Minutes of the
Annual General Body Meeting held on Monday 20th October 2015

The minutes of the Annual General Body Meeting of Indian Red Cross Society, Goa State held on Monday 20th October 2015 at 11.00 a.m at Raj Bhavan, Dona Paula Goa, under the Presidentship of Hon'ble Governor of Goa, Dr. Smt. Mridula Sinha, the President of Indian Red Cross Society, Goa.

Shri Gaurish M. Dhond, Chairman of Indian Red Cross Society Goa received Dr Smt. Mridula Sinha, Hon'ble Governor of Goa and the President of IRCS Goa State. Hon'ble Governor garlanded the portrait of Jean Henry Dunant the Founder of Red Cross Movement in the World. Other dignitaries also offered petals before the portrait.

Chairman Escorted Hon'ble Governor to the Dais, Smt. Pratima Dhond, Life Member, IRCS presented Hon'ble Governor with basket of fruits. Red Cross Geet was sung by the Students of Progress High School, Panaji.

The Chairman of Indian Red Cross Society – Goa, Shri Gaurish Dhond in his welcome speech highlighted the areas in which IRCS is making progress especially of empowering the needy through Basic Home Nursing and Medical Emergency Course. He reiterated that Red Cross will be more successful once more Donations, Funds and Prêmisés in each Talukas of Goa are in place. He also acknowledged the support that the Members, Corporate and other Voluntary Organizations are offering to IRCS and he encouraged them to keep up the good work.

Chairman Shri Gaurish Dhond informed the august gathering that Hon'ble Governor, Dr. Smt. Mridula Sinha has nominated Shri Francis D'Souza, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Goa & Health Minister, to be the Vice Chairman of IRCS Goa State for the next two years.

The Hon'ble Governor Dr. Smt Mridula Sinha, along with the Chairman Shri Gaurish Dhond and Vice Chairman, Shri R K Pikale then released the Annual Administrative Report of IRCS Goa for the Year 2014-2015.

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New Patron Members were then invited to the dais to receive Red Cross Pins from Hon’ble Governor. The new patrons were (1) Mr. Stanley Joseph and (2) Mr Rakesh Agarwal.

The Hon’ble Governor then presented Patron Certificates to 1) Shri Manoj Caculo 2) Dr. Vinay Kumar Raikar 3) Smt. Pallavi Dempo 4) Shri Govind Raj Dempo and 5) Shri Gaurish Dhond 6) Shri Vishwasrao V Dempo.

The meeting then proceeded as per the Agenda items listed:

1. **Presentation of previous years Minutes**
   Shri Manguirish Pai Raikar, Member of Managing Committee, IRCS, Goa, read out the minutes of the previous year and the floor was opened to receiving feedback on the same.

2. **Matters arising out of the previous years minutes**
   (a) **Mr Nandu Sukhtankar:**
       It was requested that Mr. Nandu Sukhtankar be addressed as Patron Member of IRCS instead of Life member as noted in the previous year’s minutes. The same was noted and the correction is hereby recorded.

   (b) **Enhancement of Grants:**
       Shri V M Prabhudesai, Director of Sports and Youth Affairs informed that his department has taken up the proposal with the Government to enhance the grants to IRCS from Rs1,50,000/- to Rs5,00,000/- from this financial year 2015-2016.

   (c) **IRCS Margao Premises:**
       Shri Shibhu Reghunathan, Chairman of IRCS Salcete Branch, acknowledged the good work and support extended by the Chairman Shri Gaurish Dhond in allocation of new premises for the Salcete branch. He informed all that the premises are almost on the final of being allocated, the problem of rents payable as proposed by the Revenue Department Government of Goa, needs to be sorted out, as IRCS being a not for profit organization would not be in a position to pay the demanded rentals. He requested the Chairman to once again intervene and request the Government of Goa to allocate premises free of any rents. Chairman in his reply said that the matter has already been taken up and more follow up is required, he assured his full support in this matter.

   (d) **IRCS Ponda Premises:**
       Shri Avinash Ramnathkar, Life Member of IRCS, thanked the Chairman Shri Gaurish Dhond for his cooperation and support in successfully getting the allotment for IRCS Ponda office free of any rentals payable. Chairman wished the Ponda Branch all success and encouraged them to carry on the spirit of Humanitarian services by conducting various programmes at the new premises. Chairman requested them to furnish the office and get it operation as early as possible.

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(e) **IRCS· Mapusa Premises:**

Prof. Shri Subhash Kahauntakar expressed that he was hopeful of new premises for the Mapusa Branch as the current premises in Mapusa are in a very depilated state. It was also pointed out that the Premises would be allocated in the Old Municipal Premises and not in the New Municipal premises as was stated in the previous year’s minutes. The same was noted and the correction is hereby recorded.

The minutes were then proposed by Shri Santosh M Naik and Seconded by Shri Yatin Parikh.

(3) **Presentation of Annual Administrative Report for 2014-15**

Was done by Chairman Shri Gaurish M Dhond, The report highlighted the activities and events that the Goa State Office of IRCS had organized during the last year as well as the new events planned for the next year. Shri Gaurish Dhond also called upon the members present to help the Indian Red Cross Society with their generous Donations as well as by sending in old and unused wheel Chairs, Walkers, crutches etc.. Which could be added to the stock currently in hand and help more needy patients to avail of this service.

