisdiction the land is situated.

(5) Where the amount determined under section 3G by the arbitrator is in excess of the amount determined by the competent authority, the arbitrator may award interest at nine per cent. per annum on such excess amount from the date of taking possession under section 3D till the date of the actual deposit thereof.

(6) Where the amount determined by the arbitrator is in excess of the amount determined by the competent authority, the excess amount together with interest, if any, awarded under sub-section (5) shall be deposited by the Central Government in such manner as may be laid down by rules made in this behalf by the Government, with the competent authority and the provisions of sub-sections (2) to (4) shall apply to such deposit.

3I. *Competent authority to have certain powers of civil court.*—The competent authority shall have, for the purposes, of this Act, all the powers of a civil court while trying a suit under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, in respect of the following matters, namely:— 5 of 1908.

(a) summoning and enforcing the attendance of any person and examining him on oath;

(b) requiring the discovery and production of any document;

(c) reception of evidence on affidavits;

(d) requisitioning any public record from any court or office;

(e) issuing commission for examination of witnesses.

3J. *Land Acquisition Act 1 of 1894 not to apply.*—Nothing in the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 shall apply to an acquisition under this Act."

4. *Omission of sections.*—Section 8 of the National Highways Act shall be omitted.

5. *Amendment of section 9.*—In section 9 of the National Highways Act, in sub-section (2), after clause (a), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

"(aa) the manner in which the amount shall be deposited with the competent authority under sub-sections (1) and (6) of section 3H;".

CHAPTER III

Amendment of the National Highways Authority of India Act, 1988

6. *Substitution of new section for section 13.*—For section 13 of the National Highways Authority of India Act, 1988 (hereinafter referred to as the National Highways Authority Act), the following section shall be substituted, namely:— 68 of 1988

"13. *Compulsory acquisition of land for the Authority.*—Any land required by the Authority for discharging its functions under this Act shall be deemed to be land needed for a public purpose and such land may be acquired for the Authority under the provisions of the National Highways Act, 1956." 48 of 1956.

7. *Amendment of section 16.*—In section 16 of the National Highways Authority Act, in sub-section (2) for clause (h), the following clause shall be substituted, namely,—

"(h) engage, or entrust any of its functions to, any person on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed;".

8. *Substitution of new section for section 17.*— For section 17 of the National Highways Authority Act, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

“17. *Additional capital and grants to the Authority by the Central Government.*— The Central Government may, after due appropriation made by Parliament, by law in this behalf,—

(a) provide any capital that may be required by the Authority for the discharge of its functions under this Act or for any purpose connected therewith on such terms and conditions as that Government may determine;

(b) pay to the Authority, on such terms and conditions as the Central Government may determine, by way of loans or grants such sums of money as the Government may consider necessary for the efficient discharge by the Authority of its functions under this Act.”

9. *Amendment of section 34.*— In section 34 of the National Highways Authority Act, in sub-section (2), after clause (d), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“(dd) the terms and conditions subject to which the functions of the Authority may be entrusted to any person under clause (h) of sub-section (2) of section 16.”

SHANKER DAYAL SHARMA,
President.

K.L. MOHANPURIA,
Secy. to the Govt. of India

Notification

10-5-96/LA-Vol I

The Lalit Kala Akadami (Taking over of Management) Ordinance, 1997 (Ordinance No. 10 of 1997) which has been promulgated by the President of India and published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section I dated 24th January, 1997 is hereby published for the general information of the public.

P. V. Kadneker, Joint Secretary (Law).

Panaji, 20th February, 1997.

MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE

(Legislative Department)

New Delhi, the 24th January, 1997/Magha 4, 1918 (Saka)

THE LALIT KALA AKADAMI (TAKING OVER OF MANAGEMENT) ORDINANCE, 1997

No. 10 of 1997

Provided promulgated by the President in the Forty-seventh Year of the period or per public of India.

An Ordinance to provide for the taking over of the management of the Lalit Kala Akadami for a limited period in the public interest and for matter connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Whereas the Lalit Kala Akadami was set up as an apex cultural body in the field of visual arts by the Government of India by Parliamentary Resoulation passed on the 5th August, 1954 to encourage and promote visual arts, paintings, graphics, sculptures, etc.;

And Whereas the Lalit Kala Akadami was registered as a society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (21 of 1860) on the 11th March, 1957;

And Whereas the Akadami has full functional autonomy in the field of its activity, even though the Government of India is the sole-funding agency for the organisation;

And Whereas pursuant to the complaints received with regard to the misuse of funds by the Lalit Kala Akadami from severall quarters including from the Hon'ble Members of Parliament, a Committee was set up by the Government of India by Resoulation dated the 24th March, 1988 under the Chairmanship of Shri P. N. Haksar to go into the functioning of the Lalit Kala Akadami and the said Committee, after a detailed scrutiny of the affairs and irregularities in the management of the said Akadami, recommended the restructuring of their General Council, Executive Board and the electrol roll, of the artists constituency;

And Whereas, in view of the serious difficulties which have arisen with regard to the management of the Lalit Kala Akadami, it is necessary to take over, for a limited period, the management thereof and it is felt that any delay in taking over the management of the Lalit Kala Akadami would be highly detrimental to the interests and objectives of Akadami;

And Whereas Parliament is not in session and the President is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary for him to take immediate action;

Now, Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (1) of article 123 of the Constitution, the President is pleased to promulgate the following Ordinance:—

CHAPTER I

Preliminary

1. *Short title and commencement.*— (1) This Ordinance may be called the Lalit Kala Akadami (Taking Over of Management) Ordinance, 1997.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. *Definitions.*— In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) “Administrator” means a person appointed as the Administrator under section 4;

(b) “prescribed” means prescribed by rules made under this Ordinance;

(c) "Societies Registration Act" means the Societies Registration Act, 1860, as in force in the National Capital Territory of Delhi;

(d) "society" means the Lalit Kala Akadami being a society registered under the Societies Registration Act;

(e) words and expressions used herein and not defined, but defined in the Societies Registration Act shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them in that Act.

CHAPTER II

Taking over of the Management of the Lalit Kala Akadami

3. *Management of the society.*—(1) On and from the commencement of this Ordinance, and for a period of three years thereafter, the management of the society shall vest in the Central Government:

Provided that if the Central Government is of opinion that in order to secure the proper management of the society, it is expedient that such management should continue to vest in the Central Government after the expiry of the said period of three years, it may, from time to time, issue directions for the continuance of such management for such period, not exceeding one year at a time, as it may think fit; so, however, that the total period for which such management shall continue to vest in the Central Government shall not, in any case, exceed five years.

(2) The management of the society shall be deemed to include management of all assets, rights, lease-holds, powers, authorities and privileges and all property, movable and immovable, including lands, buildings, works of art, workshops, projects, stores, instruments, library, machinery, automobiles and other vehicles, cash balances, reserve funds, investments and book debts and all other rights and interests arising out of such property as were immediately before the commencement of this Ordinance in the ownership, possession, power or control of the society, and all such books of account, registers, maps, plans and all other documents of whatever nature relating thereto.

(3) Any contract, whether express or implied, or other arrangement, in so far as it relates to the management of the undertaking and affairs of the society and in force immediately before the commencement of this Ordinance shall be deemed to have terminated on such commencement.

(4) All persons in charge of the management of the society, including persons holding offices as Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary or Honorary Secretary, as the case may be, and members of the General Council, Executive Board, Finance Committee and all other committees of the society immediately before the commencement of this Ordinance shall be deemed to have vacated their offices as such on such commencement.

4. *Administrator of the society.*—(1) The Central Government shall, as from commencement of this Ordinance, appoint a person as the Administrator of the undertaking for the purpose of taking over the administration thereof and the Administrator shall carry on the management of the undertaking for and on behalf of the Central Government.

(2) Subject to the supervision, control and directions of the Administrator, the functions of the finance Committee of the Society, before the commencement of this Ordinance, shall be exercised by an officer of the Central Government, to be appointed by that Government.

(3) The Central Government may issue such directions (including directions as to initiating, defending or continuing any legal proceedings before any court, tribunal or other authority) to the administrator as to his powers and duties as that Government may deem desirable and the Administrator may apply to the Central Government at any time for instructions as to the manner in which he shall conduct the management of the society or in relation to any matter arising in the course of such management.

(4) Subject to the other provisions of this Ordinance and the rules made thereunder and to the control of the Central Government, the Administrator shall be entitled, notwithstanding anything contained in the Societies Registration Act or in any other law for the time being in force, to exercise, in relation to the management of the society, the powers of the General Council, or, as the case may be, the Executive Board, including the powers to dispose of any property or assets of such society, whether such powers are derived under any law for the time being in force or from the memorandum and rules and regulations of the society or from any other source.

(5) Every person having possession, custody or control of any property forming part of the society shall deliver forthwith such property to the Administrator.

(6) Any person who, on the commencement of this Ordinance, has in his possession or under his control any books, papers, works of art or other documents relating to management of the society, including the minutes books containing the resolutions of the persons in charge of the management of the society before the commencement of this Ordinance, the current cheque books relating to the management of the society, any letters, memoranda, notes or other communications between him and the society shall, notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, be liable to account for the books, papers, works of art and other documents (including such minutes books, cheque books, letters, memoranda, notes or other communications) to the Administrator.

(7) Any person in charge of the administration of the society immediately before the commencement of this Ordinance shall, within ten days from that day or within such further period as the Central Government may allow in this behalf, furnish to the Administrator a complete inventory of all the properties and assets (including particulars of books debts and investments and belongings) forming part of the society immediately before the commencement of this Ordinance and of all the liabilities and obligations of the society, in relation to its administration, subsisting immediately before such commencement, and also of all agreements entered into by the society in relation to its administration and in force immediately before such commencement.

(8) The Administrator shall receive from the funds of the society such remuneration as the Central Government may fix.

5. *No right to compensation for premature termination of a contract.*— Notwithstanding anything contained in any law for the time being in force, no person in respect of whom any contract of management or other arrangement is terminated by reason of the provisions contained in sub-section (3) of section 3 or who ceases to hold any office by reason of the provisions contained in sub-section (4) of that section, shall be entitled to claim any compensation for the premature termination of the contract of administration or other arrangement or for the loss of his office.

6. *Relinquishment of administration of the society.*— (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1) of section 3, if, at any time before the expiry of the period referred to in that sub-section, it appears to the Central Government that the purposes of the vesting of the management of the society in that Government have been fulfilled or that for any other reason it is not necessary that the management of the society should remain vested in that Government, it may, by order published in the Official Gazette, relinquish the management of the society with effect from such date as may be specified in the order.

(2) On and from the date specified under sub-section (1), the administration of the society shall vest in the General Council of the society and such management shall be carried on in accordance with the provisions of the Societies Registration Act so, however, that the steps, if any, in relation to the management of the society may be taken after the publication of the order under sub-section (1).

7. *Application of Act 21 of 1860.*— (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Societies Registration Act or in the memorandum and rules and regulations of the society, but subject to the provisions of sub-section (2) of section 6, so long as the management of the society remains vested in the Central Government,—

(a) it shall not be lawful for the members of the society or any other person to nominate or appoint any person to be a member of the General Council of the society;

(b) no resolution passed at any meeting of the members of the society or at any meeting of the General Council of the society, on or after the commencement of this Ordinance, shall be given effect to unless approved by the Central Government;

(c) no proceeding for the dissolution of the society or for the merger with any other society or for the appointment of a Receiver in respect of its administration shall lie in any court except with the consent of the Central Government.

(2) Subject to the provisions contained in sub-section (1) and subject to such other exceptions, restrictions and limitations, if any, as may be prescribed, the Societies Registration Act shall continue to apply to the society in the same manner as it applied thereto before the commencement of this Ordinance.

CHAPTER III

Miscellaneous

8. *Penalties.*— Any person who,—

(a) having in his possession or custody or under his control any property forming part of the society, wrongfully withholds such property from the Administrator or any person authorised under this Ordinance, or

(b) wrongfully obtains possession of any such property, or

(c) wilfully retains, or fails to deliver, any property forming part of the society or removes or destroys it, or

(d) wilfully withholds or fails to account for any books, papers, works of art or other documents which may be in his possession or custody or under his control to the Administrator or any person authorised under this Ordinance, or

(e) fails, without any reasonable cause, to furnish information or particulars as provided in sub-section (6) of section 4,

shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, or with fine which may extend to ten thousand rupees, or with both.

9. *Offences by Companies.*— (1) Where an offence under this Ordinance has been committed by a company, every person who at the time the offence was committed was in charge of, and was responsible to, the company for the conduct of the business of the company as well as the company, shall be deemed to be guilty of the offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly:

Provided that nothing contained in this sub-section shall under any such person liable to any punishment if he proves that the offence was committed without his knowledge or that he had exercised all due diligence to prevent the commission of such offence.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), where any offence under this Ordinance has been committed by a company and it is proved that the offence has been committed with the consent or connivance of, or is attributable to, any neglect on the part of any director, manager, secretary or other officer of the company, such director, manager, secretary or other officer shall be deemed to be guilty of that offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

Explanation.— For the purposes of this section,—

(a) “company” means any body corporate and includes a firm or other association of individuals; and

(b) “director”, in relation to a firm, means a partner in the firm.

10. *Exclusion of period of operation of Ordinance.*— In computing the period of limitation prescribed by any law for the time being in force for any suit or application against any person by the society in respect of any matter arising out of any transaction in relation to its management, the time during which this Ordinance is in force shall be excluded.

