

LIST NO. 3

GOA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

AMENDMENTS

TO

**THE MOTION OF THANKS TO THE ADDRESS OF THE
GOVERNOR**

Sr.No.	Name of the Members and text of the Amendments
	S/SHRI VIJAI SARDESAI AND CARLOS A.FERREIRA, MLAS

The following may be added at the end of the Motion, namely “but regrets that the Address fails to mention about :

1. The Panchayat Elections were not fair to the OBC community since the number of reserved seats for OBC was far less than 27%.
2. The FIFA Women’s U-17 World Cup in Goa was poorly publicised and organized which resulted in empty seats in the stadium and complaints from the organisers.
3. Failure of the Government:
 - (a) 250 Crore tallest administrative complex at Patto
 - (b) Rs 10 Cr Goa State Museum
 - (c) Goa Institution for Future Transformation (GIFT)” think tank for which govt allocated 1 Cr
 - (d) Full fledged cardiac facilities at the South Goa District Hospital.
 - (e) CM had said he will request Central Government to set up AIIMS in the State of Goa
 - (f) Rs 20 Crore for setting up EV charging points on government land
 - (g) Setting up of Goa State Mining Corporation
 - (h) Around 1000 Bee boxes to be distributed to trained beekeepers during 2021-22
 - (i) CM promise of initiating the Bharatnet project
 - (j) ESI Hospital in North Goa
 - (k) Job security to the contract workers who have been working on contract for more than 10 years.

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4. The socio economic indicators of the State as compared to other states is concerning. In 2018-19, GSDP at constant price was 53,063 Cr and is grown to in 2022-23 to 57, 421 Cr ie an average growth rate of 2.03.

5. The Government is not committed to the security and safety of citizens and tourists. Deaths of Siddhi Naik, Sonali Phogat, murder of a 11 year old by her father all natives from Bihar, on 15th Jan etc are few examples. The death of a student in Hyderabad that lead to the crackdown of Goa's drug trade by Hyderabad is another example. While tourists die due to overdose of high value synthetic drugs, the government is only able to track peddlers dealing in low value marijuana and ganja.

6. The Government has failed to ensure accident free roads. There is a misconception that booking minor traffic violations lead to lower accidents. The government has been unable to continuously monitor the roads for over speeding and rash driving.

7. The government has failed to make the State self Sufficient in Agriculture. The CM in 2020 had promised to double farmers income by 2022. He has failed to achieve this target. The government is unable to even provide compensation on time to farmers .

8. The government spend 3 Crores on event management for hosting a MoU signing event with Isha Foundation. The money could have been put to good use by investing in the programs with Isha Foundation and Sadhguru aim to promote.

9. With regards to education, the government has tried to implement policies haphazardly. The government attempted to shut down some government primary schools by proposing to merge them with government primary schools in neighbouring areas. This policy was withdrawn after heavy opposition.

In other States, the state governments have prepared the State specific plan for implementing NEP. Goa has no such state specific plan.

The Governor mentioned that two new age trade courses namely

Drone Technician and Mechanic e-vehicle have been started in Government ITI at Cacora during the current financial year. While the unemployment rate in Goa is hovering above 9%, the fact that the only achievement of this government is starting two new courses in just one of the 10 ITIs in Goa is a shame

10. With regards to the Mid day meal scheme, the government delay clearing dues owed to food suppliers. The Goa State Commission for Protection of Child Rights on Thursday wrote to the state Director of Education warning that stoppage of the scheme would infringe on children's right to education and food.

The Government had rejected the rightful demand b self-help groups to increase the prices from Rs 6.11 to 8 for primary students and Rs 7.45 to Rs 11 for upper primary students. After pressure from the stakeholders and opposition parties, the government accepted the request for hiking the rates.

11. The government failed to organise the national games due to the delay in completing various projects including renovation of sports facilities such as misplaced priorities.

While Swimming has been entrusted to Goa for promotion and progress, swimmers are denied access to the Fatorda swimming complex

12. Mopa airport will indeed boost tourism in Goa. However due to poor planning, the initial flyers had to face many hardships including no mobile connectivity, exorbitant waiting charges for private vehicles, lack of seating arrangements and lack of drinking water. The government failed to complete the expressway between the airport and the National Highway.

