Question

Fear and anxeity in the minds of the Village Panchayat whose areas have been declared as "Notified" areas by Goa IDC, who have deliberately denied the Panchayats their rightful dues that have been collected by GOA IDC over the last several years. The steps the Government has taken in this matter

Answer

Section 37A of Goa-IDC Act provides for declaration of Industrial Estates which is reproduced as follows:

- (1) <u>Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in</u> <u>any other law for the time being in force</u>, the State Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette-
 - (a) declare an industrial area which is
 - i. earmarked as industrial estate; and
 - ii. having adequate facilities in respect of power, roads, water supply, to be notified area;
 - (b) appoint the Corporation or any Officer or Committee thereof for the purpose of the assessment and recovery of any taxes when imposed as per the provisions made thereof:
 - (c) declare that the <u>provisions of any law relating to local</u>
 <u>authorities providing for control or erection of buildings, levy and collection of taxes, fees and other dues to the local authority which is in force in that area shall cease to apply and thereupon such provisions shall cease to apply thereof;</u>

Further Section 37B of the Goa-IDC Act states that:

"Provided that the Municipalities and the Village Panchayats which were receiving house tax from the occupants in the industrial estates under their respective laws, shall be compensated by the Government to the <u>extent of the last financial year's collection of taxes for such period as may be determined by the Government which shall not be less than five years</u>.

Accordingly, as per the above provisions of the Act, all Industrial Estates which are under Goa Industrial Development Corporation were declared as notified areas vide **notification dated 22.2.2001**. Till such time i.e., **up to FY 1999-2000**, the local bodies were collecting house tax.

FOR PANCHAYATS:

Vide **notification dated 31.08.2004**, Department of Panchayati Raj and Community Development notified the scheme called Goa Panchayats (Grants-in-Aid) to the Village Panchayats falling in Industrial Estates as notified by Government from time to time. As per the said notification, at section 15, the scheme shall remain valid for a period of 5 years w.e.f 2001-2005. <u>As per the scheme, the amount collected by Corporation was deposited in the Government treasury and disbursed to concerned Panchayats</u>.

• Further again vide notification dated 21.09.2006, the scheme was extended by another five years i.e., from FY 2005-06 to FY 2009-10. As per the scheme, the amount collected by Corporation was deposited in the

Government treasury and disbursed to concerned Panchayats.

- Further again vide notification dated 26.03.2010, the scheme was extended by another five years i.e., from FY 2010-11 to FY 2014-15. As per the scheme, the amount collected by Corporation was deposited in the Government treasury and disbursed to concerned Panchayats.
- Further again vide notification dated 09.06.2020, the was notified for a period w.e.f 11.06.2020 till 2022. As per the scheme, the amount is yet to be paid. However, the corporation deposited House Tax and all other dues for the for FY 2015-16 till FY 2016-17 which was not there in any scheme and the same was disbursed to Panchayats.

FOR MUNICIPAL COUNCILS/CORPORATION:

Vide **notification dated 06.01.2005**, Department of Municipal Administration notified the scheme called Goa Municipal Council/Corporation (Grants-in-Aid) to the Municipal Councils/Corporation falling in the notified areas Scheme, 2005. As per the said notification, at section 13, the scheme shall remain valid for a period of 5 years w.e.f 2000-2005. As per the scheme, the amount collected by Corporation was deposited in the Government treasury and disbursed to concerned Municipal Councils/Corporation.

- Further again vide notification dated 07.10.2005, the scheme was extended for one more year i.e., for FY 2006-07. As per the scheme, the amount collected by Corporation was deposited in the Government treasury and disbursed to concerned Municipal Councils/Corporation
- Further again vide notification dated 19.04.2007, the scheme was extended by one more year i.e., for FY 2007-08. As per the scheme, the amount collected by Corporation was deposited in the Government treasury and disbursed to concerned Municipal Councils/Corporation
- Further again vide notification dated 11.03.2008, the scheme was extended by one more year i.e., for FY 2008-09. As per the scheme, the amount collected by Corporation was deposited in the Government treasury and disbursed to concerned Municipal Councils/Corporation
- Further again vide notification dated 30.04.2009, the scheme was extended by one more year i.e., FY 2009-10.
 As per the scheme, the amount collected by Corporation was deposited in the Government treasury and disbursed to concerned Municipal

Councils/Corporation

- Further again vide notification dated 29.03.2010, the scheme was extended by one more year i.e., FY 2010-11.
 As per the scheme, the amount collected by Corporation was deposited in the Government treasury and disbursed to concerned Municipal Councils/Corporation
- Further again vide notification dated 03.05.2011, the scheme was extended by one more year i.e., FY 2011-12.
 As per the scheme, the amount collected by Corporation was deposited in the Government treasury and disbursed to concerned Municipal Councils/Corporation

Further again vide notification dated 30.03.2012, the scheme was extended by three more years i.e., FY 2012-13, FY 2013-14, and FY 2015-16. As per the scheme, the amount collected by Corporation was deposited in the Government treasury and disbursed to concerned Municipal Councils/Corporation

Further again vide notification dated 05.10.2017, the scheme was notified for five more years i.e., from FY 2015-16 to FY 2019-20. As per the scheme, the amount collected by Corporation was deposited in the Government treasury upto FY 2016-17.

RATIONALE OF THE NOTIFIED AREAS:

The rationale of declaring notified areas under Section 37A of the Goa-IDC Act is to ensure a single nodal agency for administration of industrial estates. As such, all the functions of providing and maintenance of infrastructure facilities, regulating construction etc., is delegated to Goa-IDC and there is no burden on Panchayats/Municipalities