11. *Ordinance to have overriding effect.*— The provisions of this Ordinance or any notification, order or rule made thereunder shall have effect notwithstanding anything inconsistent therewith contained in any law other than this Ordinance or in any instrument having effect by virtue of any law other than this Ordinance or in any decree or order of any court.

12. *Protection of action taken in good faith.*— (1) No suit, prosecution or other legal proceeding shall lie against the Administrator or any officer of the Central Government or any other person for anything which is in good faith done or intended to be done under this Ordinance.

(2) No suit or other legal proceeding shall lie against the Central Government or the Administrator or any officer of the Central Government or any other person for any damage caused or likely to be caused by anything which is in good faith done or intended to be done under this Ordinance.

13. *Contracts in bad faith may be cancelled or varied.*— (1) If the Central Government is satisfied, after such inquiry as it may think fit, that any contract or agreement entered into at any time within one year immediately preceding the commencement of this Ordinance, between the society and any other person, in so far as such contract or agreement relates to the management of the society, has been entered into in bad faith, or is detrimental to the interests of the society, it may make an order cancelling or varying (either unconditionally or subject to such conditions as it may think fit to impose) such contract or agreement and thereafter the contract or agreement shall have effect accordingly:

Provided that no contract or agreement shall be cancelled or varied except after giving to the parties to the contract or agreement a reasonable opportunity of being heard.

(2) Any person aggrieved by an order under sub-section (1) may make an application to the High Court at Delhi for the variation or reversal of such order and thereupon such court may confirm, modify or reverse such order.

14. *Power to terminate contract of employment.*— If the Administrator is of opinion that any contract of employment entered into by the society in relation to its management, at any time before the commencement of this Ordinance, is unduly onerous, he may, by giving to the employee one month's notice in writing or the salary or wages for one month in lieu thereof, terminate such contract of employment.

15. *Power to make rules.*— (1) The Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, make rules for carrying out the provisions of this Ordinance.

(2) Every rule made by the Central Government under this Ordinance shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is made, before each House of Parliament while it is in session for a total period of thirty days which may be comprised in one session or in two or more successive sessions, and if, before the expiry of the session immediately following the session or the successive sessions aforesaid, both Houses agree in making any modification in the rule or both Houses agree that the rule should not be made, the rule shall thereafter have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect,

as the case may be; so, however, that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that rule.

SHANKER DAYAL SHARMA,
President.

K. L. MOHANPURIA,
Secy. to the Government of India.

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Department of Public Health
Goa Dental College & Hospital

Order

2/32/83-GDCH/EST/841

Read:- Government Notification No. 71/101/84-I/PHD
dated 8th August, 1995.

Government is pleased to increase the levy of Registration Fee to patients attending the O. P. D. in Goa Dental College and Hospital, Bambolim Goa from Rs. 5/- to Rs. 10/- with effect from the date of publication in Official Gazette.

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

Dr. R. K. Singh, Dean and Ex-Officio Addl. Secretary.

Panaji, 30th July, 1997.

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Department of Transport

Directorate of Transport

Office of the Ex-Officio Joint Secretary (Transport)

Notification

5-9-86/TIT(Tpt)-911

Whereas certain draft rules further to amend the Goa, Daman and Diu Motor Vehicles Tax Rules, 1974 were published as required by sub-section (1) of section 24 of the Goa, Daman and Diu Motor Vehicles Tax Act, 1974. (Act No. 8 of 1974), in the Official Gazette, Series I No. 12, dated 19-6-1997, Extraordinary, under the Notification No. 5/9/86-TIT (Tpt), dated 17-6-1997, of the Directorate of Transport, Government of Goa, Panaji, inviting objections and suggestions from all persons likely to be affected thereby, within fifteen days from the date of publication of the said Notification in the Official Gazette;

And whereas the said Gazette was made available to the public on 19th June, 1997;

And whereas no objections/suggestions have been received from the public on the said draft rules by the Government.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (f) of sub-section (2) of section 24 read with sub-section (2) of section 11 of the Goa, Daman and Diu Motor Vehicles Tax Act, 1974 (Act No. 8 of 1974), and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, the Government of Goa, hereby makes the following rules so as to further amend the Goa, Daman and Diu Motor Vehicles Tax Rules, 1974, namely:—

1. *Short title and commencement.*—(1) These rules may be called the Goa Motor Vehicles Tax (Amendment) Rules, 1997.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. *Amendment of rule 22.*— In rule 22 of the Goa, Daman and Diu Motor Vehicles Tax Rules, 1974, in sub-rule (1), after item (xiv), the following item shall be added, namely:—

“(XV) Non-transport vehicles belonging to the personnel of the Indian Armed Forces, Central Government employees, Officers of All India Services and Judges of High Court, which are brought by them to the State of Goa on transfer and in respect of which life time tax and quarterly or annual tax, as the case may be, has already been paid in other States or Union Territories prior to their posting to the State of Goa, for the period for which the life time tax and quarterly or annual tax, as the case may be, already been paid in other States or Union Territories”.

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

K. N. S. Nair, Ex-Officio Joint Secretary (Tpt.).

Panaji, 25th August, 1997.

OFFICIAL GAZETTE



GOVERNMENT OF GOA

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Department of Home

Home General-Division

Notification

2/20/92-HD(G)

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 13 A of the Goa, Daman and Diu Public Gambling Act, 1976 (Act 14 of 1976), read with section 21 of the General Clauses Act, 1897 (Central Act 10 of 1897), the Government of Goa hereby amends the Government Notification No. 2-20-92/HD (G) dated 9-11-1995 published in the Official Gazette, Series I, No. 30 dated 23-11-1995 (hereinafter called "the principal Notification"), as follows, namely:—

In the principal Notification,—

(a) in condition 1, in clause (x), after the expression "slot machines", the expression "or table games and gaming on board in vessels offshore" shall be inserted.

(b) in condition 2,—

(i) after the expression "slot machines", the expression "table games and games on board in vessels offshore" shall be inserted.

(ii) in proviso, after the expression "slot machines", the expression "or table games and games on board in vessels offshore" shall be inserted.

(c) in condition 5,—

(i) in clause (i) after expression "slot machines", the expression "or table games and games on board in vessels offshore" shall be inserted.

(ii) in clause (vii), after the expression "slot machine", the expression "and Rs. 20,000/- pertable for table games and games on board in vessels offshore" shall be inserted.

(iii) in clause (ix), after the expression "slot machines", the expression "or table games and games on board in vessels offshore" shall be inserted.

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

A. Mascarenhas, Under Secretary (Home).

Panaji, 30th November, 1999.

Department of Law and Judiciary

Law (Establishment) Division

Notification

5-40-97/LD(2420)

Whereas certain draft Rules to amend the Societies' Registration (Goa, Daman and Diu) Rules, 1980, were published as required by sub-section (1) of section 21 of the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (Central Act 21 of 1860), as in force in the State of Goa, in the Official Gazette, Series I No. 23, dated 3-9-1998, under Notification No. 5-40-97/LD(2420) dated 13-8-1998 of the Department of Law and Judiciary, Law Establishment Division, Government of Goa, inviting objections and suggestions from the persons likely to be affected thereby within 30 days from the date of publication of the said Notification in the Official Gazette.

And Whereas the said Gazette was made available to the public on 3-9-1998.

And Whereas, no objections/suggestions have been received from the public on the said draft Rules by the Government.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 21 of the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (Central Act 21 of 1860), as in force in the State of Goa, the Government of Goa hereby makes the following rules so as to amend the Societies Registration (Goa, Daman and Diu) Rules, 1980, as follows, namely:—

1. *Short title and commencement.*— (1) These rules may be called the **Societies' Registration (Goa Amendment) Rules, 1999.**

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. *Amendment of rule 13.*— In rule 13 of the Societies Registration (Goa, Daman and Diu) Rules, 1980, for sub-rule (2), the following shall be substituted, namely:—

“(2) The following fee shall be payable by the person desirous of obtaining any copy from any record maintained under the Act or these rules:—

(i) Copy of certificate of registration of Society or duplicate copy of challan ... Rs. 10/-

(ii) Copy of Memorandum of Association/Constitution of society/rules, regulations/Bye-Laws of Society for every sheet of paper of about 30x20cms. size, in writing or typed in double spacing. ... Rs. 5/-

(iii) for every certified copy of records registered or filed under the Act,—

(a) for every sheet of paper of about 30x20 cms. in writing or typed in double spacing ... Rs. 5/- per side;

(b) for such record in tabular form ... twice the rate specified in (a) above;

(c) Copy of any document issued under section 19 of the Act ... Rs. 8/-

(d) any other document ... Rs. 10/-

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

Ashok N. P. Dessai, Under Secretary (Law).

Panaji, 30th November, 1999.

Department of Panchayat Raj & Community Development

Directorate of Panchayats

Notification

28/DP/PAN/COURT-FEES/99

The following draft rules which are proposed to be made under sub-section (2) of section 239-B of the Goa Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 (Goa Act No. 14 of 1994) (hereinafter called the said Act) is hereby pre-published as required by sub-section (1) of section 240 of the said Act, for information of the persons likely to be affected thereby and notice is hereby given that the said draft rules will be taken into consideration by the Government on the expiry of 15 (fifteen) days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette.

All objections and suggestions to the draft rules may be forwarded to the Director of Panchayats and Ex-Officio Joint Secretary to the Government of Goa, Junta House, 3rd Lift, 3rd Floor, Panaji-Goa, before the expiry of 15 (fifteen) days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette.

DRAFT RULES

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of section 239-B, read with section 240 of the Goa Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 (Goa Act No. 14 of 1994), the Government of Goa hereby makes the following Rules, namely:—

1. *Short title and commencement.*— (1) These rules may be called the **Goa Panchayat (Court Fees and other fees) Rules, 1999.**

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

2. *Amount of Court Fees for filing appeal or petition.*— Every appeal or petition filed under the provisions of the Goa Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 (Goa Act 14 of 1994), and the Rules made thereunder, before the Officers appointed under the said Act, shall bear a court-fee stamp of the value specified in the Schedule hereto.

3. *Exemptions.*— These Rules shall not apply to any appeal, petition, complaint filed at the instance of any Government Panchayat or Zilla Panchayat.

SCHEDULE		Nature of proceedings	Rate of Fees
Nature of proceedings	Rate of Fees		
PART I - APPEALS		(6) For appeal under section 100 of the Act	— Rs. 25/-
(1) For appeal filed under sub-section (7) of section 66 of the Goa Panchayat Raj Act (Goa Act 14 of 1994) (herein-after called the 'Act'), against the order of demolition,-		(7) For appeal under section 201 A of the Act except in cases of issue of Income Certificates & Residential Certificates	— Rs. 25/-
(a) where the value of structure sought to be demolished is upto Rs. 50,000/-	— Rs. 50/-	(8) For appeal under section 72(3) of the Act	— Rs. 100/-
(b) where the value of the structure sought to be demolished is above Rs. 50,000/-	— Rs. 50/- + 0.05% of the value exceeding Rs. 50,000/-	(9) For appeal under section 155 of the Act,—	
(2) For appeal filed under sub-section (7) of section 66 of the Act, against the rejection of permission,-		(a) where the house tax or the fee is assessed upto Rs. 25/-	— Nil
(a) where the value of proposed construction is upto Rs. 50,000/-	— Nil	(b) where the house tax or the fee is assessed above Rs. 25/-	— 0.10% of amount of such house tax or fees
(b) where the value of the proposed construction exceeds Rs. 50,000/-	0.05% of the estimated cost exceeding Rs. 50,000/-	(10) For appeal under sub-section (5) of section 112 F of the Act	— Rs. 25/-
(3) For appeal under sub-section (2) of section 66 of the Act.-		PETITIONS	
(a) where the value of the estimated cost of construction is upto Rs. 50,000/-	— Nil	(1) Petition under section 50 of the Act	— Rs. 100/-
(b) where the value exceeds Rs. 50,000/-	— 0.05% of the estimated cost	(2) Petition under section 178 of the Act	— Rs. 50/-
(4) For appeal under section 201 of the Act	— Rs. 50/-	(3) Election Petition under section 16 of the Act	— Rs. 100/-
(5) For appeal under section 68 of the Act	— Rs. 100/-	(4) Disqualification petition under section 11 of the Act	— Rs. 100/-
		(5) Petition under section 12 of the Act	— Rs. 100/-
		(6) Dispute under section 46(5) of the Act	— Rs. 100/-
		(7) Revision application under sub section (2) of section 201-A of the Act	— Rs. 15/-
		(8) Petition complaint under section 176 of the Act	— Rs. 25/-

- (9) Complaint under sub section (1) of section 112 F of the Act — Rs. 25/-
- (10) Application for stay — Rs. 10/-
- (11) Wakalatnama — Rs. 3/-
- (12) Other Miscellaneous petitions or applications in the above proceedings. — Rs. 5/-

GENERAL

Any other appeal or petition or application where no specific fee is prescribed — Rs. 25/-

The fees shall be payable by means of Court fee stamps.

PART II - COPYING FEES

- (i) For certified copy — Rs. 2/- per page or part thereof.
- (ii) For urgent certified copy — Rs. 4/- per page or part thereof.

PART III - PROCESS FEES

The actual postal charges for the issue of Notices

Panaji-Goa.

