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GOVERNMENT OF GOA

State Election Commission, Goa

Order

No. 4/53/GEN-ELN/CCP/2025-26/SEC/890

Dated: 16th Feb 2026.

Sub.: - Appointment of District Election Officer (CCP) for General Elections to Corporation of the City of Panaji 2026.

Whereas, the General Elections to the Corporation of the City of Panaji in the North Goa District of the State of Goa will be conducted on **11th March, 2026**.

And whereas, under Article 243ZA of the Constitution of India, read with Section 11(1) of the City of Panaji Corporation Act, 2002, the State Election Commission is vested with the powers of superintendence, direction and control for the conduct of the elections to the Corporation.

Now, therefore, I, Menino D'Souza, IAS (Retd.), State Election Commissioner, Goa do hereby appoint the Additional Collector -I, North Goa District as District Election Officer (CCP) for the purpose of discharging the following duties in respect of General Elections to CCP.

1. Subject to the superintendence, direction and control of the State Election Commission, the District Election Officer (CCP) shall co-ordinate and supervise all work in the district or the area within his jurisdiction in connection with the conduct of the General Elections to the Corporation of City of Panaji 2026.
2. The District Election Officer (CCP) shall also perform such other functions as may be entrusted to him by the State Election Commission.
3. The duties and responsibilities attached to the District Election Officer shall be as mentioned in the Order No. 1/199/Standing Orders/2020-SEC/1231 dated 30-10-2020 (Copy enclosed).

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

Altinho-Panaji.

Order

No. 4/53/GEN-ELN/CCP/2025-26/SEC/900

Dated: 16th Feb 2026.

Sub.:— Appointment of Expenditure Observers for General Elections to 30 wards of Corporation of the City of Panaji-2026.

Whereas, the General Elections to 30 wards of Corporation of the City of Panaji (CCP) in the State of Goa will be conducted on **11th March, 2026**.

And whereas, under Article 243ZA of the Constitution of India, read with Section 11(1) of the City of Panaji Corporation Act, 2002, the State Election Commission is vested with the powers of superintendence, direction and control for the conduct of the elections to the Corporation.

Now, therefore, I, Menino D'Souza, IAS (Retd.), State Election Commissioner, Goa, do hereby appoint the following Officers of Government of Goa as **Expenditure Observers (EO)** for the wards shown against their names hereinbelow for the purpose of General Elections to 30 wards of Corporation of the City of Panaji to be held on **11th March, 2026**.

Sr. No.	Name and designation of the Officer appointed as Expenditure Observers	No. of wards
1.	Shri Raju S. Banavalikar, AAO, Corporation of the City of Panaji, Panaji-Goa Mob. No. 9850481699	Ward No. 1-15
2.	Shri Alex Desouza, AAO, Office of the Medical Supdt. cum Dy. Director, North Goa District Hospital (ASILO), Mapusa-Goa Mob. No. 9420819686	Ward No. 16-30

The services of above appointed Officers are hereby requisitioned for the Corporation of the City of Panaji Elections with immediate effect and till the entire process of Corporation of the City of Panaji Elections is over. The concerned Head of the Department/Head of Office/Controlling Officers shall immediately relieve the above Officers immediately.

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

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

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

Altinho-Panaji.

Order

No. 4/53/GEN-ELN/CCP/2025-26/SEC/891

Dated: 16th Feb 2026.

Subject:— Restriction on number of vehicles and people at the time of nominations for Corporation of the City of Panaji Election 2026.

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

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

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

Notification

No. 4/53/GEN-ELN/CCP/2025-26/SEC/898

Dated: 16th Feb 2026.

Whereas, the General Election to 30 Wards of Corporation of the City of Panaji will be conducted on **11th March, 2026** and the polling for the above Corporation will be from 8.00 hrs. to 17.00 hrs.

And whereas, Rule 34(1) of the Corporation of the City of Panaji (Election) Rules, 2004 provides for an indelible ink mark to be put on the left forefinger of every voter before issue of ballot paper at the polling station. This is aimed to prevent impersonation of Voters at Polling Station.

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers vested under Article 243ZA of the Constitution of India and also under Section 11 of the City of Panaji Corporation Act, 2002 read with Rule 34 of the Corporation of City of Panaji (Election) Rules, 2004, it is hereby directed that the indelible ink mark shall be put on **Left forefinger** of every voter at the polling station before issue of ballot paper.

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

Order

No. 4/61/Bye-Eln/V.P./2025-26/SEC/923

Dated: 16th Feb 2026.

