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To

The Director for NRI Affairs,  
Government of Goa,  
Secretariat, Porvorim, GOA-403521.

**Sub:- Difficulties being faced by Goans born abroad before or after Liberation of Goa, Daman & Diu in getting Indian citizenship-reg.**

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Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No.Comm/NRI/105/12-13/1216 dated 08.12.2012 on the above subject and to inform that the proposal to empower State Govt. of Goa for grant of Indian citizenship certificate to the following cannot be considered as the Citizenship Act,1955 and rules made there under does not provide any such powers for grant of Indian citizenship certificate to any State Govts.

2. Two categories of persons are mentioned in the said letter:

- (i) Persons of Goan origin, who were born abroad **before Liberation**, provided their births were registered in Goa.
- (ii) Persons of Goan origin, who were born abroad to Goan parents holding Indian citizenship **after Liberation**, provided their births have been registered in Indian Missions abroad.

3. As regards point (i) above, person of Goan origin, **who was born abroad before Liberation** (i.e.20.12.1961), shall be deemed to have become a citizen of India as per Goa, Daman and Diu (Citizenship) Order, 1962 (re-produced below) provided their parents or any of their grandparents were born before 20.12.1961 in the territories now comprised in the Union territory of Goa, Daman and Diu and they had not made a declaration in writing to retain the citizenship or nationality which he had immediately before the 20.12.1961.

“As per Goa Daman & Diu (citizenship) Order, 1962, every person, who or either of whose parents or any of whose grand-parents was born **before the 20.12.1961**, in the territories now comprised in the Union Territory of Goa, Daman and Diu, shall be deemed to have become a citizen of India on that day;

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