Date:

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa

G. G. Kambli, Director of Panchayats and Ex-Officio Joint Secretary to the Government of Goa.

Panaji, 26th November, 1999.

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Department of Personnel

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Notification

1/3/84-PER (Pt. II)

In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution, and in supersession of the existing Recruitment Rules for the relevant posts, the Governor of Goa hereby makes the following rules to regulate the recruitment to the Goa General Service, Group 'C' Non-Ministerial, Non-Gazetted post in the Government Printing Press, Panaji, Government of Goa, namely:—

1. *Short title, application and commencement.*— (1) These rules may be called the Government of Goa, Government Printing Press, Group 'C' Non-Ministerial, Non-Gazetted post, Recruitment Rules, 1999.

(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 from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. *Number, classification and scales of pay.*— The number of posts, classification of the said posts and the scales of pay 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 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 posts, 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 provision 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, and other special categories of persons in accordance with the orders issued by the Government from time to time in that regard.

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

J. S. Monteiro, Under Secretary (Personnel).

Panaji, 2nd December, 1999.

Name / /Desi- -gnation of posts	Number Classifi- cation	Scale of pay	Whether selec- tion post or non- -selec- tion post	Age limit for direct recruits	Whether the benefit of added year of service is admissible under Rule 30 of CCS (Pen- sion) Rules, 1972	Educational and other qualifications required for direct recruits	Whether age & educational qualifications prescribed for the direct recruits will apply in the case of promotees	Period of proba- tion, if any	Method of recruitment, whether by direct or by promotion or by deputation/ /transfer/ /contract and percentage of the vacancies to be filled by various methods	In case of recruitment by promotion/ /deputation/ /transfer, grades from which promotion/ /deputation/ /transfer is to be made	If a D. P. C exists, what is its composition	Circumstances in which Goa Public Service Commission is to be consulted in making recruitment	
1	2	3	4	5	6	6(a)	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Foreman (Photo- setter. Subject to variation depend- ing on work- load.	1 (1999) Group 'C' Non- -Minis- -terial, Non- -Gazet- ted.	Rs. 4500- -125- -7000.	Selection.	N. A.	N. A.	N. A.	N. A.	Two years.	By promotion.	Photosetter with 5 years regular service in the grade.	Group 'C' D. P. C.	N. A.	
Photo- setter. Subject to variation depend- ing on work- load.	14 (1999) Group 'C' Non- -Minis- -terial, Non- -Gazet- ted.	Rs. 4000- -100- -6000.	Selection.	Not exceeding 35 years (Relaxable for Govern- ment servants upto 5 years in accordance with instruc- tions or orders issued by the Govern- ment.)	N. A.	<i>Essential:</i> 1. Degree of a recognised University or equiva- lent. 2. Diploma in Computer from the recognised Institute. 3. Photo Setting of 4 pages of A-4 size in 1 hour. 4. At least 3 years expe- rience in photosetting in any establishment. 5. Knowledge of Kon- kani. <i>Desirable:</i> Knowledge of Mara- thi.	N. A.	Two years.	1. 50% by trans- fer failing which by promotion. 2. 50% by promo- tion failing which by direct recruitment.	<i>Transfer of Lino Op- erators/Compositors Grade I, subject to qualifying in the trade test failing which by promotion of Com- positors with 8 years regular service in the grade and qualifying in the trade test.</i> <i>Promotion of Com- positors with 8 years regular service in the grade and qualifying in the trade test.</i>	Group 'C' D. P. C.	N. A.	

Department of Home

Home-General Division

Notification

2-20-92-HD (G)

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 13A of the Goa, Daman and Diu Public Gambling Act, 1976 (Act 14 of 1976), and in supersession of all earlier Notification in this behalf, the government of Goa is pleased to authorise games of electronic amusement/ slot machines subject to the following terms and conditions:-

1. Definition. - In this Notification, unless the context otherwise requires,-

- (i) "Act" means the Goa, Daman and Diu Public Gambling Act, 1976 (Act 14 of 1976);
- (ii) "Authority" means the Under Secretary (Home), Government of Goa, Secretariat, Panaji, Goa;
- (iii) "Appellate Authority" means the Administrative Tribunal constituted under the Goa, Daman and Diu Administrative Tribunal Act, 1965 (Act 6 of 1965);
- (iv) "Five Star Hotel" for the purpose of section 13A of the Act, shall mean a hotel certified as such by an authority competent to classify hotels in the Government of India¹[***];
- (v) "games of electronic amusement/slot machines" means all kinds of electronic games and slot machines but do not include video games;
- (vi) "Government" means the Government of Goa;
- (vii) "Inspection Officer" means any officer of the Government duly authorised in writing by the Government to inspect the licensed premises to determine compliance with the Provisions of the Act and of this N notification;
- (viii) "Licence" means any licence granted pursuant to clause 5 of this Notification;
- (ix) "Licensee" means any person who has been granted a licence to install and operate games of Electronic amusement/slot machines under clause 5 of this Notification;
- (X) "Licensed premises" means any premises where a licensee installs and operates games of electronic amusement/slot machines²[or table games and gaming on board in vessels offshore] pursuant to licence granted to him under clause 5 of this Notification.
- ³(xi) "Vessel" means and includes any ship, boat, etc. used in navigation and licensed by the Director General of Shipping, Ministry of Surface Transport Government of India.]

2. Any person desirous of obtaining a licence for installing and operating games of electronic amusement /slot machines⁴[or table games and gaming on board in vessels offshore] shall make an application to the Authority in Form 'A' appended hereto as Appendix I.

⁵[Provided that for installing and operating electronic amusements/slot machine⁶[or table games and gaming on board in vessels offshore] on board any vessel, separate area shall have to be set apart within the licensed premises, for the purpose.]

3.(i) The licence may be" applied for by an individual or by a firm or by a body corporate.

(ii) The licensee may allow the benefit of the licence to the firm of which he is a partner or to a body Corporate of which he is a Director, Manager, Secretary or Principal Officer.

4. (I) The application under clause 2 shall be signed and verified, in the case of-

(a) an individual, by the applicant or a person having due authority to act on behalf of him;

(b) a firm, by any partner managing the business thereof;

(c) a body corporate (including a company, a cooperative Society, corporation or local authority) ,by a Director, Manager, Secretary or Principal Officer thereof or by a person duly authorised to act in that behalf.

(ii) The person signing and verifying an application for grant of licence shall specify his status and shall, wherever possible, give particulars' of the authority vested in him for signing and verifying the application.

5. ⁷[(i) An application for license for each of the land based Casino in five star hotel having a five star category certification issued by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, or by any other authority of the Government of India, competent to grant such certification, or an application for license of off- shore casino shall be accompanied by an application fee of ⁸[rupees fifty lakhs,] irrespective of the number of the tables and/or machines installed in the licensed premises or size/capacity of the vessel, as the case may be. Such fee shall be deposited into the Government Treasury and copy of the challan shall be attached to the application. ⁹[The fee for renewal of license in respect of each of the land based casino in five star hotel or off-shore casino shall be ¹⁰[rupees one crore].

¹¹[(ii) If the authority, after making such inquiry as may be necessary, is satisfied that the application conforms to these terms and conditions, shall recommend to the Government to grant a licence in Form B' appended hereto as Appendix II in favour of the application.]

(iii) Upon receipt of recommendation of the Authority, the Government may approve the grant of licence in favour of the licensee whereupon the licence in Form 'B' appended hereto as Appendix II shall be issued by the Authority in favour of the licensee.

¹²[(iv) A licence granted hereunder shall be for a period of five years and may be renewed for further period of five years only if in renewed for further period of five years only if an application is made in that behalf before the expiry period of the licence, on payment of renewal fee of Rs.1.00 lakh. The licence shall not be renewed if the application is made after its expiry and in such case fresh application for licence shall have to be made.]

¹³[Provided that the licences of offshore casinos which are expiring on or before 30-6-2014, may be considered for renewal /extension for a period not exceeding two years, so as to enable them to make alternate arrangements for moving out of river Mandovi.

Provided further that the licences of offshore casinos which are expiring after 31-03-2014, shall not be renewed , for operation in River Mandovi]

¹⁴ [Provided also that the licensee, whose licence has been renewed based on an undertaking given by the licensee for moving out its operations from river Mandovi within a period of two years from the date of the renewal of licence, shall be allowed to operate in river Mandovi for a period from 30-08-2015 to ¹⁵[30-9-2020] or till an alternate site is

notified by the Government, whichever is earlier, subject to the condition that such licence is in force during such period.]

(v) The Government may, for reasons, to be recorded in writing, reject an application for grant/ renewal of licence as the case may be.

(vi) For renewal of licence, the licensee shall follow the same procedure as specified above for the grant of new licence at least 30 days before the expiry of the licence.

¹⁶[(vii) The licensee shall be liable to pay the following annual recurring fees,—

(A) for casino license of land based casino in a Five Star Hotel,—

(a) In case of a land based casino with an area upto 100 square metres.	Rs. 10 crores.
(b) In case of a land based casino with an area above 100 square metres but upto 300 square metres.	Rs. 20 crores.
(c) In case of a land based casino with an area above 300 square metres but upto 500 square metres.	Rs. 25 crores.
(d) In case of a land based casino with an area above 500 square metres but upto 750 square metres.	Rs. 32 crores.
(e) In case of a land based casino with an area above 750 square metres but upto 1000 square metres.	Rs. 36 crores.
(f) In case of a land based casino with an area above 1000 square metres	Rs. 40 crores.
(B) for a casino license of off-shore casino on board the vessel,—	
(a) In case of a vessel having total passenger capacity upto 200 passengers.	Rs. 25 crores.
(b) In case of a vessel having total passenger capacity above 200 but upto 400 passengers	Rs. 30 crores.
(c) In case of a vessel having total passenger capacity above 400 passengers.	Rs. 40 crores.

Notes:

(1) For the purpose of determination of annual recurring fees, the total passenger capacity of the vessel as certified by the Captain of Ports or Director General Shipping, as the case may be, inclusive of crew members, shall be taken into consideration.

(2) An uniform period beginning from 1st of April and ending on 31st of March shall be maintained for the purposes of the annual recurring fees.

(3) All licensees shall pay the annual recurring fees as specified above for the financial year ending 31st March, 2019, within ¹⁷[thirty eight days] from the date of commencement of this Notification.

(4) Notwithstanding the payment of annual recurring fees in terms of Notifications hitherto in force for a period beyond 31st March, 2018, the licensee shall pay annual recurring fees as specified above after adjusting the proportionate amount paid as annual recurring fees and amount payable towards annual recurring fees for financial year ending 31st March, 2019. For this purpose, the proportionate amount shall be calculated on the basis of number of days for which the license is valid.]

(viii) Every licensee shall “display conspicuously at the licensed premises, the licence granted under 23rd November, 1995 sub-clause (iii) The licensee shall operate these machines only through Five Star Hotels taking all necessary steps to keep the premises neat and tidy and shall also ensure that appropriate facilities are made available for proper conduct of the games of electronic amusement/slot machines in the licensed premises.

¹⁸[(ix) The licensee shall, at the time of grant of new license, deposit Rs. 50 lakhs and at the time of renewal thereof deposit Rs. 25 lakhs, in the Government treasury, in all cases,

as security deposit, for due compliance of the terms and conditions of the license”];

(X) In case a licence is not renewed, an application for refund of fee paid shall be made to the Authority within one month from the date of such refusal or non,-renewal, as the case may be. Whenever, the Authority is satisfied that a refund is due, it shall issue a refund voucher to the.Applicant/ licensee which shall be enclashed at the Government treasury.

¹⁹[(xi)(a) A licensee shall charge an entry fee of Rs. 200/- (Rupees two hundred only) per an outsider i.e. persons who are not guests of the hotel but visiting the place of gambling. Such entry fee will not be charged to the bonafide occupants of such licensee-hotels/resorts and persons staying in the concerned hotels. The licensee shall issue tickets printed by the Government. As regards floating casino, licensee shall charge Rs. 200/- per individual desiring to enter a place of games of electronic amusement/slot machines on boat/vessel.

(b) A licences shall return the counter folio of entry ticket book to Home Deptt. (General).

(c) If any person is found without a ticket or proof of residence, a fine of Rs. 2000/- (Rupees two thousand only) shall be imposed on both i.e. the licensee and the person concerned.

(d) The licensee shall not charge any entry fee to the Government. Officer/Official deputed for. Inspection/verification of licenced premises.

(e) No person shall be allowed to enter a place of gambling unless he possesses a ticket issued under sub-clause (a).]

²⁰[(xii) (a) A Licensee who desires to transfer the licence, shall make an application for the same to the licensing authority alongwith challan of Rs. 2.00 lakhs.

(b) Licensee shall also alongwith the application submit necessary documents of Firm/individual/institution to whom licence is desired to be transferred to.

(c) Licensee shall pay all dues to other concerned authorities and submit No Due Certificate to that effect.

(d) Firm/individual/institution to whom licence is to be transferred, shall give an affidavit owning the liability to pay any dues if remained unpaid by the original licensee.

(e) Government after making such inquiry as it considers necessary, may allow approval for transfer of the licence.

²¹ [(f) upon approval of the Government, the licensee of land based casino in Five Star Hotel shall pay ²² [Rs. 30 crores] and the licensee of off-shore casino/vessel shall pay ²³ [Rs. 50 crores] by challan and on production of the original counterfoil of such challan, the licence shall be transferred in the name of new licence holder.]