Whereas, the Bye Election to Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Chandel-Hasapur, Ward No. IV of Village Panchayat Mandrem, Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Piligao, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Latamarcem, Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Pilerne Marna, Ward No. VI of Village Panchayat Sirsaim, Ward No. II of Village Panchayat Salvador Do Mundo, Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Candolim, Ward No. VI of Village Panchayat Aquem Baixo, Ward No. I Village Panchayat Borim, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Veling-Priol-Cuncolem, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Bhoma Adcolna, Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Balli Adnem and Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Loliem Polem will be conducted on **Sunday, 8th March, 2026**.

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

“that the Additional Collector-I, North Goa District shall function as the overall District Election Officer (DEO) for Bye Election to Ward No. I Village Panchayat Chandel-Hasapur, Ward No. IV of Village Panchayat Mandrem, Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Piligao, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat

Latambarcem, Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Pilerne Marna, Ward No. VI of Village Panchayat Sirsaim, Ward No. II of Village Panchayat Salvador Do Mundo and Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Candolim”.

“that the Additional Collector-III, South Goa District shall function as the overall District Election Officer (DEO) for Bye Election to Ward No. VI of Village Panchayat Aquem Baixo, Ward No. I Village Panchayat Borim, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Veling-Priol-Cuncolliem, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Bhoma Adcolna, Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Balli Adnem and Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Loliem Polem”.

This comes into force with immediate effect.

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

Altinho-Panaji.

Order

No. 4/61/Bye-Eln/V.P./2025-26/SEC/915

Dated: 16th Feb 2026.

In exercise of the powers vested in me under Article 243K of the Constitution of India and Section 237 of the Goa Panchayat Raj Act, 1994, I, Menino D’Souza, IAS (Retd.), State Election Commissioner, Goa do hereby appoint the following officers as **General Observers** for the purpose of Bye Election to Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Chandel-Hasapur, Ward No. IV of Village Panchayat Mandrem, Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Piligao, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Latambarcem, Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Pilerne Marna, Ward No. VI of Village Panchayat Sirsaim, Ward No. II of Village Panchayat Salvador Do Mundo, Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Candolim, Ward No. VI of Village Panchayat Aquem Baixo, Ward No. I Village Panchayat Borim, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Veling-Priol-Cuncolliem, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Bhoma Adcolna, Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Balli Adnem and Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Loliem Polem shown below which are scheduled to be held on **Sunday, 8th March, 2026**.

Sr. No.	Name and designation of the Officer appointed as General Observer	Taluka	Name of the Village Panchayat
1	2	3	4
1.	Shri. Shivprasad Naik, Deputy Collector & Sub-Divisional Officer, Pernem	Pernem	Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Chandel-Hasapur, taluka Pernem, North Goa District in the State of Goa and Ward No. IV of Village Panchayat Mandrem, taluka Pernem, North Goa District in the State of Goa.
2.	Shri. Shubham Naik, Deputy Collector & Sub-Divisional Officer, Bicholim	Bicholim	Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Piligao, taluka Bicholim, North Goa District in the State of Goa and Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Latambarcem, taluka Bicholim, North Goa District in the State of Goa.
3.	Smt. Varsha Parab, Deputy Collector & Sub-Divisional Officer-I, Mapusa	Bardez	Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Pilerne Marna, taluka Bardez, North Goa District in the State of Goa, Ward No. VI of Village Panchayat Sirsaim, taluka Bardez, North Goa District in the State of Goa,

		Ward No. II of Village Panchayat Salvador Do Mundo, taluka Bardez, North Goa District in the State of Goa and Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Candolim, taluka Bardez, North Goa District in the State of Goa.
4.	Shri Ganesh Barve, Deputy Collector & Sub-Divisional Officer-I (SDO-I), Salcete	Ward No. VI of Village Panchayat Aquem Baixo, taluka Salcete, South Goa District in the State of Goa.
5.	Shri Kaushik Amonkar, Deputy Collector/ Sub-Divisional Officer (SDO)/Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM), Ponda	Ward No. I Village Panchayat Borim, taluka Ponda, South Goa District in the State of Goa, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Veling-Priol Cuncollem, taluka Ponda, South Goa District in the State of Goa and Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Bhoma Adcolna, taluka Ponda, South Goa District in the State of Goa.
6.	Shri Manohar Karekar, Deputy Collector/ Sub-Divisional Officer (SDO)/Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM), Quepem	Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Balli Adnem, taluka Quepem, South Goa District in the State of Goa.
7.	Shri Prataprao Gaunkar, Deputy Collector/ Sub-Divisional Officer (SDO)/Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM), Canacona	Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Loliem Polem, taluka Canacona, South Goa District in the State of Goa.

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

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

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

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

Altinho-Panaji.

Order

No. 4/61/Bye-Eln/V.P./2025-26/SEC/916

Dated: 16th Feb 2026.

