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Minutes of the First Meeting of North Goa District Tree Authority held under the Chairmanship of Shri. Puneet Kumar Goyal, IAS, Principal Secretary (Forests) on 26/04/2021 at 12:00 Noon in the Main Conference Hall, Secretariat, Porvorim-Goa

The list of participants who attended the meeting is at Annexure.

While welcoming Chairman & Members of the North Goa District Tree Authority DCF (North)/ Member Secretary briefed about duties of the Tree Authority as given in Section 7 of the Goa, Daman and Diu Preservation of Trees Act, 1984. Following points were discussed in detail and the action to be taken thereon.

1. The Chairman desired that Forest Department may compile comprehensive data pertaining to the duties of the Tree Authorities vis-à-vis work done in that direction by the Forest Department.

**Action by: DCF (P&S)**

2. The forum reviewed composition of the Tree Authority for the Districts and observed that a Tree Authority at the State level may be appropriate instead of separate Tree Authorities for the Districts. Further, the Chairman suggested to co-opt Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chief Wildlife Warden, Member Secretary of the Goa State Biodiversity Board and a representative of non-official organization to the Tree Authority as expert members.

**Action by: DCF (P&S)**

3. Shri. Glenn S. Ticlo, Hon'ble MLA, Aldona Constituency informed about difficulty of public for obtaining No Objection Certificate for the dangerous trees coming under the jurisdiction of Comunidade Lands and therefore requested to authorize Administrator of Comunidade to issue N.O.C. for the felling of trees on Comunidade Land. Principal Secretary (Forest) directed DCF (North) to expedite such tree felling permissions on priority basis.

**Action by: DCF (North)**

4. The Chairman directed to complete the process of development of an online portal on Goa Online to receive online application seeking permission of felling/ transportation of trees through Goa Electronics Ltd. within a month time. Necessary amendment in GPTA 1984 may be proposed for reducing the time limit of 60 days to 30 days.

**Action by: DCF (P&S)**

5. Shri. Glenn S. Ticlo, Hon'ble MLA of Aldona Constituency requested to issue permission to fell dangerous trees on urgent basis which are posing danger. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests informed that under section 12A of Goa, Daman and Diu Preservation of Trees Act 1984, Tree Officer or the Deputy Collector is vested with the power to issue written order to fell trees in ruinous state or is in such condition that it is likely to fall and thereby cause injury to a person living or carrying on business in the neighborhood or passerby or to a building or a house or any public place. He appraised the forum that under section 8 of the Goa, Daman and Diu Preservation of Trees Act 1984, owner of a land may take immediate action to fell such a tree, which if not immediately felled, there would be grave danger to life or property or traffic, and report the fact to the Tree Officer within twenty-four hours of such felling.

**Action by: DCF (North)**

6. The Representative of Hon'ble Minister/ MLA, Calangute Constituency requested to replace Acacia trees and plant Native fruit bearing trees in the area coming under North Goa District. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest informed that proposals for obtaining permission for felling of trees which are planted more than 25 years ago have been forwarded to the Ministry and approval is awaited. DCF (North) was asked to find out other such areas and submit proposal accordingly.

**Action by: DCF (North)**

7. The Representative of Hon'ble Minister/ MLA, Calangute Constituency requested to submit list of area where Forest Department intend to carryout roadside plantation to the Department of Rural Development. The roadside plantations can be taken up under Ministry of Rural Development's MGNREGA Scheme. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest suggested to identify 5-6 sturdy shade bearing species to be planted on roadsides. The Chairman directed Forest Department to provide details of such plantations to be taken up to the Rural Development Department.

**Action by: DCF (North/South)**

8. Shri. Rohit Joe Monserrate, the Hon'ble Mayor, Corporation of the City of Panaji requested Forest Department to provide training for 6-7 labourers on safety precautions & different methods for cutting/felling of trees. The Chairman directed



Forest Department to provide training to such labourers of C.C.P. & Municipalities coming under the jurisdiction of North Goa District.

**Action by: DCF (North)**

9. The forum was appraised about the Green cover of the State. The Tree Authority has taken a view that the decrease in tree cover outside the forest is due to the development pressures. Therefore, to insist plantation of saplings against each felling permissions, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests suggested for raising a Corpus fund from the Security Deposits and utilizing the same for replantation activities. The Chairman suggested Forest Department to make a proposal.

**Action by: DCF (P&S), (North/South)**

10. Principal Secretary (Forests) directed to conduct next meeting of tree authority of North Goa District preferably after 4 weeks.

**Action by: DCF (North)**

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.



**(Jiss K. Varkey, IFS)**

Dy. Conservator of Forests (P&S)  
Van Bhawan, Altinho, Panaji-Goa.

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Dated:- 19-05-2021

**Encl:-** List of participants at Annexure.

**Copy to:-**

1. The Hon'ble Minister/ MLA, Calangute Constituency
2. The Hon'ble Mayor, Corporation of the City of Panaji, Panaji-Goa.
3. The Hon'ble MLA, Aldona Constituency.
4. The PS to the Principal Secretary (Forests) Secretariat, Porvorim
5. The Collector, North Goa District, Panaji-Goa.
6. The Commissioner, Corporation of the City of Panaji, Panaji-Goa
7. The Adhyaksha, North Goa Zilla Panchayat, Panaji-Goa
8. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Altinho, Panaji-Goa.
9. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Altinho, Panaji-Goa.
10. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Altinho, Panaji-Goa
11. The Conservator of Forests (Conservation), Altinho, Panaji-Goa.
12. The Dy. Conservator of Forests, North Goa Division (Member Secretary of Tree Authority) North Goa.
13. The Dy. Conservator of Forests (All)
14. Guard file.

**Annexure**

**List of participants who attended the First Meeting of the Tree Authority of North Goa District held on 26/04/2021 (Monday) at 12:00 noon in the Main Conference Hall, Secretariat, Porvorim-Goa.**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
1.	Shri. Rohit Joe Monserrate	Mayor of Corporation of the City of Panaji
2.	Shri. Glenn S. Ticlo	Hon'ble MLA, Aldona Constituency
3.	Shri. Mangirish Gadkar [Representing Shri. Michael Lobo, Hon'ble Minister/MLA Calangute]	O.S.D. for Hon'ble Minister/ MLA, Calangute Constituency
4.	Shri. Mahadev J. Araundekar	Additional Collector-II, North Goa
5.	Shri. Viveka Danseker	Municipal Engineer of Corporation of the City of Panaji
6.	Shri. Subhash Chandra, IFS	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Goa
7.	Shri. Santosh Kumar, IFS	Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden, Goa
8.	Shri. Santosh Fadte	Deputy Conservator of Forests, North Goa Division
9.	Shri. Jiss K. Varkey, IFS	Deputy Conservator of Forests, Planning & Statistics