(4) **Presentation, Consideration and adoption of Audited Annual Accounts for the Year 2014-15.**

Shri Raghu Pikale, Hon. Vice Chairman, Presented the same and after which he proceeded to answer the queries as received in the IRCS office before the 10th of October 2015 the stipulated cutoff date as clearly indicated in the NOTICE of the AGM as published in Newspapers, Society website and all offices of IRCS in Goa more than 24 days prior to the scheduled date of the AGM. In this regard only one letter dated 08th October, 2015 was received from Mr Abhay Karangate on 10th October 2015, and Hon. Vice Chairman Shri Raghu Pikale answered the queries contained therein to the satisfaction of Mr Abhay Karangate and the Members present. It was at this point that Mr Abhay Karangate again stood up with a big list of other queries that was not sent in before the stipulated date and time to which he wanted to be answered immediately. Although all queries and highlights of accounts were explained in details to the august gathering, Hon Vice Chairman politely then requested the house members present whether they would allow this huge list of queries to be answered or not, to which the members vociferously and unanimously said NO. To this Mr Abhay Karangate had to accept the verdict of the house. After this the Audited accounts as tabled were then proposed by Shri S. Y. Karapurkar Life Member and Seconded by Shri Salim Isani, Life Member and the Audited Accounts for 2014-15 were then unanimously approved and adopted.

(5) **Budget Estimate for 2015-16** were presented by Shri Raghu Pikale, Vice Chairman the same was proposed by Shri Amin Ladak, Life Member and seconded by Shri Vinod Salgaonkar, Life Member. The Budget estimates were then unanimously approved by all.
(6) **Appointment of Statutory Auditor for the year 2015-16**  
Shri Raghu PikAle, Vice Chairman asked the members present if the society could continue with the services of the current Auditor M/s. Edvina De Souza & Associates. Shri Yatin Parekh, Patron Member Proposed and it was seconded by Shri Subhash Khauntankar Chairman of IRC\$ Mapusa and Life Member the continuation of the Current Auditor was then approved.

(7) Any other matter with the permission of the Chair:-

a) Shri Shibhu Reghunathan expressed his thanks to Chairman and the Managing Committee of IRC for appointing him as the Chairman of Salcette Branch of IRC\$. He also thanked Dr. Smt Suvarna Fonseca for all her help and guidance as mentor of the Branch.

b) Shri Mangurish Pai Raikar, Member of Managing Committee thanked Dr Avinash Dhakankar for rendering his services free of Charge for Home Nursing Students as well as for his services as a general practitioner during the week as and when required.

c) Director of Health Service, Dr Sanjeev Dalvi who was present informed that the proposal for more grants to IRC\$ Goa was forwarded to the Government. Chairman thanked him for the same.

d) Shri Shubhash Kaunthkar, Thanked the Chairman and the Managing Committee for appointing him Chairman of IRC\$ Bardez Branch. He also expressed his gratitude to Shri Ismail J Virani for his selfless service to the branch for more than 24 years.

e) Donation of a projector by Rotary Club of Panaji Riveira: On the request of Chairman, Shri Gaurish Dhond, Rotarian Yogish Dempo on behalf of Rotary club of Panaji Riveira donated an LCD Projector to the society at the hands of the Hon’ble Governor of Goa, Dr Smt. Mridula Sinha.

f) Shri Sudhesh Kavlekar of Ponda IRC\$, thanked Shri Francis D’souza, Dy. Chief Minister of Goa, the Chairman of IRC\$, Chairperson Dr Radhika Nayak and all the councilors of Ponda Municipal Council for allocating the premises free of cost to the Society.

(8) **Felicitation of Mr I J Virani:**
Shri Ismail J Virani, outgoing Chairman of IRC\$, Mapusa was warmly felicitated at the hands of Hon’ble Governor Dr Smt Mridula Sinha. Shri I J Virani has selflessly served the Mapusa branch of IRC\$ for more than 24 years as Chairman and has rendered yeoman service to Humanity. He has however assured to be a guide and mentor to the Bardez Branch.
(9) **Address by the Hon’ble Governor:**
The Hon’ble Governor Dr Smt. Mridula Sinha in her address, appreciated the good work that the society is doing. She spoke of her special initiatives for the needy specially orphans. She narrated her personal experience in Himachal Pradesh wherein
1) Family life was successful because family members were happy in the family itself and
2) Counseling centers were tackling problems much before they are manifested. She also mentioned about projects like adopting a granny and the need of having orphanages and old age homes in close proximity as they can complement each other. She added that Voluntary Organisation form the fifth pillar of democracy and wished success to the Red Cross movement in Goa.

(10) **Compering:** The Annual General Meeting was compered by Dr. Smt. Suvarna Fonseca e Antao, Member of Managing Committee, IRCS Goa.

(11) **Vote of Thanks** was proposed by Shri. Gangaram Morajkar, Member of Managing Committee of Indian Red Cross Society, Goa.

The meeting concluded with Photograph session and Hi Tea.

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Cyril Desouza
General Secretary