In exercise of the powers vested in me under Article 243K of the Constitution of India and Section 237 of the Goa Panchayat Raj Act, 1994, I, *Menino D'Souza*, IAS (Retd.), State Election Commissioner, Goa do hereby appoint the following officers as **Expenditure Observers** for the purpose of Bye Election to Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Chandel-Hasapur, Ward No. IV of Village Panchayat Mandrem, Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Piligao, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Latambarcem, Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Pilerne Marna, Ward No. VI of Village Panchayat Sirsaim, Ward No. II of Salvador Do Mundo, Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Candolim, Ward No. VI of Village Panchayat Aquem Baixo, Ward No. I Village Panchayat Borim, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Veling-Priol-Cuncollem, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Bhoma Adcolna, Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Balli Adnem and Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Loliem Polem shown below which are scheduled to be held on **Sunday, 8th March, 2026**.

Sr. No.	Name and designation of the Officer appointed as General Observer	Taluka	Name of the Village Panchayat
1	2	3	4
1.	Shri Sandeep A. Salgaonkar, Accountant, O/o the Executive Engineer, Division VII, Water Resources Department, Dhargal, Pernem-Goa Mob.: 9823522300	Pernem	Ward No. I Village Panchayat Chandel-Hasapur, taluka Pernem, North Goa District in the State of Goa and Ward No. IV of Village Panchayat Mandrem, taluka Pernem, North Goa District in the State of Goa.
2.	Nilesh Naik, Accountant, Government Higher Secondary School, Valpoi, Sattari-Goa Mob: 7875238422	Bicholim	Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Piligao, taluka Bicholim, North Goa District in the State of Goa and Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Latambarcem, taluka Bicholim, North Goa District in the State of Goa.
3.	Shri Deepesh D. Gawas, Accountant, O/o the Assistant Director of Transport, Directorate of Transport, Mapusa-Goa	Bardez	Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Pilerne Marna, taluka Bardez, North Goa District in the State of Goa, Ward No. VI of Village Panchayat Sirsaim, taluka Bardez, North Goa District in the State of Goa, Ward No. II of Village Panchayat Salvador Do Mundo, taluka Bardez, North Goa District in the State of Goa and Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Candolim, taluka Bardez, North Goa District in the State of Goa.
4.	Shri Rohit Ferrao, Accountant, O/o South Goa Zilla Panchayat, Margao, Salcete-Goa Mob.: 9822672352	Salcete	Ward No. VI of Village Panchayat Aquem Baixo, taluka Salcete, South Goa District in the State of Goa.
5.	Shri Rudresh Naik, Accountant, O/o Executive Engineer, Div. III, WRD, Ponda-Goa Mob.: 9420897339	Ponda	Ward No. I Village Panchayat Borim, taluka Ponda, South Goa District in the State of Goa, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Veling-Priol-Cuncoliem, taluka Ponda, South Goa District in the State of Goa and Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Bhoma Adcolna, taluka Ponda, South Goa District in the State of Goa.
6.	Shri. Durgesh Shetkar, Accountant, O/o Executive Engineer, Electricity Department, Division-XII, Xeldem, Quepem-Goa Mob.: 9764225339	Quepem	Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Balli Adnem, taluka Quepem, South Goa District in the State of Goa.
7.	Smt. Smita Shirodkar, Accountant, Canacona Municipal Council, Canacona-Goa Mob.: 9527272911	Canacona	Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Loliem Polem, taluka Canacona, South Goa District in the State of Goa.

The services of above Officers are hereby requisitioned for the Bye Election to Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Chandel-Hasapur, Ward No. IV of Village Panchayat Mandrem, Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Piligao, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Latambarcem, Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Pilerne Marna, Ward No. VI of Village Panchayat Sirsaim, Ward No. II of Village Panchayat Salvador Do Mundo, Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Candolim, Ward No. VI of Village Panchayat Aquem Baixo, Ward No. I Village

Panchayat Borim, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Veling-Priol-Cuncoliem, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Bhoma Adcolna, Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Balli Adnem and Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Loliem Polem with immediate effect and till the entire process of Elections is over. The concerned Head of the Department/Head of Office/Controlling Officers shall immediately relieve the above Officers.

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

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

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

Altinho-Panaji.

Order

No. 4/61/Bye-Eln/V.P./2025-26/SEC/918

Dated: 16th Feb 2026.

