



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF GOA

**The Goa School Education  
(Amendment) Bill, 1999**

(Bill No. 8 of 1999)

<sup>75</sup>  
(~~To~~ be introduced in the Legislative Assembly of Goa)

**GOA LEGISLATURE SECRETARIAT  
ASSEMBLY HALL, PANAJI  
JULY, 1999**

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*further to amend the Goa, Daman and Diu School Education Act, 1984.*

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of Goa in the Fiftieth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. *Short title and commencement.*— (1) This Act may be called the Goa School Education (Amendment) Act, 1999.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. *Amendment of section 18.*— In section 18 of the Goa, Daman and Diu School Education Act, 1984 (Act 15 of 1985),—

(i) in sub-section (1), for the expression “1st day of June”, the expression “5th day of September” shall be substituted;

(ii) in the first proviso, for the expression,—

(a) “31st day of May of the year two thousand”, the expression “5th day of September of the year two thousand and one” shall be substituted;

(b) “31st day of May”, the expression “5th day of September” shall be substituted;

(iii) second proviso shall be omitted.

### Statement of Objects and Reasons

Section 18 of the Goa, Daman and Diu School Education Act, 1984 (Act 15 of 1985) deals with admission to recognised schools and in terms of sub-section (1) thereof as it earlier stood, a child who has not attained the age of five years on or before the first day of June of the year in which the admission of such child is sought, shall not be admitted to Class I, or an equivalent class or any class higher than class I, in a recognised school.

Keeping with the National Policy of Education in the matter of admission of a child at primary level (Std. I), and on the advise of the School Education Advisory Board, section 18 of the Act, 1984, was amended vide the Goa School Education (Amendment) Act, 1998 (Goa Act 22 of 1998), whereunder, it was stipulated that from the 31st day of May of the year two thousand, a child who has not attained the age of six years on or before the 31st day of May of the year in which the admission of such child is sought, shall not be admitted to class I, or an equivalent class or any class higher than class I, in a recognised school. It was further provided that a child who has not attained the age of five years and six months on or before 31st May of the year 1999, shall not be admitted to class I or an equivalent class or any class higher than class I in a recognised school in the year 1999.

In terms of the above amended provision of section 18 of the Act, 1984, a child has to complete 5  $\frac{1}{2}$  years on or before 31st May, 1999, for admission to Std. I in June, 1999. For admission to Std. I in June, 2000, the child has to complete 6 years on or before 31st May of the year.

In view of various requests received from parents and others to enhance the date of admission from 31st May of the year to 5th September of the year and also to postpone the implementation of amended provision of the said section 18 from the academic year 2001-2002, it is proposed to suitably amend the said section 18 of the Act, 1984.

This Bill seeks to achieve the above objects.

### Financial Memorandum

No financial implications are involved in the implementation of the above amended provisions.

Panaji  
16th July, 1999.

LUIZINHO FALEIRO  
Chief Minister

Assembly Hall,  
Panaji  
22nd July, 1999

P. N. RIVANKAR  
Secretary to the Legislative  
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