

**The Societies Registration (Goa Amendment)  
Bill, 2023**

(Bill No. 37 of 2023)

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*further to amend the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (Act 21 of 1860),  
as in force in the State of Goa.*

BE it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of Goa in the Seventy-fourth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. **Short title and commencement.**— (1) This Act may be called the Societies Registration (Goa Amendment) Act, 2023.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Insertion of new section 20AA.**— After section 20A of the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (Act 21 of 1860), as in force in the State of Goa (hereinafter referred to as the “principal Act”), the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

“**20AA. Power of the Government to appoint Administrator.**— (1) If the Government, on receipt of a report from the Inspector General or otherwise, is satisfied that,-

(a) there is a need to secure proper management of the business of the society generally, or

(b) there is a need for preventing the affairs of the society from being conducted in a manner detrimental to the interest of the members, or

(c) there is apprehension that the affairs of the society are being so conducted to defeat the objects of the society or that the society or its governing body is guilty of mismanagement, or

(d) there is any serious lapse on the part of the governing body in conducting administration of the society or in maintaining proper records of the society, or in maintaining proper accounts of the society, or

(e) there are any violations of any of the byelaws of the society, or

(f) there is mismanagement in the election process of the governing body of the society,

the Government may, by order published in the official Gazette, appoint any person other than the member of such society as a sole Administrator or constitute a Committee of Administrators not exceeding three Administrators with one amongst them as a Chairman of such committee, for such period, not exceeding six months, as may be specified in the order, to manage the affairs of the society within the framework of such society:

Provided that for reasons to be recorded in writing, the Government may, by like order, extend either prospectively or retrospectively, the said period by any further periods not exceeding six months at a time, so however the aggregate period shall not extend beyond four years.

(2) On the appointment of the Administrator or of the Committee of Administrators under sub-section (1) and during the period of such appointment the governing body of the society shall cease to exercise any powers and perform and discharge any functions or duties conferred or imposed on it by this Act, or its memorandum of association or the rules and regulations or any other law and subject to any directions which the Government may from time to time issue, all such powers shall be exercised and functions or duties shall be performed or discharged by the Administrator.

(3) Every Administrator appointed under sub-section (1) shall be paid such honorarium and allowances as may be decided by the Government, the expenditure towards which shall be borne by the society.”.

**3. Amendment of section 20E.—** In section 20E of the principal Act, for the expression “the Inspector-General or against any person appointed for inspection or investigation under section 20A”, the expression “the Inspector-General or any person appointed for inspection or investigation under section 20A or any person/s appointed as Administrator/s under section 20 AA” shall be substituted.



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