Whereas, the Bye Election to Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Chandel-Hasapur, Ward No. IV of Village Panchayat Mandrem, Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Piligao, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Latambarcem, Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Pilerne Marna, Ward No. VI of Village Panchayat Sirsaim, Ward No. II of Village Panchayat Salvador Do Mundo, Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Candolim, Ward No. VI of Village Panchayat Aquem Baixo, Ward No. I Village Panchayat Borim, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Veling-Priol-Cuncoliem, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Bhoma Adcolna, Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Balli Adnem and Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Loliem Polem will be conducted on **Sunday, 8th March, 2026.**

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

Now therefore, the State Election Commission in exercise of the powers conferred upon it do hereby notify that the Model Code of Conduct shall be applicable from **16-02-2026 (Monday) till completion of election process.** The Code of Conduct shall be applicable to the areas under the jurisdiction of Ward No. I Village Panchayat Chandel-Hasapur, Ward No. IV of Village Panchayat Mandrem, Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Piligao, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Latambarcem, Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Pilerne Marna, Ward No. VI of Village Panchayat Sirsaim, Ward No. II of Village Panchayat Salvador Do Mundo, Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Candolim, Ward No. VI of Village Panchayat Aquem Baixo, Ward No. I Village Panchayat Borim, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Veling-Priol-Cuncoliem, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Bhoma Adcolna, Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Balli Adnem and Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Loliem Polem.

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

Altinho-Panaji.

Order

No. 4/61/Bye-Eln/V.P./2025-26/SEC/919

Dated: 16th Feb 2026.

Sub.:— Maximum Limit of Expenditure to be incurred by Contesting Candidates for Bye Election to Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Chandel-Hasapur, Ward No. IV of Village Panchayat Mandrem, Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Piligao, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Latambarcem, Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Pilerne Marna, Ward No. VI of Village Panchayat Sirsaim, Ward No. II of Village Panchayat Salvador Do Mundo, Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Candolim, Ward No. VI of Village Panchayat Aquem Baixo, Ward No. I Village Panchayat Borim, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Veling-Priol-Cuncolliem, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Bhoma Adcolna, Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Balli Adnem and Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Loliem Polem.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Altinho-Panaji.

Order

No. 4/61/Bye-Eln/V.P./2025-26/SEC/920

Dated: 16th Feb 2026.

Subject:- Restriction on number of vehicles and people at the time of nominations for Bye Election to Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Chandel-Hasapur, Ward No. IV of Village Panchayat Mandrem, Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Piligao, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Latambarcem, Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Pilerne Marna, Ward No. VI of Village Panchayat Sirsaim, Ward No. II of Village Panchayat Salvador Do Mundo, Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Candolim, Ward No. VI of Village Panchayat Aquem Baixo, Ward No. I Village Panchayat Borim, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Veling-Priol-Cuncolliem, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Bhoma Adcolna, Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Balli Adnem and Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Loliem Polem.

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

The RO/ARO may inform the contestants and interest groups that the maximum number of vehicles that will be allowed to come within the periphery of 100 mtrs. of Returning Officer/Assistant Returning Officer's

office shall be **two** and maximum number of persons that will be allowed to enter the office of Returning Officer/Assistant Returning Officer at the time of filing the nomination shall be candidate and his proposer proposing the nomination of the candidate and one more person i.e. there can be only **three persons** (including the candidate) who can remain present inside the Returning Officer's room at the time of filing nomination.

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

Altinho-Panaji.

Order

No. 4/61/Bye-Eln/V.P./2025-26/SEC/922

Dated: 16th Feb 2026.

Sub.: Manner of Voting for Bye Election to Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Chandel-Hasapur, Ward No. IV of Village Panchayat Mandrem, Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Piligao, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Latambarcem, Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Pilerne Marna, Ward No. VI of Village Panchayat Sirsaim, Ward No. II of Village Panchayat Salvador Do Mundo, Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Candolim, Ward No. VI of Village Panchayat Aquem Baixo, Ward No. I Village Panchayat Borim, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Veling-Priol-Cuncolem, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Bhoma Adcolna, Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Balli Adnem and Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Loliem Polem.

Whereas, the Bye Election to Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Chandel-Hasapur, Ward No. IV of Village Panchayat Mandrem, Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Piligao, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Latambarcem, Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Pilerne Marna, Ward No. VI of Village Panchayat Sirsaim, Ward No. II of Village Panchayat Salvador Do Mundo, Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Candolim, Ward No. VI of Village Panchayat Aquem Baixo, Ward No. I Village Panchayat Borim, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Veling-Priol-Cuncolem, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Bhoma Adcolna, Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Balli Adnem and Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Loliem Polem will be conducted on **Sunday, 8th March, 2026**.

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

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

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

Altinho-Panaji.

Notification

No. 4/61/Bye-Eln/V.P./2025-26/SEC/921

Dated: 16th Feb 2026.

