



Directorate of Food & Drugs Administration

Government of Goa

Dhanwantari, Opp. Shrine of the Holy Cross, Bambolim - Goa - 403 202

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Particulars of Organization, Functions and Duties (Section 4(1) (b) (i))

The Directorate of Food and Drugs Administration, Government of Goa was established in November' 1991 with its office functioning from the building premises at Campal, Panaji – Goa. Thereafter the office premises was shifted and functioned from the Old Goa Medical Complex at Panaji – Goa; until October 2003 and thereafter the Directorate functioned from the Old IPHB Complex at Altinho, Panaji – Goa until February 2014.

Presently, the Directorate now functions from the Directorate of Food and Drug Administration, 'Dhanwantari', Opposite Shrine of the Holy Cross, Bambolim - Goa 403202 and Sub-Office at Old Collectorate Building, 2nd Floor, Margao-Goa.

Prior to the establishment of an independent Food and Drugs Administration, the Directorate, was functioning as an office of the Drugs Controller as one of the various units under the Directorate of Health Services at Campal and was entrusted to handle all food and drugs related legislation.

Role of FDA

The Directorate of Food and Drugs Administration is entrusted with the task of implementing and enforcing all the Food and Drugs related legislation, which includes controlling the quality of food articles and drugs, manufactured and sold within the State as well as manufactured outside the State but sold in the State.

The Directorate through its independent Food and Drugs Testing Laboratory is entrusted with the responsibilities in analysis of various food and drugs, samples drawn by the Food Inspectors and Drugs Inspectors respectively, liquor samples, referred by the Excise Department, Narcotic samples referred by the Police and Customs Department as well as analysis of imported food articles referred by the Mormugao Port Health Authorities.

The Directorate also regulates the prohibition on the sale, manufacture and stocking of injurious food article viz food article containing tobacco under the Goa Public Health (Amendment) Act 2005, which includes Gutkha, etc.

Duties and objectives of Food & Drugs Administration:

- A. To regulate the manufacture for sale, distribution and sale of food articles and ensure that the same is safe and free from any adulterates.
- B. To regulate the manufacture for sale, sell and distribution of drugs, cosmetics and Medical devices in the State.
- C. To carry out testing of drugs and food articles for the samples drawn by the enforcement staff to check their quality conforming to the prescribed standards .