The Government ascertain that the Mopa airport capacity can be scaled upto 33 million passengers per annum. However according to GMR's master plan and the Concessionaire agreement between GMR and Government of Goa, the maximum traffic design capacity (Phase 4) is 13.1 million passengers.

13. The government has failed to provide reliable power in the state, especially to industries. There is a proposal to hike power tariffs further

14. The government failed to promote green energy in the State. The scheme for promoting EVs in the state has been abruptly terminated shortly after the budget session even though 25 Crore was allocated in the budget. In the previous financial year, Rs 20 Crore was allocated under the EV subsidy scheme of which, as the government stated in his speech, a mere Rs 3.97 Crore was disbursed.

15. The Government failure on tertiary health services. However, the primary health centers and district hospitals need better facilities to cater to emergency medical treatment and life saving therapies.

16. This government had modified the Griha Aadhar scheme to deny women access to the funds for education and business. This is a regressive step taken by the government reducing to the scheme to what many refer to as a dowry scheme.

17. that the state machinery is fully geared up to handle big influx of tourists in this season. However, during the December holiday week, Goans have witnessed the hoards of tourists drinking and creating nuisance on the beach and along roads all night. The state administration was unable to handle the influx of tourists in the State.

18. Since the government was unable to control noise pollution created by few tourists establishments, the Honorable High court had to intervene and pass a stringent order which is negatively impacting all tourism stakeholders as well as social and cultural events in the state.

19. that a mobile app has been developed to report illegal activities such as illegal deck beds, tables etc. A similar app was introduced by Goa Police which was withdrawn. The government should not be outsourcing the job of monitoring violations to ordinary citizens since this can pose a threat to their lives. The tourism department has to deploy officers to monitor illegal activities on the beach rather than put the lives of civilians at risk

20. The Government had reduced VAT on aviation turbine fuel from 18% to 8 % but only after the peak tourism season. If the reduction was announced sooner, many India tourists could have benefited from lower air fares leaving more money in their hands to spend in the State

22. The efforts to resume legal mining in the state appear far from sincere. The Central government removed export duties on low grade iron ore after the last date of purchasing the bid documents. In view of the central government's decision, the government should have invited more bidders, which it did not. Therefore the auction process cannot be viewed as fair and transparent.

23. that the Goa State Industrial Growth & Investment Promotion Policy, has been notified on 3rd October, 2022 which envisages creating 30,000 jobs. The Investment promotion board promised 50000 jobs but the government has never conducted an audit into the actual number of jobs created. Therefore the government's estimated jobs figures are considered imaginary.

24. The government took no steps to provide toilets for women

25. The government had allocated 20 Crores for restoring temples destroyed by the previous rulers. However, not a single rupee has been spent nor has the government prepared a list of sites that need restoration

26. Under this government the rank of Goa University slipped below 100

27. The government has run out of money to meet its budgetary obligations due to which in late December 2022, the government has implemented austerity measures which include ban on procurement of computers, vehicles etc as well as a restrictions on all budgetary expenditures for the last quarter of the Financial year.

28. That the address made no mention of Mhadei river. This implies that government has not taken a single step towards protecting the Mhadei river

29. That the address made no mention of IIT campus in Goa. The government failed at identifying land for the IIT complex because they tried to push the project on Melauli and then on the people of Sanguem without taking them into confidence. The people of Melauli were victorious in opposing the IIT project but the Government has not withdrawn the cases filed against the villages who were only protecting their village.

30. That the address made no mention of the Jetty Policy proposed by the Goa Tourism Development Corporation. This is because the policy has been rejected by Panchayats and Gram Sabhas since the policy envisaged setting up jetty complex by bypassing the panchayat.

31. As per government data, the government has been able to utilize less than 60 % of the total budget till December 2022 and less than 55% of grant-in-aid. Since the government has limited the fund utilization for the last quarter to 20% of the budget, the State will once again face an underutilization of budgetary funds by around 20%

32. The Government failed to complete the Court complex's at Margao and Mercedes.

33. The Government has failed to complete the restoration of kala academy on time. The contract for restoration works was given to a company not in a transparent tender process but on nomination basis.

34. The government's negligence has caused wastage of tonnes of toor dal and sugar meant for the poor. Few months later, it was revealed that wheat and rice meant for ration card holders was being smuggled to neighbouring states.

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