Whereas, the Bye Election to Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Chandel-Hasapur, Ward No. IV of Village Panchayat Mandrem, Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Piligao, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Latambarcem, Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Pilerne Marna, Ward No. VI of Village Panchayat Sirsaim, Ward No. II of Village Panchayat Salvador Do Mundo, Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Candolim, Ward

No. VI of Village Panchayat Aquem Baixo, Ward No. I Village Panchayat Borim, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Veling-Priol-Cuncoliem, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Bhoma Adcolna, Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Balli Adnem and Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Loliem Polem will be conducted on **Sunday, 8th March, 2026** and the polling will be from 8.00 hrs. to 17.00 hrs.

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

And whereas, the General Election to North Goa Zilla Panchayat and South Goa Zilla Panchayat in the State of Goa was held on 20th December, 2025 and similar indelible ink mark has been put on the **Left forefinger** of every voter. Hence there is a possibility that this mark may still be partially visible on the left forefinger of some of the voters.

Now therefore, in order to avoid confusion and to prevent impersonation by voters without causing hardships to genuine voters and in exercise of the powers vested under Article 243K of the Constitution of India and also under Section 237 of the Goa Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 read with Rule 45 of the Goa Panchayat and Zilla Panchayat (Election Procedure) Rules, 1996 it is hereby directed that the indelible ink mark shall be put on **left middle finger** of every voter of Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Chandel-Hasapur, Ward No. IV of Village Panchayat Mandrem, Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Piligao, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Latambarcem, Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Pilerne Marna, Ward No. VI of Village Panchayat Sirsaim, Ward No. II of Village Panchayat Salvador Do Mundo, Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Candolim, Ward No. VI of Village Panchayat Aquem Baixo, Ward No. I Village Panchayat Borim, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Veling-Priol-Cuncoliem, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Bhoma Adcolna, Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Balli Adnem and Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Loliem Polem at the polling station before issue of ballot paper.

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

Altinho-Panaji.

Notification

No. 4/61/Bye-Eln/V.P./2025-26/SEC/902

Dated: 16th Feb 2026.

Whereas, the Bye Election to elect the member for Ward No. I Village Panchayat Chandel-Hasapur, taluka Pernem, North Goa District in the State of Goa and Ward No. IV of Village Panchayat Mandrem, taluka Pernem, North Goa District in the State of Goa will be conducted on **08-03-2026 (Sunday)**.

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

And whereas, the reservation for the above mentioned wards shall be as per Notification No. 3/30/Reservation/GEVP-186/2022-23/SEC/3424 dated 13-07-2022, Notification No. 3/20/Reservation/GEVP-186/2022-23/SEC/3469 dated 15-07-2022 and Notification No. 3/42/Ward-Reservation/2022-23/SEC/4172 dated 15-11-2022.

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

Nomination papers of candidates in respect of Bye Election to elect the member for Ward No. I Village Panchayat Chandel-Hasapur, taluka Pernem, North Goa District in the State of Goa and Ward No. IV of Village Panchayat Mandrem, taluka Pernem, North Goa District in the State of Goa which is going to poll on **Sunday, 8th March, 2026**, shall be accepted by the Returning Officer at the notified place i.e. office of Mamlatdar of Pernem Taluka, Pernem-Goa from **18th February, 2026 to 25th February, 2026** from (10.00 hrs. to 13.00 hrs.) except on **22nd February, 2026** being a Sunday.

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

Notification

No. 4/61/Bye-Eln/V.P./2025-26/SEC/901

Dated: 16th Feb 2026.

FORM No. 2

[See Rule 10(2)]

Bye Election to elect the member for Ward No. I Village Panchayat Chandel-Hasapur, taluka Pernem, North Goa District in the State of Goa and Ward No. IV of Village Panchayat Mandrem, taluka Pernem, North Goa District in the State of Goa.

The Programme of Election is as under:

1. Last date and time for receiving nomination papers	Wednesday, 25th February, 2026 from 10.00 hrs. to 13.00 hrs.
2. Date and time for scrutiny of nomination papers	Thursday, 26th February, 2026 from 10.00 hrs. till the scrutiny is over.
3. Date and time of withdrawal of nomination papers	Friday, 27th February, 2026 from 10.00 hrs. to 14.00 hrs.
4. Date and time of poll	Sunday, 8th March, 2026 from 08.00 hrs. to 17.00 hrs.
5. Date and time of counting	Monday, 9th March, 2026 from 08.00 hrs. till the counting of votes is completed.

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

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

No. 4/61/Bye-Eln/V.P./2025-26/SEC/904

Dated: 16th Feb 2026.

Whereas, the Bye Election to elect the member for Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Piligao, taluka Bicholim, North Goa District in the State of Goa and Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Latambarcem, taluka Bicholim, North Goa District in the State of Goa will be conducted on **08-03-2026 (Sunday)**.