(g) Such transferred licence shall be subject to the same conditions for the balance of remaining period of the original licence. This Notification shall come into force with immediate effect.]

²⁴[(xiii) No person below the age of twenty- -one year’s shall be allowed entry by the licensee on an offshore casino vessel as well as in licensed premises where a licensee installs and operates games of electronic amusements/slot machines in a five star hotel].

²⁵[(xiv) The licensee shall strictly follow the guidelines as may be issued by the Government for preventing money laundering and for combating financing of terrorism].

6. In the event or breach of any of the terms and conditions contained hereinabove, the Government Shall, after issuing notice and giving the licensee an opportunity to be heard, determine the licence and forfeit the security deposit. In case of shall determination/forfeiture, the licensee shall be liable to pay arrears of fees, if any.

7 (i) if an applicant/licensee is aggrieved by the decision of the Government, an appeal shall lie to the Appellate Authority within a period of 30 days from the receipt of order thereof.

(ii) A Memorandum of Appeal shall be presented in duplicate to the Appellate Authority by the Appellant/licensee or his agent or it may be sent to the Appellate Authority by registered post.

(iii) The Memorandum of appeal shall,-

(a) Be in writing;

(b) Specify the name and address of the appellant;

(c) Specify the date of order appealed against;

(d) Contain a clear statement of facts;

(e) Contain all specific grounds of appeal;

(f) State precisely and in brief the relief prayed for; and

(g) Be signed and verified by the appellant or by the agent duly authorised by him in writing to do so on his behalf in the following form;

"I.....Appellant/agent appointed by the appellant, named in the above Memorandum of Appeal, do hereby declare that what is stated hereinabove is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(iv) A fee in the amount of Rs. 200/- shall be payable in respect of the Memorandum of Appeal. The Memorandum of Appeal shall be accompanied by either the order in original appealed against or a duly authenticated copy thereof, unless omission to produce such order or copy thereof is explained at the time of presenting the Memorandum of Appeal to the satisfaction of the Appellate Authority.

(v) The appeal may be summarily rejected by the Appellate Authority if the appellant fails to comply with any of the requirements as stated above despite an opportunity given to rectify any omission or non compliance.

(vi) The Appellate Authority may, after giving the parties to the appeal an opportunity of being heard, pass such orders as it thinks fit either confirming, modifying or annulling the order or decision appealed against and may remand the case to the Government against whose order or decision the appeal is filed for fresh order or decision after considering additional evidence if necessary or such other action as the Appellate Authority may specify.

(vii) Save as otherwise provided hereinabove, the Appellate Authority may follow the same procedure as laid down in the Goa, Daman and Diu Administrative Tribunal Rules, 1965, for the purpose of presentation and disposal of appeal.

8. (i) The Authority or the Inspection Officer or any other officer authorised by him in this behalf, may enter any licensed premises at any reasonable time to inspect compliance

with the provisions of the Act and/or these terms and conditions.

(ii) The licensee shall provide every reasonable assistance to the Authority or the Inspection Officer in the performance of his duties under sub-clause (I).

(iii) If any person prevents or obstructs the entry of the Authority or the Inspection Officer or any other Officer authorised by him in this behalf, he shall, in addition to any other punishment to, which he may be liable under any law for the time being in force, be punished with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees on conviction before a Magistrate.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.
D. M. Katkar, Under Secretary (Home).

Panaji, 9th November, 1995.

APPENDIX-I
FORM: 'A'

Application Form for grant of Licence/Renewal of Licence for games of Electronic Amusement/slot Machines

- (1) Full name of the applicant:
- (2) Address of the applicant:
 - i) Temporary address
 - ii) Permanent address
- (3) Age of the applicant:
- (4) Occupation:
- (5) Rates of fees proposed to be charged to the customer, Category wise for different types of games:
- (6) No. of machines proposed to be installed:
- (7) Whether the application is for grant of fresh licence or renewal?
IT renewal, previous licence number and date of expiry of the said licence:
- (8) Whether the relevant, fee/tax under any statutory law For the previous period has been cleared and if so, " the Total amount paid (enclose a' copy of the Challan under which the amount has been paid):
- (9) Hours during which the games will be conducted:

Signature of the applicant

Place:

Date:

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Panaji, 12th January, 2016 (Pausa 22, 1937)

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21/2/2013-HD(G)/105

- Ref: (1) Notification No. 2/20/92-HD(G), dated 9-11-1995, published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 34, dated 23-11-1995.
- (2) Notification No. 2/20/92-HD(G), dated 16-10-1996, published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 33, dated 14-11-1996.
- (3) Notification No. 2/20/92-HD(G), dated 29-4-1997, published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 14, dated 3-7-1997.
- (4) Notification No. 2/20/92-HD(G), dated 27-08-1997, published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 25, dated 18-09-1997.
- (5) Notification No. 2/20/92-HD(G), dated 30-11-1999, published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 37, dated 09-12-1999.
- (6) Notification No. 2/20/92-HD(G), dated 20-12-1999, published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 42, dated 13-01-2000.
- (7) Notification No. 2/20/92-HD(G), dated 02-05-2000, published in Official Gazette, Extraordinary No. 3, Series I No. 4, dated 02-05-2000.
- (8) Notification No. 2/1/2001-HD(G), dated 26-07-2001, published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 20, dated 16-08-2001.
- (9) Notification No. 2/1/2001-HD(G), dated 29-11-2002, published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 39, dated 26-12-2002.
- (10) Notification No. 2/1/2001-HD(G), dated 24-07-2003, published in Official Gazette, Extraordinary, Series I No. 17, dated 24-07-2003.
- (11) Notification No. 2/1/2001-HD(G), dated 05-01-2004, published in Official Gazette, Extraordinary, Series I No. 40, dated 05-01-2004.
- (12) Notification No. 2/1/2001-HD(G), dated 12-02-2004, published in Official Gazette, Extraordinary, Series I No. 46, dated 16-02-2004.
- (13) Notification No. 2/1/2001-HD(G), dated 30-03-2004, published in Official Gazette, Extraordinary No. 4, Series I No. 52, dated 31-03-2004.

- (14) Notification No. 2/1/2001-HD(G), dated 08-01-2007, published in Official Gazette, Extraordinary No. 2, Series I No. 41, dated 15-01-2007.
- (15) Notification No. 2/1/2001-HD(G), dated 22-07-2009, published in Official Gazette, Extraordinary, Series I No. 17, dated 23-07-2009.
- (16) Notification No. 2/1/2001-HD(G), dated 31-03-2011, published in Official Gazette, Extraordinary, Series I No. 1, dated 07-04-2011.
- (17) Notification No. 2/1/2001-HD(G), dated 04-11-2011, published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 32, dated 10-11-2011.
- (18) Notification No. 2/1/2001-HD(G), dated 25-05-2012, published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 9, dated 31-05-2012.
- (19) Notification No. 21/9/2012-HD(G), dated 11-09-2012, published in Official Gazette, Extraordinary No. 2, Series I No. 23, dated 12-09-2012.
- (20) Notification No. 21/12/2011-HD(G) dated 21-11-2012, published in Official Gazette, Extraordinary No. 4, Series I No. 33, dated 21-11-2012.
- (21) Notification No. 21/2/2013-HD(G)/3466 dated 17-10-2013, published in Official Gazette, Extraordinary No. 2, Series I No. 29, dated 22-10-2013.
- (22) Notification No. 21/1/2014-HD(G)/1324 dated 28-03-2014, published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 1, dated 03-04-2014.
- (23) Notification No. 21/1/2014-HD(G)/1326 dated 28-03-2014, published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 1, dated 03-04-2014.

- (24) Notification No. 21/3/2015-HD(G)/1992 dated 31-03-2015, published in Official Gazette, Extraordinary, Series I No. 1, dated 02-04-2015.

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 13A of the Goa, Daman and Diu Public Gambling Act, 1976 (Act 14 of 1976), read with section 21 of General Clauses Act, 1897 (Central Act 10 of 1897), the Government of Goa hereby further amends the Government Notification No. 2-20-92-HD(G), dated 9-11-1995, published in the Official Gazette, Series I No. 34, dated 23-11-1995 (hereinafter called the “principal Notification”), as follows:—

In the principal Notification, in condition 5, in clause (iv), after the second proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

“Provided also that the licensee, whose licence has been renewed based on an undertaking given by the licensee for moving out its operations from river Mandovi within a period of two years from the date of the renewal of licence, shall be allowed to operate in river Mandovi for a period from 30-08-2015 to 31-03-2016 or till an alternate site is notified by the Government, whichever is earlier, subject to the condition that such licence is in force during such period.”.

This Notification shall come into force with immediate effect.

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

Neetal P. Amonkar, Under Secretary (Home).
Porvorim, 08th January, 2016.

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Exhibit M

FORM B
LICENCE FOR INSTALLATION OF ELECTRONIC
AMUSEMENTS/ SLOT MACHINES

No. 21/50/97-IID(G)/Part File/1997

District North Goa

This is to certify that Messrs **Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Pvt. Ltd.**, of Panaji, Goa has been authorized and granted a Licence for installation of Electronics Amusement/Slot Machines/Table Games on the terms and conditions prescribed vide Government Notification No. 2-20-92/IID(G) dated 09.11.1995 and as amended from time to time.

This Licence shall be subject to compliance of conditions as specified hereunder and as prescribed under the Government Notification No. 2-20-92/IID(G) dated 09.11.1995 and as amended from time to time in terms of section 13A of the Goa, Daman and Diu Public Gambling Act, 1976 (Act 14 of 1976).

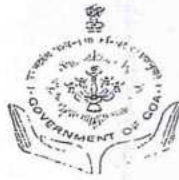
1. The Licensee shall operate the electronic amusement/slot machines/table games only in the vessel "**M. V. Royale Flotel**" bearing registration O. No. KWR-050.
2. The Licensee shall ensure that no inconvenience / disturbance is caused to the other occupants staying at the premises/ vicinity of the premises where the games machines will be operated.
3. The Licensee shall be responsible for providing appropriate facilities to the customers.
4. The Licensee shall pay the requisite fees/tax under any statutory law to the Government before the end of year and before an application is made for the renewal of this license.
5. The Licensee shall extend co-operation to the Authority and to any Officer authorized by the Government for carrying out inspection of the premises and records maintained by him.
6. In case of any contravention of the terms and conditions, of the License or non-cooperation to the Authority or to any Officer authorized by the Government, the license shall be liable for cancellation.

7. The Licensee shall also strictly comply with terms and conditions as prescribed under section 13A of the Goa, Daman and Diu Public Gambling Act, 1976 (Act 14 of 1976) published vide Government notification No. 2-20-92/III(G) dated 09.11.1995 and as amended from time to time including directions/conditions etc. stipulated from time to time.
8. The licence shall be valid only upto 31/03/2017 for operation in the River Mandovi or till an alternate feasible site is finalized by the Government whichever is earlier and thereafter within territorial sea waters of Goa outside river Mandovi.
9. Guidelines issued vide Notification No. 21/12/2011-III(G) dated 07.01.2013 under Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 are required to be strictly complied.
10. The licensee is required to obtain all the permissions/approvals/licences etc. as required under the law before actual commencement of the operation and all direction issued by the State Government from time to time.

Nectal P. Amonkar
(Nectal P. Amonkar)
(Under Secretary (Home))

Date :- 13.06.2016
Place:- Porvorim Goa.





GOVERNMENT OF GOA
HOME DEPARTMENT (GENERAL)
 Secretariat, Porvorim Goa

FORM B

**LICENCE FOR INSTALLATION OF ELECTRONIC
 AMUSEMENTS/ SLOT MACHINES**

No. 21/50/97-HD(G)/Part II

District North Goa

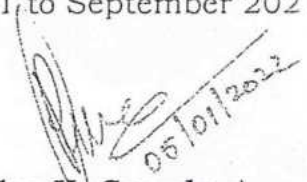
This is to certify that Messrs **Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Private Limited**, Panaji, Goa has been authorized and granted a License for installation of Games of Electronic Amusement/Slot Machines/table games for a period of with effect from 14/06/2021 to 13/06/2026 in the vessel "**M.V. Royale Flotel**" for a passenger capacity of 70, on the terms and conditions as prescribed vide Government Notification No.2-20-92/HD(G) dated 09/11/1995 and as amended from time to time.

This License shall be subject to compliance of conditions as specified hereunder and as prescribed under the Government Notification No.2-20-92/HD(G) dated 09/11/1995 and as amended from time to time in terms of section 13A of the Goa, Public Gambling Act, 1976 (Act 14 of 1976).

1. The Licensee shall operate the electronic amusement/slot machines/table games only in the vessel "**M.V. Royale Flotel**" bearing official no. and Port of Registry PNJ-780 Panaji
2. The Licensee shall ensure that no inconvenience / disturbance is caused to the other occupants staying at the premises/ vicinity of the premises where the games/machines will be operated.
3. The Licensee shall be responsible for providing appropriate safety and facilities to its customers.
4. The Licensee shall pay the requisite fees/tax under any statutory law to the Government before the end of year and before an application is made for the renewal of this license.

