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Sawant gets 20 votes, passes Goa floor test

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Panaji: The BJP-led coalition government of Goa passed the floor test comfortably on Wednesday by 20 votes against 15. In the 40-member Goa assembly, which has been reduced to 36, chief minister Pramod Sawant's government required the support of only 19 MLAs to prove its majority.

But Sawant lost support of the lone NCP MLA from Benaulim, Churchill Alemao, who had voted in support of the late chief minister Manohar Parrikar during the confidence vote

on March 17, 2017. Immediately after winning the trust vote, Sawant called upon Goans to follow Parrikar's message to "be positive" about the development of the state.

"We have to work on the principle of Antyodaya where you have to work to reach out to the last person in society. This is the work not only of the CM, ministers or MLAs, but of every person in society. While leaving, Manoharbhaj gave us the message to be positive. If we move forward with this message, we will be able to make Goa's future bright," he said.