

MINUTES OF 5th MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE PRIVATE FOREST AREAS IDENTIFIED BY STATE LEVEL EXPERT COMMITTEE (THOMAS AND ARAUJO COMMITTEE) ON PRIVATE FOREST HELD ON 13.07.2020

A meeting of the Review Committee headed by the Chief Conservator of Forests was held on 13.07.2020 at 11am in conference hall of Forest Department, Goa Van Bhawan, Altinho, Panaji under the chairmanship of Chief Conservator of Forests. Following attended the meeting:

1	Mr. Vinesh Arlenkar Director of Settlement and Land Records, Panaji Goa	Member
2	Mr. Madhav Kelkar Director of Agriculture , Panaji Goa	Member
3	Mr. Anisha Kalkoor (IFS) Dy. Conservator of Forests, North Goa Division, Ponda Goa	(Special Invitee)
4	Mr. Anil Shetgaonkar Dy. Conservator of Forests, South Goa Division, Margao Goa	(Special Invitee)
5	Mr. Tipanna S. Maddimani Representative of Additional Collector (Revenue), South Goa District	Member
6	Mr. Anant G.Samant Asst. Conservator of Forests, Headquarters, North Goa Division	Member
7	Mr. Deepak Pednekar Asst. Conservator of Forests, Headquarters, South Goa Division	Member
8	Mr. Kuldeep Sharma (IFS) Dy. Conservator of Forests, Working Plan Division, Ponda.	Member Secretary

At the outset the Member Secretary informed about the action taken on decision of the previous meeting of Review committee held on 27/02/2020. It was also informed that the minutes of 4th meeting has been officially communicated to all the members.

Thereafter following agenda was discussed and decisions were taken

Agenda item no 5.1: Status of Representation / objections : Member Secretary informed the Committee members that till date, 10,258 nos. of representations/ objections have been received from individuals / landowner / representative's and process of entry of all these representations is in process. The last date of receipt of objection is 15th July 2020. However considering the

COVID scenario in the state, there may still be people who may not be able to submit their representations. As the COVID positive cases are rising and Many containment zones have also been created in various parts of state. Therefore it is proposed to give a reasonable opportunity to the public to submit their representation. After detailed discussion, the review committee unanimously resolved to propose 31st August 2020, as the last date for receipt of representations from public.

Agenda item no 5.2: Status of Digitization work

Member Secretary informed that committee has received all required village map of concerned area from Directorate of Survey & Land Records and Planning & Development Authority. The process of digitisation of identified survey no. is in progress. Approximately 85% of data has been digitized by GIS cell of Working Plan Division and remaining work shall be completed by 5th August, 2020. A demonstration of digitisation work was also shown to all Committee members.

Agenda item no 5.3.-: Status of Forest Cover map from FSI Dehradun.

The Member Secretary informed that the FSI, Dehradun had submitted a proposal for providing LISS (IV) Satellite Image based Forest Cover Map of Goa using (December 19 – Jan- 2020) and 2015 Satellite data. Due to lockdown, the work at FSI Dehradun got affected and therefore there has been slight delay in completion of work. It was informed by Chairman to all Committee Members that FSI Dehradun is in advance stage of completion of work and the FCM data shall be provided shortly.

The Member secretary informed that after receipt of the FCM data, the digitized survey numbers shall be super imposed on FCM image by which the 5 ha minimum area of isolated patch criteria and 40% canopy density criteria shall be verified. It was informed that as per approved methodology only those areas will be taken up for ground verification which will qualify in area criteria and canopy density criteria.

[Action: FSI Dehradun, DCF WP]

Agenda item no 5.4: Public hearing of Representation

Member secretary informed that a total of 10,258 objection/ representation have been received till 13/07/2020. Members expressed apprehensions in holding hearing of 10,258 objections in the time given to the Committee. Earlier Committee had decided to hold the hearing of only the objections whose land has been identified as Private Forests. Since, field exercise to finalize the area as Private Forests can start only after monsoon, to utilise the monsoon period it was decided that public hearing of only those representations shall be required which qualify in 2 criteria's i.e; minimum 5ha area of isolated patch

and 40% canopy density in lab analysis work. This will reduce the number of hearings required. Accordingly the SOPs for hearing and objections may be chalked out by review committee in subsequent meetings.

Agenda item no 5.5: Proposal of Margao Municipal Council for sy.no

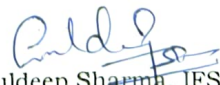
196/1B: Member Secretary informed that a representation has been received from Chief officer Margao Municipal Council regarding exclusion of survey no. 196/1-B of Raia village of salcete taluka Which was acquired by Government of Goa in year 1994 for setting up of a Garbage treatment facility. Now in an ongoing NGT matter said Garbage Treatment facility is to be set up in this property however this property is included in provisionally identified survey Nos. by Araujo Committee. After detailed discussion it was decided that actual demarcation of the plot through Land Survey Department may be carried out by Chief Officer , Margao Municipal Council and then a KML file of the said plot may be prepared in co-ordination with Dy. Conservator of Forests (South). This KML file may be provided to Dy. Conservator of Forests (Working Plan) Division to further send it to forest Survey of India for interpretation of canopy density criteria and further necessary action by review committees.

[Action: MMC, DCF(S), DCF (WP)]

Agenda item no 5.6 : Taking the follow up of the last meeting held on 27/02/2020, the Chairperson enquired with DCF (North) and DCF (South) regarding submission of data pertaining to offence cases, illegal felling, felling permission, NOC granted for conversion, fire incidents, FCA clearance if any in identified sy.no. V.T. Thomas & F.X. Araujo committee. The DCF North and South sought for 1 week's time to provide same which was agreed by Chairman.

[Action: DCF (N/S)]

The meeting ends with vote of thanks to the chair


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 Member secretary
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Date:- 23/07/2020

To

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- 2 Director, Settlement & Land Records, Panaji Goa
- 3 Director Agriculture, Panaji Goa
- 4 Dy. Conservator of Forests Head Quarter, Goa Van Bhawan, Panaji Goa
- 5 Dy. Conservator of Forests, North Goa Division Ponda Goa
- 6 Dy. Conservator of Forests, South Division Margao Goa
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