

The Center has affixed on us the status of Union Territory. This is not enough. We must be a Full-fledged State.

Once statehood is attained, and we shall have to fight for it, we must ensure the continued prosperity of our state. This, we can only do by having a stable government.

To establish a stable and progressive government in a period of transition, such as we are in, is a difficult task, a task for competent people only.

Therefore, we must elect to the government only honest and experienced individuals; people respected for their proven worth. If you look at the political organizations now in existence, you will see, as we have, that they are not in a position to provide the stable or efficient government we need.

Consequently, you will feel, as we did, that to avert a calamity at the elections, a new political party was very much needed. This need is now fulfilled by the GOENCHO PAKSH, the Party of the Goans, YOUR PARTY.

Your Party's firm intention is to offer an honest, experienced and respected group for election. Only such a group can make this territory a full-fledged state, and provide the stable and efficient government that we require to assure the continued prosperity of our state.

Your Party recognizes Konkani as the regional language of Goa, and insists that it be included in the 8th Schedule of the Indian Constitution. It recognizes also Marathi, Portuguese, English and Urdu as supplementary languages of certain sections of the population.

The GOENCHO PAKSH, your Party, believes in, and stands for:

1. Goa, as a full-fledged state of the Indian Union, We accept the status of Union Territory, only as a brief stepping stone to statehood,
2. The unaltered maintainance of the civil and criminal law now in force in this territory, for five years, with a gradual transition, in the following years, to the corresponding laws in force in the rest of India. The Judiciary machine here is based on the Portuguese law and language and the French Code. The Law of the rest of India is based on the English Language and Code. To change from one to the other immediately - without planned transitional stages, without the gradual setting up of the new machinery required - would result in chaos.
3. An Administrative system - based on the adaptation of our present organizations by people who knew them from experience - to suit our needs as a full-fledged state. With the adaptation plans to include a gradual

transition to Panchayat Raj.

4. An educational program, with accent on literacy and technical training,
5. Agrarian reforms, to, raise the standard of the tiller. Full time agriculturists are essential for an efficient production and their earnings therefore, must be raised to a compensatory level.
6. The rapid, but rational industrialization of this territory. With our resources and possibilities, including our geographical location, our port and our mineral deposits, we must build here a processing centre for materials for and from our vast hinterland.
7. Prohibition is not an issue that we intended raising at this stage. But it has been raised already by others. Consequently, it is incumbent upon us to mention clearly that we are against it.

We Stress The GOENCHO PAKSH is an independent organisation. We owe no allegiances. We accept no directives.

Our views are our own. They are not subject to the whims and fancies of any other organisation.

Our objective is the satisfaction of the needs and legitimate aspirations of all of us, the people of this territory

We intend to place Goa where it belongs. As a full-fledged, stable and progressive state of the Union.

Only then shall we have true Swaraj in Goa.

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