

The Goa High Court (Hearing of Writ Petitions by Division Bench and Abolition  
of Letters Patent Appeals) Act, 2013  
(Goa Act 26 of 2013) [9-12-2013]

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ACT

*to provide for hearing of Writ Petitions by Division Bench and for abolition  
of Letters Patent Appeals in the High Court of Bombay Goa.*

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of Goa in the Sixty-fourth Year of the  
Republic of India as follows:—

**1. Short title and commencement.**— (1) This Act may be called the Goa High  
Court (Hearing of Writ Petitions by Division Bench and Abolition of Letters Patent  
Appeals) Act, 2013.

(2) It shall come into force on such date as the Government may, by notification  
in the Official Gazette, appoint.

**2. Writ Petitions, etc. in the High Court of Bombay at Goa to be heard by  
Division Bench.**— Notwithstanding anything contained in any law for the time  
being in force or in any instrument having the force of law, every application for  
the issue of any direction, order or writ under Article 226 of the Constitution of  
India and every application invoking the jurisdiction of the High Court under  
Article 227 or Article 228 of the Constitution of India, pending before the High  
Court of Bombay at Goa, on the date of commencement of this Act, or filed on or  
after the said date, shall be heard and disposed off by a Division Bench comprising  
of two Judges to be appointed by the Chief Justice of the High Court of Bombay:

Provided that, the High Court of Bombay may, by rules made after previous  
publication prescribe that such of the applications referred to above, as may be  
specified in the rules, may be heard and disposed of by a single Judge appointed by  
the Chief Justice.

***3. Abolition of appeal from judgment or order of single Judge of High Court of Bombay at Goa made in exercise of original or appellate jurisdiction.—***

(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Letters Patent for the High Court of Judicature at Bombay, dated the 28<sup>th</sup> December, 1865 and in any other instrument having the force of law or in any other law for the time being in force, no appeal arising from the applications referred to in section 2 or an appeal under any Statute, instituted or commenced, whether before or after the commencement of this Act, shall lie to the High Court of Bombay at Goa from a Judgment, decree or order of a single Judge of the High Court made on or after the commencement of this Act, whether in the exercise of the original or appellate Jurisdiction of the High Court of Bombay at Goa.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), all such appeals pending before the High Court of Bombay at Goa on the date immediately preceding the date of commencement this Act shall be continued and disposed of by that Court, as if this Act had been not been passed.

Secretariat,  
Porvorim-Goa.  
Dated: 11-12-2013.

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Secretary to the Govt. of Goa  
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