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Sub: - Right to access any Court, Tribunal, Authority, Commission etc., to the Persons with Disability in compliance to Section 12 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 - reg.

The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (Central Act no.49 of 2016) was notified vide notification No. 10/4/2016-LA-171 dated 04/10/2017 and published in the Official Gazette series I No. 32 dated 09th November 2017 wherein Section 12 stipulates that Persons with disabilities are able to exercise the right to access any court, tribunal, authority commission or any other body having judicial or quasi-judicial or investigative powers without discrimination on the basis of disability for which Government shall take Steps to:-

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- (a) ensure that all their public documents are in accessible formats;
- (b) ensure that the filing departments, registry or any other office of records are supplied with necessary equipment to enable filing, storing and referring to the documents and evidence in accessible formats; and
- (c) make available all necessary facilities and equipment to facilitate recordings of testimonies, arguments or opinion given by persons with disabilities in their preferred language and means of communication.

It is, therefore, enjoined on all the judicial and quasi-judicial bodies to strictly ensure that all the steps mentioned above as envisaged in Section 12 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 are taken in letter and spirit for the empowerment of Persons with Disabilities in the state on "TOP PRIORITY" basis and compliance reported to this office immediately.

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 (Umeshchandra Joshi)
 Director of Social Welfare
 Ex-Officio/Joint Secretary (SW)

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1. The Assistant Registrar, High Court of Bombay at Goa, Altinho Panaji -Goa
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all steps mentioned above are followed.