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

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

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

Nomination papers of candidates in respect of Bye Election to elect the member for Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Piligao, taluka Bicholim, North Goa District in the State of Goa and Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Latambarcem, taluka Bicholim, North Goa District in the State of Goa which is going to poll on **Sunday, 8th March, 2026**, shall be accepted by the Returning Officer at the notified place i.e. office of Mamlatdar of Bicholim Taluka, Bicholim-Goa from **18th February, 2026 to 25th February, 2026** from (10.00 hrs. to 13.00 hrs.) except on **22nd February, 2026** being a Sunday.

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

No. 4/61/Bye-Eln/V.P./2025-26/SEC/903

Dated: 16th Feb 2026.

FORM No. 2

[See Rule 10(2)]

Bye Election to elect the member for Ward No. VII of Village Panchayat Piligao, taluka Bicholim, North Goa District in the State of Goa and Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Latambarcem, taluka Bicholim, North Goa District in the State of Goa.

The Programme of Election is as under:

1. Last date and time for receiving nomination papers	Wednesday, 25th February, 2026 from 10.00 hrs. to 13.00 hrs.
2. Date and time for scrutiny of nomination papers	Thursday, 26th February, 2026 from 10.00 hrs. till the scrutiny is over.
3. Date and time of withdrawal of nomination papers	Friday, 27th February, 2026 from 10.00 hrs. to 14.00 hrs.
4. Date and time of poll	Sunday, 8th March, 2026 from 08.00 hrs. to 17.00 hrs.
5. Date and time of counting	Monday, 9th March, 2026 from 08.00 hrs. till the counting of votes is completed.

- (i) A voter in a ward is entitled to cast only one vote.
- (ii) Form of nomination paper will be available in the office of the Returning Officer during office hours.
- (iii) In case of general seat, a sum of Rs. 100/- (Rs. One Hundred only) and in case of seat reserved for a woman or a person belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes or Backward Class, a sum of

Rs. 50/- (Rs. Fifty only) is required to be deposited with the Returning Officer on or before the date fixed for receiving the nomination papers.

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

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Notification

No. 4/61/Bye-Eln/V.P./2025-26/SEC/910

Dated: 16th Feb 2026.

Whereas, the Bye Election to elect the member for Ward No. I Village Panchayat Borim, taluka Ponda, South Goa District in the State of Goa, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Veling-Priol-Cuncoliem, taluka Ponda, South Goa District in the State of Goa and Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Bhoma Adcolna, taluka Ponda, South Goa District in the State of Goa will be conducted on **08-03-2026 (Sunday)**.

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

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

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

Nomination papers of candidates in respect of Bye Election to elect the member for Ward No. I Village Panchayat Borim, taluka Ponda, South Goa District in the State of Goa, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Veling-Priol-Cuncoliem, taluka Ponda, South Goa District in the State of Goa and Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Bhoma Adcolna, taluka Ponda, South Goa District in the State of Goa which is going to poll on **Sunday, 8th March, 2026**, shall be accepted by the Returning Officer at the notified place i.e. office of Mamlatdar of Ponda Taluka, Ponda-Goa from **18th February, 2026 to 25th February, 2026** from (10.00 hrs. to 13.00 hrs.) except on **22nd February, 2026** being a Sunday.

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

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Notification

No. 4/61/Bye-Eln/V.P./2025-26/SEC/909

Dated: 16th Feb 2026.

FORM No. 2

[See Rule 10(2)]

Bye Election to elect the member for Ward No. I Village Panchayat Borim, taluka Ponda, South Goa District in the State of Goa, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Veling-Priol-Cuncoliem, taluka Ponda, South Goa District in the State of Goa and Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Bhoma Adcolna, taluka Ponda, South Goa District in the State of Goa.

The Programme of Election is as under:

1. Last date and time for receiving nomination papers	Wednesday, 25th February, 2026 from 10.00 hrs. to 13.00 hrs.
2. Date and time for scrutiny of nomination papers	Thursday, 26th February, 2026 from 10.00 hrs. till the scrutiny is over.
3. Date and time of withdrawal of nomination papers	Friday, 27th February, 2026 from 10.00 hrs. to 14.00 hrs.
4. Date and time of poll	Sunday, 8th March, 2026 from 08.00 hrs. to 17.00 hrs.
5. Date and time of counting	Monday, 9th March, 2026 from 08.00 hrs. till the counting of votes is completed.

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

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

No. 4/61/Bye-ElN/V.P./2025-26/SEC/908

Dated: 16th Feb 2026.

Whereas, the Bye Election to elect the member for Ward No. VI of Village Panchayat Aquem Baixo, taluka Salcete, South Goa District in the State of Goa will be conducted on **08-03-2026 (Sunday)**.

