

**SCHEME FOR PROVIDING COUNSELING TO THE STUDENTS IN THE GOVERNMENT  
& GOVERNMENT AIDED INSTITUTIONS (SECONDARY/HIGHER SECONDARY)**

As today's youth is the future of the country, the Government of Goa therefore with thoughtful concern endeavors to take due care, and as an immediate response desires to engage expert counselors in schools to help the young students cope up with the emotional and psychological stress related to education and also socio-economic and cultural environment.

This scheme is implemented through GEDC from the year 2013 wherein the financial assistance to provide remuneration to eligible counselors and Supervisors is provided by the Government. The Scheme covers the students studying in Government and Government aided Secondary and Higher Secondary Institutions in the state of Goa.

The Counselors discuss and assist the students in various arrays of concerns and provide guidance with regards to the issues related to: Health Difficulties, emotional Difficulties, Behavioral Difficulties, Study Difficulties, Learning Difficulties Social Difficulties at school, social Difficulties at Home, RSH Issues, career Issues, Substance Abuse, Harassment and Violence. There are various workshops and awareness programmes which are conducted every month and the beneficiaries are students, teachers and parents.

Currently for the academic year 2020-21, 15 Supervisors and 67 Counselors are employed on contractual basis are deployed in 53 Government High Schools, 155 Aided High schools, 05 Government Higher Secondary Schools and 53 Aided Higher Secondary schools across the state of Goa.

Per year cases handled since September 2013 to January 2020.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of Students handled</b>	<b>Number of Issues handled</b>
September 2013- April 2014	9,327	15,447
June 2014- April 2015	9,565	15,052
June 2015- April 2016	8,355	14,086

June 2016- April 2017	8,062	20,057
June 2017- April 2018	6,492	13,846
June 2018- April 2019	12,267	33,158
June 2019- March 2020	11,815	25,377
June 2020- August 2020	1,316	2,067