Contd...2/-

5. The licensee shall extend co-operation to the Authority and to any Officer authorized by the Government for carrying out inspection of the premises and records maintained by him.
6. In case of any contravention of the terms and conditions of the license or non-cooperation to the Authority or to any Officer authorized by the Government, the license shall be liable for cancellation.
7. The Licensee shall also strictly comply with terms and conditions as prescribed under Section 13A of Goa, Daman and Diu Public Gambling Act, 1976 (Act 14 of 1976) published vide Government notification No. 2-20-92/HD(G) dated 09-11-1995 and as amended from time to time,
8. Guidelines issued vide Notification No. 21/12/2011-HD(G) dated 07.01.2013 under Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 are required to be strictly complied.
9. The license is issued pending verification report of character and antecedents of the Directors. In case the said verification report is found negative, the license shall stand revoked.
10. The licence shall be valid only up to 30/09/2022 for operation in the River Mandovi or till alternate feasible site is finalized by the Government whichever is earlier and thereafter within the territorial sea waters of Goa outside river Mandovi.
11. The Licensee shall comply to the Government order published in the official gazette regarding the schedule of payment of unpaid ARF in respect of period from April 2020 to October 2020 and May 2021 to September 2021


(Pritidas U. Gaonkar)
Under Secretary-I (Home)

Dated: 05/01/2022
Place: Porvorim-Goa.

To,

The Director,
Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Private Limited,
Fisheries Department Building,
D.B. Marg panaji Goa 403001



Place: Panaji

Date: 06-10-2025.

From:

Full name of the Applicant: Mr. Sudip Narayan Tamhankar,

Postal Address of Applicant: R/o. H. No. P-51/S-304 Sai Apartment,

Behind Goa State Co-operative Bank,

Portais Waddo, Reis Magos,

Verem, Bardez - Goa. 403114

Contact Phone No, if any 9552565679; e-mail, if any: sudip.tamankar @rediffmail.com

To,

The state Public Information Officer / Asst. Public Information Officer.

Name of Office/ Department: - Captain of Ports Department,

Government of Goa,

Dayanand Bhandodkar Road,

Panaji, Goa - 403001. India.

Sub: Information under RTI Act, 2005.

Sir/ Madam,

- I. The undersigned hereby requires the following particulars of information.
 - a. Subject matter: Regarding replacement.
 - b. The Period to which the information related: from the year 2000.
 - c. Information Description
 - i. Furnish the certified copies of all the noting sheets and correspondence pages of the file pertains to M/s. Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Pvt. Ltd. in regarding replacement of M.V. Royale Flotel, O.No.PNJ-780 by new vessel in the River Mandovi.
 - ii. Furnish the certified copies of the NOC granted to M/s. Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Pvt. Ltd. in regarding replacement of M.V. Royale Flotel, O.No.PNJ-780 by new vessel in the River Mandovi as per their application dated March 25, 2019.
 - iii. Furnish the certified copies of the letters / applications / request letters along with all the enclosures / Annexures in-warded in your office by M/s. Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Pvt. Ltd. from 01-01-2019 to till date in regarding replacement of M.V. Royale Flotel, O.No.PNJ-780 by new vessel in to Goa.
 - iv. Furnish the certified copies of the noting sheets signifying the proposal, administrative approval / comments, Government of Goa approval / comments,

Law department approval / comments, finance Department approval / comments, advocate general approval / comments and cabinet approval / comments in regarding the file pertains to the point No. i.

- v. Furnish the legible certified copies of the Circular Published by your Department dated 18-07-1996.
- vi. Furnish the information on below mention points in regarding the vessel in place of M.V. Royal Flotel.

- 1) Name of the Builder:-
- 2) Year of Built:-
- 3) LOA(approximate):-
- 4) Beam at Hull(approximate):-
- 5) Depth:-
- 6) Draft:-
- 7) GRT:-
- 8) NRT:-

II. In case the subject matter / any of the information is held by / related to another public authority, you are requested to transfer the application or such part of it as may be appropriate to that other public authority with an intimation to the undersigned (Section 6(3) of RTI Act.).

III. Further, I declared that I am a 'Citizen' of India and I am asking the information as 'Citizen'.


Signature/ Thumb Impression of the applicant.

Name: (Sudip Narayan Tamhankar)

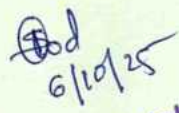

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Captain of Ports Department
Panaji - Goa



Exhibit P

Place: Panaji

Date: 03-11-2025.

From:

Full name of the Applicant: Mr. Sudip Narayan Tamhankar,

Postal Address of Applicant: R/o. H. No. P-51/S-304 Sai Apartment,

Behind Goa State Co-operative Bank,

Portais Waddo, Reis Magos,

Verem, Bardez - Goa. 403114

Contact Phone No, if any 9552565679; e-mail, if any: sudip.tamankar @rediffmail.com

To,

The state Public Information Officer / Asst. Public Information Officer.

Name of Office/ Department: - Under Secretary Home Department,

Government of Goa,

Secretariate Porvorim,

Porvorim, Bardez-Goa.

Sub: Information under RTI Act, 2005.

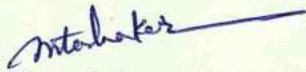


Sir/ Madam,

- I. The undersigned hereby requires the following particulars of information.
 - a. Subject matter: Regarding machines & etc.
 - b. The Period to which the information related: from the year 2000.
 - c. Information Description
 - i. Furnish the Information about the dates on which Government of Goa / Home Department issued Gambling permission / license for each off shore Casinos in river Mandovi.
 - ii. Furnish the information about the dates on which Government of Goa / Home Department renewed the Gambling permission / license issued for each off shore Casino vessel which are anchored in River Mandovi from the date of commencement to till date.
 - iii. Furnish the certified copies of the cabinet approvals obtain for renewal of the Gambling permission / license issued to the each off shore Casino vessel which is anchored in River Mandovi from the date of Commencement to till date.
 - iv. Furnish the information about date on which Gaming Commissioner appointed for off shore Casino vessel which are anchored in River Mandovi along with the details such as (a) names of the Commissioners (b) tenure of each Commissioner (c) dates of visits to off shore Casinos (d) number of violations booked by commissioner from date of appointment to till date.
 - v. Furnish the information about number of gaming machines and other equipment's are purchased by the owners / companies of off shore Casinos which

are anchored in River Mandovi from the date of Commencement of each off shore Casino in River Mandovi to till date.

- vi. Furnish the information about the dates on which Government of Goa Department / Corporation checked the genuineness of the gaming machines and other equipment's which are purchased by the owners / companies of off shore Casinos which are anchored in River Mandovi.
 - vii. Furnish the information about name of Government of Goa Department / Corporation checking the genuineness of the gaming machines and other equipment's which are purchased by the owners / companies of off shore Casinos which are anchored in River Mandovi.
 - viii. Furnish the information about name of Government of Goa Department which Calibrate the gaming Machine and equipment's which are purchased by the owners / companies of off shore Casinos which are anchored in River Mandovi.
 - ix. Furnish the information about the dates on which Government of Goa Department / Corporation Calibrate the gaming machines and other equipment's which are purchased by the owners / companies of off shore Casinos which are anchored in River Mandovi.
 - x. Furnish the information about the fees collected for Calibration of the gaming Machine and equipment's which are purchased by the owners / companies of off shore Casinos which are anchored in River Mandovi.
 - xi. Furnish the year-wise information about Revenue / amount collected towards the license fees and any other type of revenue collected from Casino vessel owners / companies from the date of commencement of each Casino to till date.
- II. In case the subject matter / any of the information is held by / related to another public authority, you are requested to transfer the application or such part of it as may be appropriate to that other public authority with an intimation to the undersigned (Section 6(3) of RTI Act.).
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Signature/ Thumb Impression of the applicant.

Name: (Sudip Narayan Tamhankar)



**CAPTAIN OF PORTS DEPARTMENT
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BY REGD. A.D.

No. A-11060/ (1838)/4052

Dated: 15/10/2025.

✓ Mr. Sudip Narayan Tamhankar
H. No. P-51/S-304 Sai Apartment,
Behind Goa State Co-operative Bank,
Portais Waddo, Reis Magos,
Verem, Bardez, Goa- 403114.

Subject: Intimation for collection of information under the Right to Information Act, 2005.

References: Your application dated 06/10/2025.

With reference to the above, you are kindly requested to call on the undersigned during working hours with prior appointment, so as to make the payment of Rs. 84/- (Rupees Eighty Four Only) towards the information fees.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

(Ram Asare M. Gupta)

Hydrographic Surveyor/Public Information Officer
Captain of Ports Department
Panaji-Goa

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BY HAND

No. A-11060/ (1838)/4053

Dated: 15/10/2025.

Mr. Sudip Narayan Tamhankar
H. No. P-51/S-304 Sai Apartment,
Behind Goa State Co-operative Bank,
Portais Waddo, Reis Magos,
Verem, Bardez, Goa- 403114.

Subject: Supply of Information under the Right to Information Act, 2005, regarding.

References: (i) Your application dated 06/10/2025.

(ii) This office letter No. A-11060/(1838)/ 4052 dated 15/10/2025.

With reference to your application requesting for information under the Right to Information Act, 2005, the information as received by the concerned dealing hand is enclosed herewith.

Thanking you,

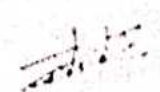
Yours faithfully,


(Ram Asare M. Gupta)

Hydrographic Surveyor/Public Information Officer
Captain of Ports Department
Panaji-Goa

Enclosed: As Above. (42 pages).

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Public Information Officer
Captain of Ports Department
Panaji-Goa



Government of Goa
DEPARTMENT OF HOME (GENERAL)
 SECRETARIAT, Porvorim – Goa

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No. 21/9/2021-HD(G)/Vol. I/RTI/455

Dated: 17.02.2026

To,

✓ Mr. Sudip Narayan Tamhankar,
 R/o. H. No. P-51/S-304 Sai Apartment,
 Behind Goa State Co-operative Bank,
 Portais Waddo, Reis Magos,
 Verem, Bardez Goa. 403114
 Mobile No.9552565679.

Sub: Information under Right to information Act- 2005.

Sir,

I am refer to your RTI application dated 03/11/2025 and subsequent, discussion held on 09.12.2025 in this department, on the subject cited above and to enclose herewith the following information as requested vide your letter dated 17/02/2026, under Right to Information Act, 2005:

i	Furnish the Information about the dates on which Government of Goa / Home Department issued Gambling permission / license for each off shore Casinos in river Mandovi	} Details are enclosed at Annexure- I.
ii	Furnish the information about the dates on which Government of Goa / Home Department renewed the Gambling permission/license issued for each off shore Casino vessel which are anchored in River Mandovi from the date of commencement to till date.	

Yours faithfully,

(Signature)
 17/02/2026
 (Vanessa D' Cunha e D' Souza)
 Section Officer (Home)/P.I.O

C. C:

1. Office copy.
2. Guard file.

DELTA PLEASURE CRUISE COMPANY PVT. LTD.

Admin. Office: Fisheries Dept. Building,
D.B. Marg, Panaji, Goa 403 001. Tel: (0832) 2433200. Fax: (0832)2433201

Captain of Ports Department
Panaji - Goa

November 26, 2019

To,
The Captain of Ports,
Captain of Ports Department,
D. Bandodkar Road,
Panaji-Goa.

Entry No. 11998
Date: 27/11/19

Sub: Application to grant in principle approval to bring in a new vessel in place of M.V. Royale Flotel.

Dear Sir,

Ref: Your letter bearing no. B.11039/DPCCPL/950 dated March 26, 2019 ("said Letter").

We refer to our letter dated April 03, 2019 on captioned subject and in continuation of the same, we wish to inform your good Authority we have now identified a vessel for purchase in place of M.V. Royale Flotel. The vessel which we have identified has the following particulars mentioned below:-

1. Name of the Builder: Service Marine Industries, Gibson, LA, USA **Issued under the R.T.I. Act, 2005⁷**
2. Year of Built: 1998
3. Length: 132.25 Mts
4. Breadth: 26.82 Mts
5. Depth: 4.57 Mts
6. Draft: 3.0 Mts
7. GT- 20442
8. NT- 7136


Public Information Officer
Captain of Ports Department
Panaji-Goa


We request your good Authority to kindly grant us your No-objection to acquire and bring a new vessel within the next six months as per specification mentioned above.

Thanking you,

Yours truly,
For Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Private Limited,


Authorized Signatory.


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Captain of Ports Department

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No. B 11039/DPCCPL/65

Dated:- 03/01/2020.

To,
M/s. Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Pvt. Ltd.,
Delta Centre, H.No. 850,
NH 17, Porvorim - Goa, 403527.


Sub- Application to grant in-principle approval to bring in a new vessel
in place of M.V. Royale Flotel, O.No. PNJ - 780.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 26/11/2019 on the above cited subject, this is to inform that the Government approval is hereby conveyed to bring a new vessel in place of M.V. Royale Flotel, O.No. PNJ - 780 subject to following terms and conditions.

1. Company should inform well in advance about the arrival of new vessel in place of M.V. Royale Flotel, O.No. PNJ - 780.
2. The vessel should be registered with the concerned authority before entering in Inland Waters of Goa.
3. The vessel shall have a valid insurance policy at all times.
4. The vessel should be moored at a place decided/earmarked by the Government.
5. The vessel should not create any obstruction to channel, other vessels for smooth movement.
6. Plying of the vessel, in question, would be risk of the Owners/Masters.
7. The company should submit the below mentioned certificates/documentation and drawings.
 - a) Certificate of Registry.
 - b) Certificate of Survey.


