

**ORDER****Sub:- "TOBACCO FREE GOA GOVERNMENT OFFICES"**

The harmful effects of tobacco use are well established and accepted globally. The use of tobacco is a prominent risk factor for 6 to 8 leading causes of death and almost 40% of the Non Communicable Diseases (NCD) including cancers, cardio-vascular disease and lung disorders are attributable to tobacco use. The number of deaths every year in India which is attributable to tobacco use is almost 8-9 lakhs.

**WHEREAS** the Central Government has enacted the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003 (Central Act 34 of 2003), to protect the youth and the masses from adverse harmful effects of tobacco use and Second Hand Smoking.

*10/6/2019  
2019/6/10*  
**WHEREAS** the said Act envisages protection of non-user from involuntary exposure to tobacco smoke, which specifically finds mention in section 4 of the said Act that prohibits smoking in public place which includes all public offices, workplaces, canteens etc.

**WHEREAS** spitting of tobacco etc, leads to spread of swine flu, tuberculosis and pneumonia and gastro-intestinal diseases. TB Bacilli can survive in spit for an entire day which causes health problems to the public or nuisance in general.

*NO NCD*  
**WHEREAS** section 268 of the Indian Penal Code stipulates that a person is guilty of a public nuisance who does any act or is guilty of an illegal omission which causes any common injury, danger or annoyance to the public or to the people in general who dwell or occupy property in the vicinity, or which must necessarily cause injury, obstruction, danger or annoyance to persons who may have occasion to use any public right.

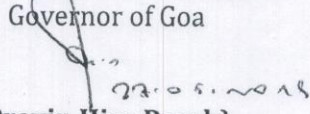
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**WHEREAS** according to the Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS) facts sheet/Goa 2016-17, the prevalence of any tobacco use in Goa has increased from 8.8% in GATS 1 to 9.7% in GATS 2.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in the interest of public health and with a view to keep the Government/buildings clean, thus contributing towards the "Swachh Bharat Swasth Bharat" campaign, the premises of all the Government offices, PSUs are hereby declared as "**Tobacco Free Zone**". As such, smoking and spitting of Tobacco in the premises of Government offices are prohibited and is a punishable offence. Guidelines for implementation of the "**Tobacco Free Zone**" policy are at **Annexure**. All Head of Departments are directed to enforce the same and submit compliance report to Director of Health Services by 30/06/2019.

By order and in the name of the  
Governor of Goa

  
(Pravin Hire Parab)

Under Secretary (Health-II)

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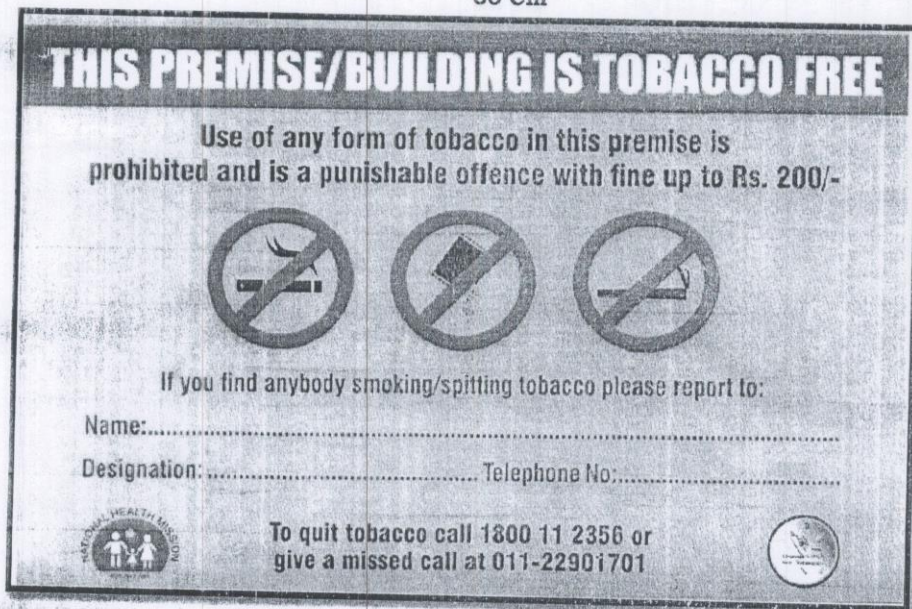
1. All the Heads of Department/Offices
2. The Director of Health Services, Panaji-Goa.
3. The Sr. Dy. Accountant General, Alto-Porvorim -Goa.
4. Guard File
5. O/c.

A board shall be displayed prominently at each entrance of the building, near the lifts and on different wings of each floor, with the following specifications:

- (a) The board shall be of a minimum size of 60 cm X 30 cm.
- (b) The board shall contain the following warning "Use of any form of tobacco in this premise is prohibited and is a punishable offence with fine up to Rs. 200/-" in English or one Indian language, as applicable.
- (c) The board shall display at the bottom the name and other details of the person (s) to whom a complaint may be made for violation.

**Prototype Board**

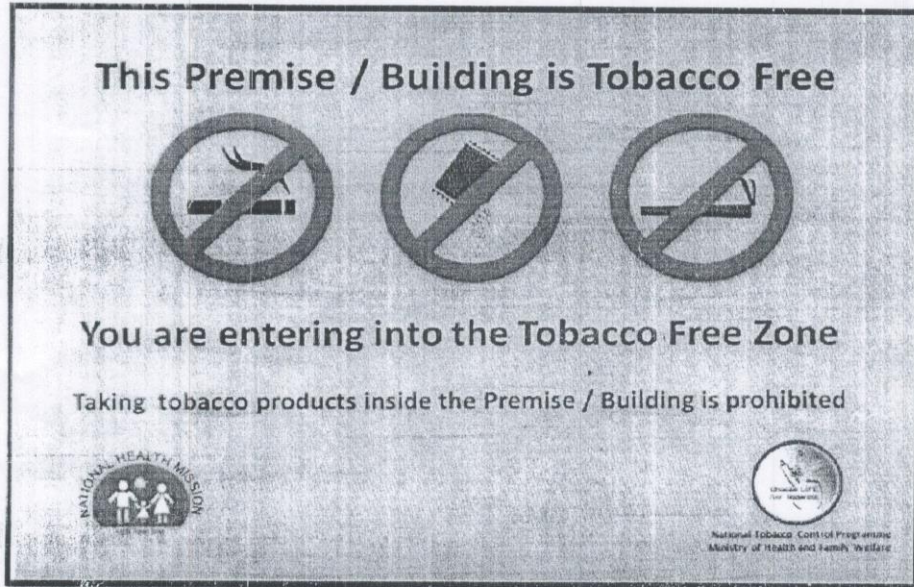
60 Cm



- 2. Gazetted Officer(s) should be identified to whom complaint about violation(s) can be reported and should be authorized to impose and collect the fine against the violation. A challan/receipt book as in Annexure-1 should be used for collection of the fine.

4. Board (Size: 120 cm x 60 cm) as specified below should also be placed at the main entrance of the premise.

120 Cm



5. A box should be placed at each entry gate of the building any person who possesses any tobacco product should put it in the box before entering into the premise.

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Department.....  
..... Government of Goa

RECEIPT

Receipt No.

Date:-

Received Rs.....(in words).....

From.....s/o.....

R/o.....  
.....on account of fine.

For offence committed by him at.....(Name of the place ) under the provisions of the Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003(Central Act 34 of 2003) and Circular dated.....

Signature of the Offender

Signature of the Authorized Officer