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Sub: Restriction on Issuance of construction licenses and Occupancy Certificate by Village Panchayats on multi-dwelling & commercial projects until compliance of SWM Rules.

Attention of all the Block Development Officers is hereby drawn towards the decision of the Government to restrict the Village Panchayats from exercising power to issue Construction License and Occupancy Certificate until compliance of Solid and Liquid Waste Management Rules.

The Environment Protection Act, 1986 and the Solid Waste Management Rules framed there under in 2016 mandates every Village Panchayat to comply with the waste management Rules within two years from the date of notification. Two years have elapsed and Village Panchayats have failed to comply with SWM Rules, and which amounts to violation of lawful duties by the Village Panchayat and concerned officials are liable for stringent punishments prescribed under the law.

The Hon'ble NGT has on 10/4/2019 in O.A. No. 606/2018 issued directions to the State of Goa to achieve complete time-bound compliance of the waste management rules which include door-to-door collection of segregated waste, transportation, storage and processing of waste at identified sites in a decentralized manner in each of the 191 Village Panchayats in the State of Goa.


As the present quantum of garbage generated within villages is unmanageable due to lack of necessary infrastructure, resulting in severe environmental damage, issuance of new construction licenses will only aggravate the problem of garbage generation and its proper disposal on terms of NGT directions, thus leading to grave consequences.

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Therefore all the BDOs are hereby directed to issue necessary direction to impose a temporary restriction on the issuance of Construction License and occupancy Certificate by the Village Panchayat within the State of Goa only in case of Multi-dwelling residential Project having more than 4 dwelling units and also for all commercial projects having 200 Sq.m. or above total build up area, until the Village Panchayat comply to the laws related to solid and liquid waste management and the direction issued by the Hon'ble NGT.

Further, all Block Development Officers are directed to supervise and monitor the same on day to day basis and submit weekly compliance. Directorate will determine compliance fulfillment on the basis of report from the Block Development Officer & surprise inspection by the officials of Directorate of Panchayats team.

This issues with Government approval vide I.O. No.264 dated 11/06/2019.


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To

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