

MINUTES OF 7th 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 06.01.2021

A meeting of the Review Committee was held on 06/01/2021 at 11:00 am in conference hall of Forest Department, Goa Van Bhavan, Altinho, Panaji under the chairmanship of Chief Conservator of Forests. Following attended the meeting:

1	Mr. Yeshwant Bicholkar, Representative of Director of Settlement and Land Records, Panaji Goa	Member
2	Mr. Pradeep Malik, Representative of 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. Surendra Naik, Additional Collector, (Revenue), South Goa District	Member
6	Mr. Sagar Gaude, Representative of Additional Collector, North Goa District	Member
7	Mr. Anant Samant Asst. Conservator of Forests, Headquarters, North Goa Division	Member
8	Mr. Deepak Pednekar Asst. Conservator of Forests, Headquarters, South Goa Division	Member
9	Mr. Anisha Kalkoor (IFS) Dy. Conservator of Forests, Working Plan Division, Ponda.	Member Secretary

Following were in attendance :-

1. Shri. Dilesh Gauns Dessai- Chief Forest Surveyor
2. Shri. Geerish Bailudkar- Range Forest Officer
3. Shri. Vivek V. Gaonkar- Range Forest Officer
4. Shri. Vishwanath Bugde-Range Forest Officer
5. Shri. Deepak Betkiquar- Range Forest Officer



At the outset the Member Secretary welcomed all the Members of Committee and informed about the action taken on decision of the previous meeting of Review committee held on 18/09/2020. It was also informed that the minutes of 6th meeting has been officially communicated to all the members.

Thereafter agenda-wise discussion held. Following was discussed /decided

Agenda item no 7.1: Update on progress made for 6th Meeting till date

1. Total 7900 number of objections/representation have been received from representatives/objectors related to Private Forest, as on 05/01/2021. Details of all objections received are sent to both Divisions. Total number of objections/ representations received after cut off date are 88 (Thomas 27 Number and Araujo 61 Number). It has been decided that considering existing COVID conditions, objections received after due date will also be considered by the Review Committee.
 2. The final version of Forest Cover Map (FCM) of 2014-2015 prepared by Forest Survey of India (FSI) using LISS IV satellite images were received on 15th October, 2020. The interpretation work to analyze all digitized Survey Numbers. (Total 3233 Nos. of which North - 929 Nos. South - 2304) superimposing on Forest Cover Map (FCM) is nearly complete. So far 1544 Survey Numbers have qualified for 2 criteria of Private Forest i.e.
 - (i) 75% of the tree Composition of such lands should be of Forestry species;
 - (ii) The area should be either contiguous to the Government Forest lands or if in isolation, the minimum area identified should be 5ha
- Total 183 no. of plans admeasuring an area approximately of 91.38 sq. km. are finalized after desk analysis and are submitted to Sub-committees/ Divisions for taking up of the field exercise for survey & enumeration work in North Goa & South Goa Division. Review Committee has also sat to vet the analysis of survey number done for canopy density and area criteria.
3. At present, work of ground verification is in progress in both the Divisions.
 4. The sub-committees through concerned DCF has to submit the final field geo-co-ordinates and survey plan of areas qualifying the species criteria to the Review Committee for finalization of Final Report of Plan in Time Bound manner. Enumeration report of area not qualifying as forest also has to be submitted.
 5. Hearings of affected persons started from 13th October, 2020. However, it was decided to restart hearing after receipt of enumeration result considering hearing of lesser numbers will be required. The affected persons with land

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areas qualifying for all three criteria of Private Forest will be taken up for hearing by Review Committee.

Agenda item no 7.2: Review of progress of ground verification carried out by Territorial Division/ Sub-committees.