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Panaji-Goa

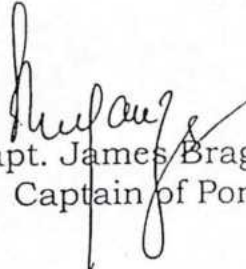
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- c) Certificate of Class.
 - d) Memorandum & Article of Association/Deed of Partnership/ Proprietorship / Registration of firms etc.
 - e) Registration Forms duly filled in all respect on payment of fees as prescribed under the rules.
 - f) Vessel drawings for approval on payment of fees as prescribed under the rules.
8. The vessel should be made available for inspection as and when Captain of Ports desires.
9. Captain of Ports reserves the right to withdraw the NOC incase the party suppressed the facts or violated the conditions.

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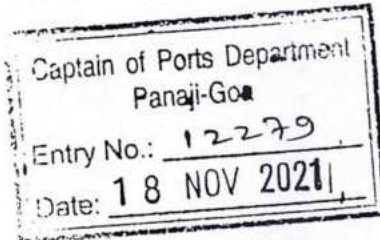

Public Information Officer
Captain of Ports Department
Panaji-Goa

Yours faithfully,


(Capt. James Braganza)
Captain of Ports

DELTA PLEASURE CRUISE COMPANY PVT. LTD.

Admin. Office: Fisheries Dept. Building,
D.B. Marg, Panaji, Goa 403 001. Tel: (0832) 2433200. Fax: (0832)2433201

November 17th, 2020

To,
The Captain of Ports,
Captain of Ports Department,
D.B Road, Panaji, Goa.


Sub: Application for grant of in-principle no-objection to bring in a new vessel in place of M.V. Royale Flotel.

Dear Sir,


We Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Private Limited wish to inform your good Authority that we have now decided to build a brand new vessel in one of India's leading shipyards to replace the said Vessel M.V.Royale Flotel. The details of the proposed vessel has the following particulars:


1. Name of Builder : M/s Waterways Shipyard Pvt Ltd.
2. Location of Yard : Hungarcutta, Udupi
3. Year of Build : 2023
4. Length : 112.0M
5. Breadth : 28.0M
6. Depth : 5.70M
7. Draft : 3.00M

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Public Information Officer
Captain of Ports Department
Panaji-Goa

We have been inspired to take this step in keeping with our Hon'ble Prime Minister's MAKE IN INDIA program as well as the latest initiative "Be vocal for local". As you are aware, this Government of India national program is designed to facilitate investment, foster innovation, enhance skill development, protect intellectual property and build best in class manufacturing infrastructure in the country and is now stressing a lot on self-reliance. 'Go and sell in any country of the world, but manufacture here' - the program motto that we intend to support and stand by. It is important to note that building this vessel in India will create huge employment opportunities and give support to ancillary industries starting from steel, to glass to paint to furniture and other building materials for a vessel of this size.


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22/11/21
23/11/21
Santosh

We are building a modern, state of the art vessel of international standards. We are at the initial stages of construction of the new vessel and will share drawings and further details of the vessel as we progress further in the matter.

Needless to add, the new vessel will comply with all marine requirements as per applicable laws. We request that the new vessel be permitted to be moored in the current mooring position of M.V.Horseshoe Casino, which vessel in turn can be shifted to the current mooring position of M.V.Casino Royale and M.V.Casino Royale can be shifted to the mooring position of M.V.Royale Flotel. We therefore request your good Authority to kindly grant us your in-principle approval for the mooring permission for the same as stated above.

Thanking you,

Yours truly,

For Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Private Limited,



Authorised Signatory.

Issued under the R.T.I. Act, 2005



Public Information Officer
Captain of Ports Department
Panaji-Goa


Captain of Ports Department,
Panaji – Goa.

Dated: - 24/11/2021.

Sub:- Application for grant of in-principal no-objection to bring in a new vessel in place of M.V. Royale Flotel.

M/s. Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Pvt. Ltd., vide their letter dated 17/11/2020 have informed this office that they have now decided to build a brand new vessel in India's leading shipyards to replace the M.V. Royale Flotel, O.No. PNJ-780. The following particulars of the vessel as mentioned below:

1. Name of Builder: M/s. Waterways Shipyard Pvt. Ltd. **Issued under the R.T.I. Act, 2005**
2. Location of Yard: Hungarcutta, Udupi.
3. Year of Build: 2023.
4. Length: 112.0 M.
5. Breadth: 28.0 M.
6. Depth: 5.70 M
7. Draft: 3.00 M.


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Captain of Ports Department
Panaji-Goa

Further, M/s. Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Pvt. Ltd., have requested this office to grant in-principal approval for the mooring permission to the new vessel be permitted to be moored in the current mooring position of M.V. Horseshoe Casino, which vessel in turn can be shifted to the current mooring position of M.V. Casino Royale, and M.V. Casino Royale can be shifted to the mooring position of M.V. Royale Flotel. May, please be seen at page from 1/C to 2/C.

It is submitted that this office vide letter no. B 11039/DPCCPI./65 dated 03/01/2020 has informed M/s. Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Pvt. Ltd., that the Government approval has been conveyed to bring a new vessel in place of M.V. Royale Flotel, O.No. PNJ-780. May, please be seen at pages from 3/C to 4/C.

It is also submitted that for the safety of navigation, this Department had restricted the length of vessel upto 90 M. However, most of the vessels have restricted their length upto 70 M to avoid Navigational Hazards at bends and at bridges. Further the shipyard owners were given permission on case to case basis to construct vessels upto 120 M for operations in other State/Country vide this office circular dated 18.7.1996. May, please be seen at page from 5/C to 6/C.

In view of the above, since this is a specialized vessel used for operating casino we may refer this matter to the Government whether to consider the request

of the company to grant in-principal approval for the mooring permission to the new vessel be permitted to be moored in the current mooring position of M.V. Horseshoe Casino, which vessel in turn can be shifted to the current mooring position of M.V. Casino Royale, and M.V. Casino Royale can be shifted to the mooring position of M.V. Royale Flotel, provided that they comply with all the formalities under Inland Vessels Act, 1917 and rules framed thereunder. However the vessel should ensure safety when moored in the river against inclement weather conditions.

Submitted for Government information and decision.

D.H. (Santosh Shejwadkar) *24/11/21*

H.C. (Laxmi Lad) *24/11/2021*

Such length of vessel has never entered the Aqueda channel - if it enters safely the mooring position may be allotted. However higher authorities may wish to decide

25/11/21
Dy. C.O.P. (Capt. Premlal Sirsajker)

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Panaji-Goa

Rodrigues
25/11/2021
M.E.S.S. (Shri. Octavio A. Rodrigues)

~~C.O.P. (Capt. James Braganza)~~

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25/11/2021

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C.O.P. (Capt. James Braganza)

Fresh Application dt 17/11/2020 and inwards on 18/11/2021 placed at 2/c be seen seeking permission of a new vessel with dimensions as at pgs 1/N

3/N.

Ref be made to circular dt 18/7/96. placed at file re the dimension of vessels operating/ building in the P. Waters of Goa.

The vessel (subject) which they intend constructing & requesting to bring in the Maudon may create a navigational hazard due to so many vessels clustered creating a bottle neck at the position requested by the company. More so because of its huge dimension as mentioned in their letter.

However higher authorities / Government may decide

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Submitted.

Public Information Officer
Captain of Ports Department
Panaji-Goa

25/11/21

(P-70)

SEC (PORTS) -

Office of Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Ports) Secretariat-Panaji-Goa
Forward No.: 20711F
Date: 25/11/2021

Ref be made to circular dt 18/7/96 placed at 6/c rdgs the dimension of vessels operating/ building in the I. waters of Goa

The vessel (subject) which they intend construction & requesting to bring in the Mandovi may create a navigational hazard due to so many vessels clustered creating a bottle neck at the position requested by the company. More so because of its huge dimensions as mentioned in their letter

However higher authorities/ government may decide

Submitted

Sd/-

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25/11/21

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Sec (Ports)


Office of Secretary (Ports)

From the notings it is seen the request of the applicant M/s. Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Private Limited, Porvorim is as under:-

1. Replacement of M. V. Casino Royale Flotel with a new Vessel with following particulars:-

Name of Builder : M/s. Waterways Shipyard Pvt. Ltd.
 Location of Yard : Hungarcutta, Udupi
 Year of Build : 2023
 Length : 112.0Mts
 Breadth : 28.0Mts
 Depth : 5.70Mts
 Draft : 3.00Mts

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 Captain of Ports Department
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2. The new vessel be permitted to be moored in the current mooring position of M. V. Horseshoe Casino, which vessel in turn can be shifted to the current mooring position of M.V. Casino Royale and M. V. Casino Royale can be shifted to the mooring position of M.V. Royale Flotel.

My observation are as under:-

1. The circular dated 18/07/96 enclosed at 6/C talks about maximum length, breadth and draft of barges to ply in River Mandovi and Zuari as under
 Length - 90 mts.
 Breadth - 16 mts.
 Draft 3.2 mts.
 In case to case basis shipyard can be built large diamension vessels from 90 to 120 mts. with prior permission.
2. No clear cut policy is available with Captain of Ports how big vessels can be brought in and marooned in goan waters (inland water channels).

The Department views are already given on the present request. After discussing with the Captain of Ports, the following issues have come up:-

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- a) There is going to be navigational hazards in case their new vessel is permitted to bring in which is big in length, breadth and depth.
- b) There are no clear guidelines how big size Vessel can be brought in.
- c) There could be more applicants in future of this type.

As there are technical and safety issues involved, I am of the opinion that before considering the applicant request technical feasibility needs to be conducted by the technical experts to ascertain what maximum size vessels could be brought inside Zuari, Mandovi and other goan inland waters, keeping in view the navigational safety of the vessels etc. This will ensure free channel movement besides safety of other vessels. Thereafter a policy could be finalized to consider such requests.

In view of the meeting held on 07-10-2020 under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, as this involves major policy decision may bring to the notice of Hon'ble Chief Minister for information and necessary directions.

Submitted for information please.

(P. S. Reddy) 26/11/21
 Comm-cum -Secretary (Ports)

Hon. Minister (Ports)

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 8/12/21

Hon. CM.

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(P.S. Reddy)

Comm-cum-Secretary (Ports)

Honble CM may like to take decision

Sd/-

8/12/21

No. I - 11029/1848

Government of Goa,
 Captain of Ports Department,
 Panaji Goa.
 Dated: - 18.7.1996.

C I R C U L A R

Plying of bigger barges with draught of more than 1.85 mtrs. limited to 3.20 mtrs. will be subject to the following conditions:

- 1 - All the owners/operators of barges of bigger dimensions to keep simplified copies of charts provided by Captain of Ports Department. Their Masters should be educated and trained to read the charts for safety of their vessels during navigation. The owners/operators should submit compliance and feedback report to this Department within three months.
- 2 - The Builders should obtain prior approval of the Captain of Ports to ply within the navigable limits of River Zuari and Mandovi. The maximum dimensions to ply within the navigable limits of the river zuari only upto Borim bridge for a single voyage should be as follows:-

Length (QA)	: 90 metres.
Breadth	: 16 metres.
& Loaded draft	: 3.2 metres.

Further the owners of the existing large ship building yards have to obtain prior permission of the Captain of ports in a case to case basis to construct vessels with large dimensions from 90 to 120 mtrs.

The vessels of 60 metres and over should be provided with and also comply with:-

- 1 - Walkies Talkies (at least Two).
- 2 - Powered windlasses.
- 3 - Powered steering gears/power assist steering gears.
- 4 - Test certificates showing/particulars of weights of anchors of size and weight of cable and of the test loads applied are to be examined by the surveyors when the anchors and cable are placed on board the vessels.
- 5 - VHF communication system 3 channels (16+2 channels)
- 6 - Maintain even keel when loaded.
- 7 - The enhanced dimensions should have appropriate engine power not only for propulsion but stern power, crash stop, minimum turning circle and good manoeuvrability.

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8 - (a) All derated engines to be brought back to designated H.P. by 1997, and necessary correction incorporated in the Registration Certificate.

(b) Maning as per size/HP above 565 duly qualified as per I.V. Act & Rules.

9 - Overtaking in the river is totally prohibited.

10 - Maximum and Minimum speed to be regulated.

11 - Ship repairs and construction of vessels of larger dimensions may be allowed as aforesaid and voyage permission given on case to case basis, provided:-

i. Vessel is ready in all respects for stea.

ii. Tug to be used as required/directed.

iii. Undertaking to be furnished by the companies for immediate removal of rock/hampering of freeway due to grounding/stranded.

iv. River pilots duly approved by the Captain of Ports to be on board and employed for every sailing.

v. Above requirements are in addition to the requirements of Vessels of 60 metres and over.

(Capt. A.P. Mascarenhas)
Captain of Ports.

