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## **GITP disappointed with Goa Govt's failure in improving Ease of Doing Business in Goa.**

Goa government has yet again disappointed the Goan youth as its rank on the Ease of Doing business in Goa dropped from 19 to 21 in the latest state wise report. With election code of conduct coming barely in 2 months, govt's inaction on important issue of employment and bringing industry to Goa, clearly shows this government is no different than the previous governments.

In a recent interview CM Parsekar claimed that for Goa the low EODB rank is wrongly projected and is not improving as Goa is already reformed. This however is far from true and the fact is that not just the new and upcoming units, even the existing units are facing hardships due to old and stale processes. The compliance procedures are not listed on any government website. Entrepreneurs have to rely on information spread by word of mouth. With no single window clearance procedure in place, registrants are left to run pillars and posts to complete initial registration procedures. Demands of bringing important departments online have been consistently ignored by the government.

The Investment Promotion Board which was supposed to be a single window for clearance has become yet another window. Again there is no website for approaching or contacting this window. This compared to other states, who have been running single window systems for years, have major of their departments and procedures online and have set records in starting new investments/units in mere 15 days.

It has been a collective failure on the part of the government as well as industry bodies in resolving the issues related to EODB. Goa has the highest number of government employees per capita. Yet the resultant effectiveness evident from such reports proves to be a case of maximum government and minimum governance.

GITP demands that the work on the industry and employment promotion be expedited. We also demand to release statistics on number of jobs this government has created in knowledge based industries like IT, Electronics, and R&D.

Given the poor track record of this government while formulating and releasing the Investment Policy and that till date not even one IT company has invested in Goa nor any employment has been generated in the IT sector due to Government efforts, GITP feels same treatment is being given to reforms, IT park work, startup and investment promotion, while priority is being given to freebies and doles in the name of Digital India.

GITP as always assures full and active support to the government for enabling locally sustainable IT industry and employment generation in Goa. We also wish to remind this government of the promises it made to the local youth during last elections about jobs and stopping the brain drain and warn about effects of governments failure on this fronts in the coming elections.