

RIGHT OF WAY OF PEDESTRIAN – GOA POLICE TO START A DRIVE SHORTLY.

Walking is an important mode of Transport. In urban areas, a significant proportion of trips up to 1-2 Km in length is performed on foot. Moreover, every journey necessarily starts and ends as a walk trip. Pedestrian do not consume fuel, fitness is a bonus. Above all, pedestrian facilities ensures social equity. It may be added that pedestrian facility enhance the liveliness of the urban environment, making both business districts and residential neighborhoods safe and interesting. Developing a pedestrian environment means more than laying down a footpath or installing a signal. A truly viable pedestrian system takes into account both the big picture and smallest details – from how a city is formed and build to what materials are under our feet.

Definition of Pedestrian.

“Pedestrian” is used throughout these guidelines to include people who walk, sit, stand in public spaces, or use a mobility aid like walking stick, crutches or wheel chairs, be they children, teenagers, adults, elderly persons, persons with disabilities, workers, residence, shoppers, people – watchers. Pedestrian-oriented design is accessible design for all people.

The basic aim should be reduced pedestrian conflict with vehicular traffic to the minimum. Efforts should be made to create such conditions that pedestrian are not forced to walk in unsafe circumstances, and that the motorist respect the position of pedestrian. It is therefore expected of every motorist to respect the right of way of a pedestrian and stop voluntarily at places where pedestrians cross the road. Goa Police will shortly be starting a drive to ensure Pedestrian right to way at all Zebra crossings, intersections, schools and other educational institutes and the places where pedestrian crossing generally takes place. The defaulting motorist are liable to be prosecuted under Rule 11 of Rules of Road Regulations, 1989 r/w Section 177 of M.V. Act.