Forwarded to:-

1. All Barge Owners.
2. The Dy. Conservator, M.P.T. Mormugao.
3. The Director of Fisheries, Panaji.
4. The Director of Information, Panaji.
5. The Goa Barge Owners Assn., Vasco da Gama.
6. The Goa Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Panaji.
7. All India Radio.
8. The Goa Mineral Ore Exporters Assn., Panaji.
9. The Dy. Captain of Ports, Mormugao Goa.
10. The river Navigation Department, Panaji.
11. The Federation of All India Sailing Vessels, Bombay.
12. The Mercantile Marine Department, Mormugao.
13. The Chairman, Mandovi Fishermen Marketing Co-op-Society Ltd., Panaji.
14. The Principal, Maritime School, Britona, Panaji.
15. The Chief Engineer (MBP), Mandovi Bridge Project, Altinho.
16. The Chief Engineer, P.W.D., Altinho, Panaji.
17. The Development Commissioner, Panaji.
18. The Under Secretary, (PW&UD), P.W.D., and Urban Development Department, Sectt., Panjim.
19. The Chief Secretary, Sectt., Panaji.
20. The P.S. to Governor of Goa, Panaji.
21. The P.S. to Hon. Minister for I.W.T. Sectt., Panaji.
22. The P.S. to Secretary (Transport), Panaji.
23. The Incharge, Marine Slipway, Britona.
24. The Office copy.

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Captain of Ports Department,
Panaji - Goa.

Dated:- 17/09/2024.

[Signature]
Public Information Officer
Captain of Ports Department
Panaji-Goa

O/Note

Placed opposite letter received from Indian Registrar of Shipping, Mumbai, along with its enclosures regarding exemption from the requirement of Life Saving Appliances in respect of new vessel Yard No. 178 owned by M/s. Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Pvt. Ltd. in replacement of Casino vessel M.V. Royal Flotel constructed at Waterways Shipyard Ltd., Udupi. May, please be seen at pages 64/C to 42/C.

Further, it is to informed that in the said letter at point No. 6 (page 63/C), it is stated that the vessel is permanently moored at one location, nature of operation of the vessel and as additional passenger boats will be readily available at the near vicinity of the ship for rescue operations, in case of emergency. Owners request towards exemption from the requirement of Life Saving Appliances may be favorably considered in accordance with Rule 6(1)(a) of Inland Vessels (Life Saving Appliances) Rules, 2022. Copy of I.V. LSA Rules, 2022 is placed at pages 67/C to 63/C.

Submitted for COP's information and further directives please.

[Signature] D.H. 17/9/24
 H.C. 17/9/24
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 be seen
 COP We may call the owners along with IRS Representative for the
 discussion on 'X'.
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 17/9/24
 H.C.
 D.H. AS directed, letter addressed to M/s.
 Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Pvt. Ltd., is placed
 opposite for COP's signature please.
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 H.C. 17/9/24
[Signature] COP 17/9/24

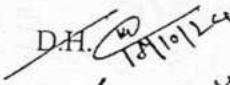
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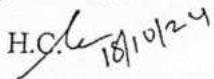
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In response to the letter dated 02/09/2024 received from Sr. Principal Surveyor, Indian Registrar of Shipping (IRS), Mumbai regarding exemption from the requirement of Life Saving appliances in respect of new vessel constructed at Waterways Shipyard Ltd, (Yard No-178) owned by M/s. Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Pvt. Ltd. A meeting was conducted on 26/09/2024 in presence of officials from COP Department, IRS Representatives & Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Pvt. Ltd. to discuss on the same.

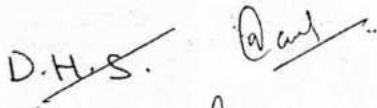
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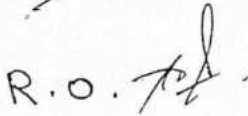
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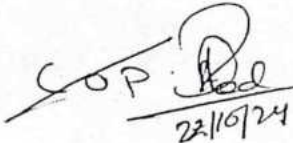
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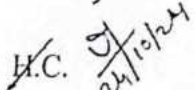



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As per the approved minutes of the meeting and as directed by COP, D.F.A. letter addressed to Sr. Principal Surveyor, IRS Mumbai regarding considering the request of M/s. Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Pvt. Ltd. for exemption from the requirement of Life Saving appliances in respect of their new vessel (Yard No. 178) for COP's approval.

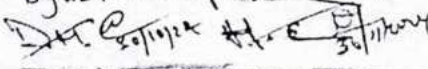
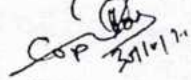
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H.C.  24/10/24


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COP we may call the owners alongwith IRS _____ for the discussion on 'X' Sd/- 17/9/24

HC

D.H. As directed letter addressed to M/s Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Pvt. Ltd. is placed opposite for COP's Signature please Sd/- 17/9/24

D.H.

As approved ___ copies are put up for COP's Signature please

DH Sd/- 30/10/24 H.C. Sd/- 30/11/2024 COP Sd/- 30/10/24

From:

Mr. Sudip Narayan Tamankar,
R/o. H. No. P-51 / S-304 Sai Apartment,

Behind Goa State Co-operative Bank,

Portais Waddo, Reis Magos,

Verem, Bardez - Goa. 403114

Contact No: - 09552565679

Date: - 27/10/2025

To,
The Captain of Ports,
Captain of Ports Department,
Government of Goa,
Panaji, Goa.

Sub: - To disclose the actual and factual decision taken by the Government with regard to the new vessel Y-178 built by M/s. Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Pvt. Ltd.,

Sir,

The undersigned is involved in taking up various issues from society in larger public interest; also working to reduce the rampant corruption happening in the Government offices and Government level. The undersigned have also filed various complaints and Public Litigation Petitions before the J.M.F.C. Court, Session Court, Hon'ble High Court of Bombay at Goa, Hon'ble Supreme Court of India as also taking up the environmental issues before the National Green Tribunal. The undersigned work hard for Implementation of Right to Information Act, 2005; also taken part aggressively in agitation for appointment of Lokayukta and implementation of Lokayukta Bill for the State of Goa.

The undersigned hereby place the following points for kind determination and consideration: -

1. The undersigned has in-warded applications under Right to Information Act, 2005 dated 11/06/2019, 12/10/2020 and 16/05/2024 requesting noting sheets and correspondence pages of file pertaining to M/s. Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Pvt. Ltd. regarding replacement of M.V. Royale Flotel, O.P. No. PNJ-780 by new vessel in the River Mandovi.
2. The undersigned states that as per the noting sheets provided for the above-mentioned applications under Right to Information Act, the permission for replacement of M.V. Royale Flotel, O.P. No. PNJ-780 by new vessel in the River Mandovi was rejected on the basis of circular dated 18/07/1996.
3. The undersigned states that the undersigned in-warded letter dated 06/10/2025 asking the same information in your office but unfortunately from the information furnished to the undersigned under Right to Information Act, it is seen that the original file in which the permission

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was rejected is kept aside and new file is created from 24/11/2021 to adhere to the needs of M/s. Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Pvt. Ltd.

4. The undersigned brings to your notice that para 2 of the Circular dated 18/07/1996 clearly speaks about the particulars of the vessel, as under: -

Length OA	-	90 metres
Breadth	-	16 metres
Loaded draft	-	3.2 metres

It is mentioned in abovesaid Circular that "*Further the owners of the existing large ship building yards have to obtain prior permission of the Captain of Ports in a case-to-case basis to construct vessels with large dimensions from 90 to 120 metres*". However, it is revealed from the papers furnished under Right to information Act that in the present case the builder M/s. Waterways Shipyard Pvt. Ltd., Hungarcutta Udipi who has built vessel for M/s. Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Pvt. Ltd., has neither in-warded letter nor obtained permission from Captain of Ports for building vessel of large dimensions for M/s. Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Pvt. Ltd.

5. The undersigned states that the application dated 17/11/2020 of M/s. Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Pvt. Ltd., has requested permission for mooring the new vessel in the current mooring position of M.V. Horseshoe Casino, which vessel in turn can be shifted to the current mooring position of M.V. Casino Royale and M.V. Casino Royale can be shifted to the mooring position of M.V. Royale Flotel.
6. The undersigned states that as per noting sheet 1/N, the Captain of Ports Department has referred the matter of M/s. Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Pvt. Ltd. for mooring the vessel as mentioned in para 5 above and from letter dated 14/10/2022 addressed to M/s. Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Pvt. Ltd. by Captain of Ports, the Government approval is conveyed to bring new vessel in place of M.V. Royale Flotel, O. No. PNJ-780.
7. The undersigned states that by violating / by over-ruling the permission issued vide letter dated 14/10/2022, it is presently learnt that M/s. Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Pvt. Ltd. is in the process of anchoring /

mooring the abovesaid vessel at Reis Magos behind the Hanuman temple which is opposed by the local residents of the area and due to the oppose from the residents, presently the work has been temporarily stopped.

8. The undersigned states that before granting permission to the said vessel, the navigational safety of the vessel etc. and also ensuring free channel movement besides safety of other vessels was required to be taken into account. It is seen that when the file was processed for grant of administrative approval, no officer of Captain of Ports Department has conveyed any positive approach but have raised one doubt or the other. The Dy. COP was of the opinion that the vessel of such length has never entered the Aguada channel and raised safety issues. However, by-passing all the objections / issues raised by the officials, the then Ports Minister and the Chief Minister arbitrarily without checking the technical feasibility and without obtaining technical report by engaging technical experts have taken decision to grant mooring permission, which is against the larger public interest.
9. The undersigned states that M/s. Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Pvt. Ltd., is very well aware / confident that they will get approval as per their wish so they have spent Rupees 120 crores in building the said vessel (Y-178) and to fool the general public, the Captain of Ports Department has obtained indemnity bond on stamp paper of Rs. 100/- from M/s. Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Pvt. Ltd., stating that they take full responsibility that the plying of the new vessel would be at the risk of the owners. Further, they also stated that their vessel will not create any obstruction to the channel, other vessels for smooth movement during navigation.
10. The undersigned states that it is learnt from noting sheet no. 11/N that for allocation of mooring location for new vessel Y-178 in river Mandovi, the report has been prepared with the help of GPS Co-ordinates and have identified the mooring buoys and were also verified. It was then confirmed that the proposed mooring position of the buoys would not cause hindrance to the transit line. But surprisingly on noting sheet no. 13/N, it is seen that the Department has decided to issue in-principal temporary mooring NOC for new vessel (Y-178) in River Mandovi.

11. The undersigned states that the decision of issuing temporary mooring NOC has created fear and anxiety in the minds of the common person as to why temporary mooring NOC is issued to new vessel (Y-178) since M/s. Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Pvt. Ltd., has requested and obtained permission to get the new vessel (Y-178) in place of M.V. Royale Flotel, O.P. No. PNJ-780 in the River Mandovi and asked mooring of the new vessel (Y-178) in the current mooring position of M.V. Horseshoe Casino, which vessel in turn can be shifted to the current mooring position of M.V. Casino Royale and M.V. Casino Royale can be shifted to the mooring position of M.V. Royale Flotel.
12. The undersigned states that the permission from Goa Pollution Control Board is also not sought in the present case since there will be sound pollution and other various types of pollutions will occur due to mooring and operating of the said vessel, which will affect the local public very badly.
13. The undersigned states that the mooring of the abovesaid vessel behind Hanuman Temple, Reis Magos will disturb the biodiversity as also flora and fauna of the location. It is seen from the documents obtained under Right to information Act that the Captain of Ports have not obtained report from Bio-diversity Board before granting mooring permission to the said vessel.
14. The undersigned also bring to your notice that to reduce pollution in River Mandovi, the undersigned has approached the National Green Tribunal by filing application no. 228/2013 and after the order of National Green Tribunal in application no. 228/2013, the committee is being constituted to check the system and the pollution in River Mandovi is partly controlled but launching of new floating Casinos in River Mandovi, Government will create man-made disaster in River Mandovi and also will create navigational hazard.
15. The undersigned states that there are fishermen who are wholly dependent on their day-to-day activities to earn bread and butter for their families and providing education to their children, etc. There are also local residents who are engaged in collecting shrimps, mussels, oysters, etc for

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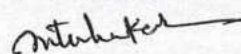
their daily earnings from their locality. The undersigned states that if M/s. Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Pvt. Ltd., is permitted to anchor / mooring its vessel behind Hanuman Temple, Reis Magos, the daily activities of the locals will be disturbed and they will suffer badly to earn their livelihood.

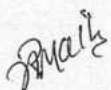
16. The undersigned states that from the points discussed above, it is very much clear that initially the matter was regarding replacement of M.V. Royale Flotel, O.P. No. PNJ-780 by new vessel Y-178 in the River Mandovi, however later part of the documents reveal that the Government has intentions to start new floating Casino in River Mandovi as can be seen from the present movement of dredging in River Mandovi behind Hanuman temple at Reis Magos by M/s. Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Pvt. Ltd., for mooring / anchoring its new vessel Y-178.

In this regard, the undersigned requests your good-self to clear the fear and anxiety from the minds of people residing in Reis Magos area by disclosing the actual and factual decision taken by the Government with regard to the new vessel (Y-178) and registered under No. M.V. Deltin Royale, O. No. PNJ-1008 brought by M/s. Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Pvt. Ltd., which is ready for final undocking / launching and registered under the registration no. M.V. Deltin Royale, O. No. PNJ-1008.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully,


(Sudip Narayan Tamankar)


Despatcher
Captain of Ports Departm.
Panaji - Goa
27/10/2025

From:

Mr. Sudip Narayan Tamankar,
R/o. H. No. P-51 / S-304 Sai Apartment,
Behind Goa State Co-operative Bank,
Portais Waddo, Reis Magos,
Verem, Bardez - Goa. 403114

Contact No: - 09552565679

Date: - 06/11/2025

To,
The Captain of Ports,
Captain of Ports Department,
Government of Goa,
Panaji, Goa.