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

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

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

Nomination papers of candidates in respect of Bye Election to elect the member for Ward No. VI of Village Panchayat Aquem Baixo, taluka Salcete, South Goa District in the State of Goa which is going to poll on **Sunday, 8th March, 2026**, shall be accepted by the Returning Officer at the notified place i.e. office of Mamlatdar of Salcete Taluka, Salcete-Goa from **18th February, 2026 to 25th February, 2026** from (10.00 hrs. to 13.00 hrs.) except on **22nd February, 2026** being a Sunday.

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

No. 4/61/Bye-Eln/V.P./2025-26/SEC/907

Dated: 16th Feb 2026.

FORM No. 2

[See Rule 10(2)]

Bye Election to elect the member for Ward No. VI of Village Panchayat Aquem Baixo, taluka Salcete, South Goa District in the State of Goa.

The Programme of Election is as under:

1. Last date and time for receiving nomination papers	Wednesday, 25th February, 2026 from 10.00 hrs. to 13.00 hrs.
2. Date and time for scrutiny of nomination papers	Thursday, 26th February, 2026 from 10.00 hrs. till the scrutiny is over.
3. Date and time of withdrawal of nomination papers	Friday, 27th February, 2026 from 10.00 hrs. to 14.00 hrs.
4. Date and time of poll	Sunday, 8th March, 2026 from 08.00 hrs. to 17.00 hrs.
5. Date and time of counting	Monday, 9th March, 2026 from 08.00 hrs. till the counting of votes is completed.

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

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

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Notification

No. 4/61/Bye-Eln/V.P./2025-26/SEC/914

Dated: 16th Feb 2026.

Whereas, the Bye Election to elect the member for Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Loliem Polem, taluka Canacona, South Goa District in the State of Goa will be conducted on **08-03-2026 (Sunday)**.

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

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

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

Nomination papers of candidates in respect of Bye Election to elect the member for Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Loliem Polem, taluka Canacona, South Goa District in the State of Goa which is going to poll on **Sunday, 8th March, 2026**, shall be accepted by the Returning Officer at the notified place i.e. office of Mamlatdar of Canacona Taluka, Canacona Goa from **18th February, 2026 to 25th February, 2026** from (10.00 hrs. to 13.00 hrs.) except on **22nd February, 2026** being a Sunday.

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

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Notification

No. 4/61/Bye-Eln/V.P./2025-26/SEC/913

Dated: 16th Feb 2026.

FORM No. 2

[See Rule 10(2)]

Bye Election to elect the member for Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Loliem Polem, taluka Canacona, South Goa District in the State of Goa.

The Programme of Election is as under:

1. Last date and time for receiving nomination papers	Wednesday, 25th February, 2026 from 10.00 hrs. to 13.00 hrs.
2. Date and time for scrutiny of nomination papers	Thursday, 26th February, 2026 from 10.00 hrs. till the scrutiny is over.
3. Date and time of withdrawal of nomination papers	Friday, 27th February, 2026 from 10.00 hrs. to 14.00 hrs.
4. Date and time of poll	Sunday, 8th March, 2026 from 08.00 hrs. to 17.00 hrs.
5. Date and time of counting	Monday, 9th March, 2026 from 08.00 hrs. till the counting of votes is completed.

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

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

Altinho-Panaji.

Notification

No. 4/61/Bye-Eln/V.P./2025-26/SEC/906

Dated: 16th Feb 2026.

Whereas, the Bye Election to elect the member for Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Pilerne Marna, taluka Bardez, North Goa District in the State of Goa, Ward No. VI of Village Panchayat Sirsaim, taluka Bardez, North Goa District in the State of Goa, Ward No. II of Village Panchayat Salvador Do Mundo, taluka Bardez, North Goa District in the State of Goa and Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Candolim, taluka Bardez, North Goa District in the State of Goa will be conducted on **08-03-2026 (Sunday)**.

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

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

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

Nomination papers of candidates in respect of Bye Election to elect the member for Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Pilerne Marna, taluka Bardez, North Goa District in the State of Goa, Ward No. VI of Village Panchayat Sirsaim, taluka Bardez, North Goa District in the State of Goa, Ward No. II of Village Panchayat Salvador Do Mundo, taluka Bardez, North Goa District in the State of Goa and Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Candolim, taluka Bardez, North Goa District in the State of Goa which is going to poll on **Sunday, 8th March, 2026**, shall be accepted by the Returning Officer at the notified place i.e. office of Mamlatdar of Bardez Taluka, Bardez-Goa from **18th February, 2026 to 25th February, 2026** from (10.00 hrs. to 13.00 hrs.) except on **22nd February, 2026** being a Sunday.

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

Notification

No. 4/61/Bye-Eln/V.P./2025-26/SEC/905

Dated: 16th Feb 2026.

