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**CIRCULAR**

**Subject:- Prohibition on issuance of unauthorized lockdown by the Village Panchayats in the State of Goa.**

It is seen from newspaper reports and from communication received from some of the Village Panchayat in the State of Goa that out of fear of spread of COVID-19 some of the Village Panchayats had issued Orders of lockdown for areas within their jurisdiction which had caused inconvenience to the Villagers, as they could neither transact any business nor move out of their houses on account of lockdown imposed by Village Panchayats.

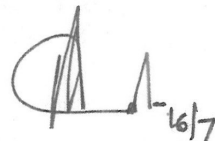
In this regard, it is strictly brought to the notice of all the Village Panchayats that only the Collectors of both the Districts are empowered to impose lockdown or containment zones for any particular area or for a District concerned under the Disaster Management Act or /and other relevant Acts/Rules/Regulation in consultation with the Health Department and the said power to impose lockdown does not vest with any of the Village Panchayats.

All the Village Panchayats are required to take note of this and refrain from imposing lockdown for their areas, as the same will amount to an unauthorized act and will attract strict action under the provisions of "The Goa Panchayat Raj Act, 1994".

The concerned Block Development Officers are hereby directed to bring the contents of this Circular to the notice of each and every

Village Panchayat under their jurisdiction and to keep a strict vigil on them to avoid such future unauthorized acts.

This issues with the Government approval.



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To

1. The Block Development Officers (All)
2. The Village Panchayat Secretaries (All)