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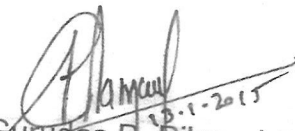
**CIRCULAR**

It has been noticed that most of the Village Panchayats are conducting meetings beyond the office hours which may please be avoided. It may please be noted that every meeting of the Panchayat shall be open to public unless the Panchayat unanimously decides that any inquiry before or deliberations of the Panchayat shall be held in camera.

Further under Rule-20 of the Goa Panchayat (meetings) Rules, 1996 the person presiding may fix a reasonable time limit within which the mover, the seconder and any member shall end his speech.

Rule 9 of the said Rules provides that any meeting may with, the consent of majority of the members present, be adjourned from time to time. But no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than that left undisposed of at the meeting from which the adjournment took place, the date, time and place of the adjourned meeting shall be announced at the meeting and no separate notice shall be necessary.

Therefore Village Panchayats are required to follow above Rules and avoid holding or continuing the Panchayat meeting beyond office hours.

  
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To,

1. All the Village Panchayats,  
(Through the Block Development Officers)
2. The Block Development Officers for information.