ADDENDUM

Sub: - To revert back decision of granting permission to M/s. Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Pvt. Ltd., for mooring new Cassino Vessel in River Mandovi behind Hanuman Temple, Reis Magos, Verem Bardez Goa.

Sir,

1. The undersigned has in-warded letter dated 27/10/2025 in your office on the subject cited above and was waiting to meet you personally to discuss on the said issue, however you were not available in your office and telephonically you informed that you were busy with the function in Mumbai being 'Marine Day'.
2. The undersigned on 30/10/2025 at 11 a.m. visited your office and placed before you the fear and anxiety in the minds of the undersigned and villagers of Reis Magos, Verem about mooring of new casino vessel by M/s. Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Pvt. Ltd., which is ready for final undocking / launching and registered under the registration no. M.V. Deltin Royale, O. No. PNJ-1008 with your department.
3. The undersigned states that the undersigned placed two points of illegalities as under: -
 - a) The undersigned brought to your notice that para 2 of the Circular dated 18/07/1996 clearly speaks about the particulars of the vessel, as under: -

Length OA	-	90 metres
Breadth	-	16 metres
Loaded draft	-	3.2 metres

It is mentioned in abovesaid Circular that "Further the owners of the existing large ship building yards have to obtain prior permission of the Captain of Ports in a case-to-case basis to construct vessels with large dimensions from 90 to 120 metres". However, it is revealed from the papers furnished under Right to information Act that in the present case the builder M/s. Waterways Shipyard Pvt. Ltd., Hungarcutta Udipi who has built vessel for M/s. Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Pvt. Ltd., has

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neither in-warded letter nor obtained permission from Captain of Ports for building vessel of large dimensions for M/s. Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Pvt. Ltd.

- b) The undersigned states that the application dated 17/11/2020 of M/s. Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Pvt. Ltd., makes mention of permission for mooring the new vessel in the current mooring position of M.V. Horseshoe Casino, which vessel in turn can be shifted to the current mooring position of M.V. Casino Royale and M.V. Casino Royale can be shifted to the mooring position of M.V. Royale Flotel.
4. The undersigned states that while discussing on point (b) as mentioned above, you were of the opinion that the loaded draft of the abovesaid vessel is more than M.V. Cassino Horseshoe, so it is difficult to grant permission for mooring the abovesaid new vessel in place of M.V. Cassino Horseshoe.
 5. The undersigned states that the undersigned is suggesting you to give instructions to M/s. Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Pvt. Ltd., to start dredging where Cassino M.V. Horseshoe is anchored to gain the loaded draft as convenient for mooring the said new vessel.
 6. The undersigned states that the permission from Goa Pollution Control Board is also not sought in the present case since there will be sound pollution and other various types of pollutions that will occur due to mooring and operating of the said vessel, which will affect the local public very badly.
 7. The undersigned states that the mooring of the abovesaid vessel behind Hanuman Temple, Reis Magos will disturb the biodiversity as also flora and fauna of the location. It is seen from the documents obtained under Right to information Act that the Captain of Ports have not obtained report from Bio-diversity Board before granting mooring permission to the said vessel.
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 9. The undersigned also bring to your notice that to reduce pollution in River Mandovi, the undersigned has approached the National Green Tribunal by filing application no. 228/2013 in which the NGT in its Order No. 1 dated 03/09/2013, the direction was issued to the Government not to grant any permission for any new establishment of offshore casinos in River Mandovi and in final order dated 06/05/2014 of National Green Tribunal in application no. 228/2013, the committee is being constituted to check the system. The undersigned states that due to checking by the committee

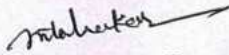
constituted, the pollution in River Mandovi is partly controlled but launching of new floating Casinos in River Mandovi, Government is creating man-made disaster in River Mandovi and also will create navigational hazard.

10. The undersigned states that from the points discussed above on 30/10/2025 with you, it is very much understood that you are also of the opinion to grant mooring permission for abovesaid new Cassino Vessel behind the Hanuman Temple in Reis Magos, Verem in River Mandovi.

In this regard, the undersigned requests your good-self to revert back your decision of mooring the said new Cassino Vessel behind Hanuman Temple at Reis Magos, in larger public interest and to avoid agitation from Villagers of Reis Magis, Verem, and also it is requested to grant permission as per their request letter dated 17/11/2020.

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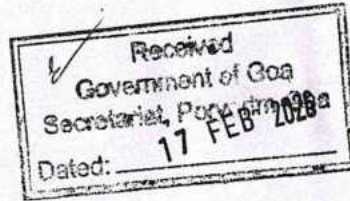
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Verem, Bardez - Goa. 403114
Contact No: - 09552565679
Date: - 17/02/2026

To,
The Chief Secretary,
Government of Goa,
Porvorim Secretariat,
Porvorim, Bardez - Goa.



Sub: - Demand to shift the existing 06 Off Shore Casino Vessels operating in River Mandovi and objection to granting permission to M/s. Delta Pleasure Cruise Company Pvt. Ltd., for mooring new Cassino Vessel M. V. Deltin Royale, O.No. PNJ-1008, in River Mandovi.

Sir,

1. The undersigned has in-warded letter dated 27/10/2025 and addendum dated 06/11/2025 in the office of Captain of Ports on the subject cited above at the time when the Government had decided to grant permission for mooring / anchoring the abovesaid vessel behind Hanuman Temple at Verem, Reis Magos Village.
2. The undersigned states that the trade license is issued by the Home Department under The Goa's Gambling Act as Off shore Casino. The Off shore vessel clearly means that the vessel should be off the sea shore or Ocean shore but these vessels are moored in the Mandovi river under Inland waters of Goa hence the off shore vessels have illegally moored in the river Mandovi near the banks. Therefore, these casino vessels have misused the operation area in the river and hence the trading license of these moored casino vessels need to be urgently revoked.
3. The Undersigned further states that the Offshore casino are supposed to operate in the offshore or away from the shore and therefore the jurisdiction of offshore in the open sea or ocean does not fall under the Captain of Ports Department. The Jurisdiction of the Captain of Ports for the operation of Inland Vessels mainly starts from the mouth of the rivers to the inland waterways. Therefore, it is to be noted that such huge casino vessels are illegally registered under Captain of Ports because the safety standards of such specialized vessel require higher standards as set by Classification Societies for the Offshore vessel and not for inland vessels. Hence the registration of such vessel under Captain of Ports should be revoked immediately and such vessels should be directed to Register under Mercantile Marine Department under Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

4. Further, the undersigned states that the offshore vessel which are supposed to be away from the Coast or shore are supposed to discharge their waste as per MARPOL (Maritime Pollution) but these vessels are discharging all their waste to the shore reception facilities under the supervision and monitoring of committee constituted under NGT.
5. The undersigned states that allowing / granting permission to M. V. Deltin Royale, O.No. PNJ-1008, a vessel of higher tonnage will proportionately increase the amount of all sort of waste. This will increase the load on the shore reception facilities. The Captain of Ports Department or GSPCB has no Shore Reception facilities to handle the volume of waste of such large vessel. This will generate additional pollution to the already polluted Mandovi river. Therefore, considering the above points the new vessel should not be allowed in the Inland waters of Goa.
6. The undersigned states that the information received under RTI reveals that the new casino vessel M. V. Deltin Royale, O.No. PNJ-1008 will accommodate around two thousand customers plus the working staff. The amount of sewage that will be generated by this vessel will be enormous and the Goa State Pollution Control Board do not have the required capacity of Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) to handle such huge volume of sewage from this new Casino vessel. Allowing such vessel will totally disturb the present STP operation and in return will jeopardize the other industries of their discharge of Sewage.
7. The undersigned had approached the National Green Tribunal by filing application no. 228/2013 in which the NGT in its Order No. 1 dated 03/09/2013, the direction was issued to the Government not to grant any permission for any new establishment of offshore casinos in River Mandovi and in final order dated 06/05/2014 of National Green Tribunal in application no. 228/2013, the committee is being constituted to check the pollution in River Mandovi. The undersigned states that due to checking by the committee constituted, the pollution in River Mandovi is partly controlled but launching of new floating Casinos in River Mandovi, Government is creating man-made disaster in River Mandovi and also will create navigational hazard.
8. The undersigned further states that considering the above direction from the NGT, it is clearly mentioned not to grant any permission for any new establishment and in 2013, the NGT observed that during that time of operation the capacity of STP was not sufficient and hence the direction was given by the NGT to increase the capacity of STP at Tonca, Miramar. The undersigned states that it is not known as to whether the direction of the NGT has been complied by the Government. If not, then the present status of the STP will not be able to cater to additional load of new casino vessel having enormous passenger carrying capacity.
9. Further, the undersigned is of the apprehension that these vessels are danger to the Mandovi Bridges. These Vessels which are supposed to be anchored /

moored offshore, are illegally allowed to be moored in the Mandovi River near to the vicinity of the three Mandovi bridges. The weather is very uncertain at times and during South West monsoon, if the weather turns cyclonic, and if the path of the cyclone is in the state of Goa then these moored vessels will part its mooring and will hit the pillars of the bridges. The catastrophic loss will put the state of Goa in a disastrous condition which will paralyze the normal life of Goans. Hence considering the safety of the Mandovi bridges and the continuation of normal life, the undersigned strongly opposes the moorings of these vessels in the vicinity of Bridges in the river Mandovi and hence this vessel should be asked to immediately moored away from the shore.

10. The undersigned states that at one time, mining was the backbone of the revenue of the State Government. Presently the auctioning of the mining blocks and dumps is in progress and very soon the transportation of iron ore and other minerals will be commenced through Barges via Mandovi River from the Villages where mines and dumps are situated, to Mormugoa Port Trust. The undersigned has fear and anxiety in the mind that in the event of any accidents to the Barges carrying minerals / ore occurring in River Mandovi, there is every possibility that these barges can collide with the Casino Vessels operating in River Mandovi thereby causing endanger to the public life and machinery. The undersigned also state that the Ferry ramp on Betim and Panaji sides are congested due to mooring of Casino vessels and is causing hindrance to the free flow of Ferry boat operating on Betim to Panaji route.
11. The undersigned states that the River Mandovi is known for its scenic banks, mangroves, fishing boats, and peaceful sunsets. The mooring / anchoring of the massive vessel i.e. M. V. Deltin Royale, O.No. PNJ-1008 in River Mandovi will naturally block the nature and beauty of river Mandovi. A huge vessel on the **Mandovi River** can significantly impact its natural beauty and ecological balance in several ways:

a) Visual Impact

- Obstruct panoramic river views
- Dwarf traditional boats and heritage structures
- Disrupt the aesthetic charm that attracts tourists

b) Environmental Concerns

Large ships may cause:

- Water pollution (fuel leaks, waste discharge)
- Increased turbidity from propeller movement
- Disturbance to aquatic life and mangrove ecosystems
- Noise pollution affecting fish and birds

c) Riverbank & Flow Damage

Heavy vessels can:

- Create strong waves that erode riverbanks
- Damage local fishing nets and smaller boats
- Alter natural sediment flow patterns

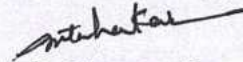
d) Impact on Tourism & Local LivelihoodsThe Mandovi supports:

- River cruises
- Traditional fishing communities
- Waterfront businesses
- Navigational hazard to the Barges carrying iron ore to the Mormugao Port Trust.

The undersigned states that although the 06 existing Vessels are supposed to operate as offshore Casino, the jurisdiction of the vessels operation area falls beyond the jurisdiction of various local authorities and the permission or NOC issued by these local authorities should be revoked immediately and no permission / NOC should be granted to the huge Casino Vessel - M. V. Deltin Royale, O.No. PNJ-1008 for mooring / anchoring in the River Mandovi in larger public interest.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully,



(Sudip Narayan Tamankar)

From:

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P.C:403114.

Dated: 20/02/2026.

To,
The Public Information Officer,
Captain of Ports Department,
Government of Goa,
Panaji, Goa.



Sub:- To furnish information as per Right to Information Act 2005.

Respected Sir,

I state that I am a citizen of India and as per RTI Act having affixed a Court Fee stamp of Rs.10- I request you to furnish me information/ true copies of the documents mentioned below:

1. Who is the Port Officer for Panaji Port.& any notification appointing a Conservator under 1908 Act.
2. Government's Notification/ Circular appointing a Conservator under 1908 Act.
3. Circular dated 19/07/96 regarding plying of barges in river Mandovi.

Please do the needful at the earliest.

Necessary fees will be paid by the undersigned.

Yours Sincerely,

[Signature]
20/2/26
Shri. Harish M. Madkaikar.
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20/2/26
Despatcher
Captain of Ports Department
Panaji - Goa

IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO. OF 2026

1. Enough is Enough & Ors

... Petitioners

Versus

1. State of Goa & Ors

... Respondents

VAKALATNAMA

We, 1. **Enough is Enough**, an association of persons, through its representatives a. Mrs. Libia Lobo Sardessai, & b. Mr. Uday Laxmikant Bhembre, 2. Mr. Sudip Narayan Thamankar & 3 Mr. Harish M. Madkaikar, the Petitioners in the above captioned matter, do hereby appoint Mr. Laban I. Carvalho, Mr. Rui Alberto Gomes Pereira & Ms. Cidalia Anna Bento Lobo (**Advocates**) to act, appear and plead on our behalf.

1. a.



b.



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Signature of Petitioners

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