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**To
Mr. Pramod Sawant
The Chief Minister
Government of Goa,
Secretariat , Porvorim,
Goa**

Via electronic mail.

Sir,

**Subject: Mandatory installation of Aarogya Setu by visitors with smartphones in the Goa
Collectorate.**

It was brought to our notice via media reports that the South Goa collectorate has made it mandatory for visitors with smartphones to have [Aarogya Setu installed in their cell phones](#).

As you may be aware the Ministry of Home Affairs had released its guidelines for Lockdown 4.0 on 17.05.2020 which make installation of the App on “best efforts” basis. This means that Aarogya Setu cannot be made mandatory for any of the citizens, with or without smartphones. This is to also inform you that the Government of India has already placed it on record in the Karnataka High Court that Aarogya Setu is not mandatory for availing government services.

We request you to reconsider and to withdraw such order and make installation of Aarogya Setu voluntary on the lines of the Guidelines issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs and its statement in the Karnataka High Court. We urge you to ensure that the principles of consent and due process are followed during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Regards,

**Sincerely,
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