FORM No. 2

[See Rule 10(2)]

Bye Election to elect the member for Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Pilerne Marna, taluka Bardez, North Goa District in the State of Goa, Ward No. VI of Village Panchayat Sirsaim, taluka Bardez, North Goa District in the State of Goa, Ward No. II of Village Panchayat Salvador Do Mundo, taluka Bardez, North Goa District in the State of Goa and Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Candolim, taluka Bardez, North Goa District in the State of Goa.

The Programme of Election is as under:

1. Last date and time for receiving nomination papers	Wednesday, 25th February, 2026 from 10.00 hrs. to 13.00 hrs.
2. Date and time for scrutiny of nomination papers	Thursday, 26th February, 2026 from 10.00 hrs. till the scrutiny is over.
3. Date and time of withdrawal of nomination papers	Friday, 27th February, 2026 from 10.00 hrs. to 14.00 hrs.
4. Date and time of poll	Sunday, 8th March, 2026 from 08.00 hrs. to 17.00 hrs.
5. Date and time of counting	Monday, 9th March, 2026 from 08.00 hrs. till the counting of votes is completed.

(i) A voter in a ward is entitled to cast only one vote.

(ii) Form of nomination paper will be available in the office of the Returning Officer during office hours.

- (iii) In case of general seat, a sum of Rs. 100/- (Rs. One Hundred only) and in case of seat reserved for a woman or a person belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes or Backward Class, a sum of Rs. 50/- (Rs. Fifty only) is required to be deposited with the Returning Officer on or before the date fixed for receiving the nomination papers.

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

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Notification

No. 4/61/Bye-Eln/V.P./2025-26/SEC/912

Dated: 16th Feb 2026.

Whereas, the Bye Election to elect the member for Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Balli Adnem, taluka Quepem, South Goa District in the State of Goa will be conducted on **08-03-2026 (Sunday)**.

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

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

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

Nomination papers of candidates in respect of Bye Election to elect the member for Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Balli Adnem, taluka Quepem, South Goa District in the State of Goa which is going to poll on **Sunday, 8th March, 2026**, shall be accepted by the Returning Officer at the notified place i.e. office of Mamlatdar of Quepem Taluka, Quepem-Goa from **18th February, 2026 to 25th February, 2026** from (10.00 hrs. to 13.00 hrs.) except on **22nd February, 2026** being a Sunday.

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

Altinho-Panaji.

Notification

No. 4/61/Bye-Eln/V.P./2025-26/SEC/911

Dated: 16th Feb 2026.

FORM No. 2

[See Rule 10(2)]

Bye Election to elect the member for Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Balli Adnem, taluka Quepem, South Goa District in the State of Goa.

The Programme of Election is as under:

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| 1. Last date and time for receiving nomination papers | Wednesday, 25th February, 2026 from 10.00 hrs. to 13.00 hrs. |
| 2. Date and time for scrutiny of nomination papers | Thursday, 26th February, 2026 from 10.00 hrs. till the scrutiny is over. |

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| 3. Date and time of withdrawal of nomination papers | Friday, 27th February, 2026 from 10.00 hrs. to 14.00 hrs. |
| 4. Date and time of poll | Sunday, 8th March, 2026 from 08.00 hrs. to 17.00 hrs. |
| 5. Date and time of counting | Monday, 9th March, 2026 from 08.00 hrs. till the counting of votes is completed. |

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

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

No. 4/61/Bye-Eln/V.P./2025-26/SEC/917

Dated: 16th Feb 2026.

Read:- Order No. 4/61/Bye-Eln/V.P./2025-26/SEC/845 dated 29-01-2026.

The Order No. 4/61/Bye-Eln/V.P./2025-26/SEC/845 dated 29-01-2026 stands modified as under:

1. The Assistant Returning Officer mentioned at serial No. 4 at column No. 3 shall be read as **“Head Clerk in the office of the Mamlatdar of Salcete taluka, Salcete-Goa”** instead of Awal Karkun in the office of the Mamlatdar of Salcete taluka, Salcete-Goa. Head Clerk in the office of the Mamlatdar of Salcete taluka, Salcete-Goa, shall take charge as the Assistant Returning Officer with immediate effect.
2. The Assistant Returning Officer mentioned at serial No. 5 at column No. 3 shall be read as **“Head Clerk in the office of the Mamlatdar of Ponda taluka, Ponda-Goa”** instead of Awal Karkun in the office of the Mamlatdar of Ponda taluka, Ponda-Goa. Head Clerk in the office of the Mamlatdar of Ponda taluka, Ponda-Goa, shall take charge as the Assistant Returning Officer with immediate effect.

The remaining part of the order remains unchanged.

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