

Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Governing Body of Goa State CAMPA under the Chairmanship of Shri Manohar Parrikar, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa held on 3.5.2012 at 4.00 p.m. at Conference Hall, Secretariat, Porvorim-Goa.

The following members were present.

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| 1. Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa | Chairman |
| 2. The Principal Secretary(Finance& Planning) | Member |
| 3. The Principal Secretary (Forests) | Member Secretary |
| 4. Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests. | Member |
| 5. Chief Conservator of Forests | Member |
| 6. Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) | Member |
| 7. Secretary to Chief Minister. | Special Invitee |

The Chairman welcomed the members to the 2nd meeting of the Governing Body of Goa State CAMPA, which was held at the Conference Hall at the Secretariat, Porvorim.

The agenda items were taken up for discussion and the details itemwise are as follows.

Agenda item no. 1 – Perusal and discussions on the Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 1st Meeting of the Governing Body.

The minutes of the 1st meeting of the Goa State CAMPA held on 8.9.2010 were taken up and the action taken report was discussed. The Chairman reviewed the status of the posts created and the present position regarding the filling up of these posts. The promotional posts have been filled up. Applications have been received for the posts to be filled b, some of which are at different stages of process for filling. These posts were not filled up under the instruction of the present State Government. The Chairman expressed the view that all those posts that are not filled up may be taken up afresh for filling up.

While reviewing the status of the Compensatory Afforestation the Pr. Secretary (Forests) brought out the difficulty in obtaining sufficient land to meet the back log of Compensatory Afforestation. The A.P.C.C.F. informed that there were some areas of degraded forest which need to be taken up for enrichment and improvement of density of tree cover. These areas need to be identified on the ground. The Chairman informed that there was sufficient land available and that he would indicate where suitable land is available for raising Compensatory Afforestation plantations to meet the backlog.

The reason for non-commissioning of the wireless network was due to delay in renewal of the licence which was brought to the notice of the Committee. Due to non-use of the wireless system, licence fees were not paid since 2000. A demand note for Rs. 30 lakhs (Rs. 11 lakhs licence fees and Rs. 19 lakhs penal interest) has been raised by the licencing authority in the Government of India. Negotiations are in process to waive or reduce the penal interest imposed by the licencing authority. As soon as the licence is renewed, the wireless system will be commissioned for communication within Wildlife Sanctuaries and Headquarters.

Agenda item 2 – Appraisal of the funds position of CAMPA

The present position of funds deposited in the ad-hoc CAMPA maintained by Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, New Delhi and the present position of Rs. 22.37 crores released by the Ministry of Environment and Forests to the Goa State CAMPA upto 2009-10 was placed before the Committee. The Chairman expressed his opinion that all such funds pertaining to the State of Goa should be deposited in the State Treasury instead of ad-hoc CAMPA. He opined that the present procedure of depositing the money in interest bearing account was contrary to Constitutional provisions. He desired that the relevant files may be put up to him for taking up the matter with the Government of India.

Agenda item 3– Review of the performance of the Annual Plan of Operation 2010-11 and 2011-12.

The status of implementation of the Annual Plan of Operation 2010-11 and 2011-12 was placed before the members of the Committee. The reason for shortfall in the

expenditure was also informed to the Committee members. The Chairman directed that the chain link fencing to be taken up at Bondla should be done using stainless steel chain link. The reason is that G.I. (galvanized iron) chain link has a short life span and is susceptible to theft and disposal to scrap dealers for recycling. Stainless steel has long durability and is not susceptible to theft as it cannot be easily recycled.

Agenda item No. 4 – Review of the Annual Plan of Operation 2012-13

The proposed Annual Plan of Operation for 2012-13 was reviewed by the Committee, for which in-principle approval was granted. It was also accepted that beautification of road dividers and medians should be taken up under this APO.

Agenda item no. 5 – Creation of a CAMPA cell for maintaining of records and monitoring of funds and works.

The Chairman agreed to the establishment of a CAMPA Cell in the office of the APCCF for maintenance of records and monitoring of funds and work undertaken under CAMPA. He however advised that regular staff may be appointed to work in the CAMPA Cell. The required staff may be deployed from the newly created posts, or if necessary, a proposal for creation of appropriate additional posts may be submitted.

Agenda item no. 6 – Any other matters with the permission of the Chair

The Addl. Prin. Chief Conservator Forests raised the issue of compensation to be paid to the Goa Forest Development Corporation in lieu of damage to the Pedamol Cashew Plantation in Rivona village, which is on lease to the GFDC, because of the area being diverted for mining purpose. The NPV for the area diverted has been recovered by the Department. The Chairman approved the release of Rs.48 lakhs from the CAMPA funds towards settlement of the compensation claimed by Goa Forest Development Corporation.

Other matters discussed.

1. Proposal of handing over land to be afforested to local youth for raising of trees and enjoying the usufruct for 40 years in lieu of protection and maintenance of the planted trees. The land alongwith the trees reverts to the government after 40 years.
2. Deletion of areas that are not under forest cover, but are included in the Working Plans. These areas are under cultivation, habitation, etc.
3. Imposing a cess on removal of ore from forest area @ Rs. 500/- per tonne.
4. Scheme for recruitment and appointment of Schedule Tribe candidates as Forest Guards. May explore possibility under FRA, 2006.
5. Setting up of apiaries for Schedule Tribes.

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