

**REPLY TO CALLING ATTENTION TABLED BY SHRI. PRAVIN  
ARLEKAR, HON'BLE MLA**

**SUB:- RISING NEWS OF ACTIVITIES OF POPULAR FRONT OF  
INDIA IN THE STATE OF GOA.**

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“Fear and anxiety in the minds of people of Goa, in connection to rising news of activities of Popular Front of India in the State of Goa. It may be noted that recently in the month of November 2022 there were raids conducted at Fatorda, Shivodem etc. Goa is an example of brotherhood and communal harmony and such organisations are posing a threat to the social fabric of Goa. The steps Government intends to take in this regards.”

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**REPLY BY THE HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER DR. PRAMOD SAWANT**

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Goa Police has been keeping surveillance over the activities of Popular Front of India (PFI). Even before the outfit was declared banned, Goa Police has registered cases against the outfit for organizing unlawful assembly. In this regard two cases under relevant sections of IPC were registered in Police Station Fatorda and in both the cases 18 persons were arrested.

Pursuant to imposition of ban by the Government of India, a large number of activists (32) of PFI were arrested under Preventive Sections of Cr. PC. These arrests were made in the areas of Police Stations Fatorda, Police Station Maina-Curtorim, Police Station Vasco, Police Station Valpoi, Police Station Ponda and Police Station Margao.

All the offices of the outfit were sealed and various documents related to the outfit were seized and handed over to the respective District Magistrate. A sharp watch is being kept over the erstwhile members of the banned outfit.

Based on the information provided by Dy. Director of Income Tax (Investigation), Belagavi and also by Inspector, Special Branch, Goa Police indicating funding of PFI activities in the State of Goa, a case under sections 186, 201, 120-B IPC and Sections 13 (1) (a), 13(1) (b) and 13(2) of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 as amended in 2008 was registered at Police Station Crime Branch against one Altaf Sayad and his Associates.

Pursuant to registration of this case, search warrants were obtained and the office premises and residence of Altaf Sayad were searched. Thereafter, the office premises of PFI situated at Margao was also searched. In addition, the office premises of Humane Welfare Trust Office, a sympathiser Organization of PFI situated at Shirvodem, Margao was also searched.

Altaf Sayad and 23 of his close associates were thoroughly interrogated in the case. During the course of investigation it came to light that Altaf Sayad has been funding a political group called 'We For Fatorda' also. The investigation is still under progress.

During investigation, it also came to light that Hyderabad Police has also registered a case against Altaf Sayad under Section 387, 347, r/w 34 IPC. He was placed under arrest in the matter.

Sharp vigil is being kept on the activities of PFI and their members and supporters including accused Altaf Hussain.

**In light of above, there should not be any fear or anxiety in the minds of people of Goa.**

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