1. 16 no. sub-committee consisting of Range Forest Officers of Forest Department, Inspector of Survey and Land Records, Directorate of Land and Survey Department and Village Talathi of Revenue Department has been constituted for ground verification and enumeration. The ground verification and enumeration has started by concerned sub-committee under direct supervision of concerned territorial Deputy Conservator of Forests in November, 2020 after the end of monsoon.
2. Three meetings with Sub-committee held on 30/9/2020, 09/12/2020 and dated 06/01/2021. Review Committee briefed the detail of the work to be carried out, sorted out coordination issues and reviewed the progress.
3. Public Notice for ground verification has been published on daily local newspaper vide No. 6/Pvt For/Rev,Comm/DCFS/2020-21/1718 dated on 10/11/2020 of South Goa and vide No.SLEC/PJM/DCFN/TECH/2019-20/952/1588 dated on 23/12/2020 of North Goa.
4. Divisions informed that the owner of the property is being given opportunity to remain present during enumeration for which communication through various means is being sent and all trees present therein are being enumerated. For this division/sub-committee have been provided details of objection and asked to ensure to inform objectors remain present during survey/enumeration work.
5. Divisions updated that the exercise of ground verification and enumeration of Forest species and Non-Forestry species is in progress and total 35 Hac area surveyed by South Goa Division and 20 Hac area surveyed by North Goa Division upto 05/01/2021. The chairman asked them to increase the pace of the exercise by activating all sub-committees.
6. Since, there are only 8 surveyors against 16 nos. of Committees, DSLR was asked to provide additional surveyors so that a sub-committee work is not hampered due to want of surveyors and DSLR had agreed to engage additional surveyors on contract basic along with Total Station Instruments. However, representative of the DSLR informed that Government approval in the matter is yet to be received. He was asked to provide support from existing surveyors for couple of days in a week as agreed in the meeting with ISLRs



Agenda item no 7.3: Discussion on Repeated survey numbers, Adjoining survey numbers included by Forest Department demarcation team and accepted as Forest by NGT, and Government survey numbers included in list of Private Forests identified by Thomas and Araujo Committee.

1. It has been already decided that Survey Numbers identified as Private Forest by Sawant and Karapurkar committees and found repeated in Thomas and Araujo Committee are not to be reviewed as another committee has already reviewed it and report accepted by Hon'ble NGT. Total 136 such survey number **(Annexure I)** are identified by a committee consisting of the Chief Forest Surveyor, the Assistant Conservator of Forests (Head Quarters) North and the Assistant Conservator of Forests (Head Quarters) South. This has also been confirmed by both Divisions.
2. Similarly total 38 Nos. **(Annexure II)** of adjoining Survey Numbers are identified as Private Forest by earlier demarcation team of Forest Department and accepted by Hon'ble NGT as a Forest in 46.11 sq. km. area. The list was prepared by the Chief Forest Surveyor and also confirmed by both the Divisions. After detail discussion it was decided by the Committee that all adjoining Survey Numbers are not to be reviewed.
3. Further, there are total 22 Survey. Numbers **(Annexure III)** of Government Forest are identified as Private Forest by Thomas and Araujo Committee in its report. The list was prepared by the Chief Forest Surveyor and also confirmed by both the Divisions. Since, it is already a Forest land it can't be reviewed.

The committee decided to submit the above three list to the Government and also to inform the concerned objector subject to legal view in the matter.

Agenda item no 7.4: Issue related with survey numbers to be reviewed

Issues related with Survey Numbers to be reviewed was discussed regarding which a file has already been processed. Both the Divisions informed that Survey Numbers dropped by both the committees in their final report are not considered as Private Forest while sending their report. The committee noted the position and also the proposal moved by the Division in this regard. **(Annexure IV)**

Agenda item no 7.5: Review of timeline to complete the exercise.

Time period provided to the Committee as per Methodology is at least one year from the date receipt of high resolution Forest Cover Map (FCM) from Forest Survey of India (FSI) excluding the monsoon period of for approximately 32.29 hac area provisionally identified as Private Forest by Thomas and Araujo Committee. Forest Cover map was received on 15/10/2020 from Forest Survey



of India, it was delayed due to lockdown in Dehradun (COVID-19). Time period according to methodology is expected to be over by Feb-March 2022. After desk analysis total area qualified for ground verification is 91.38 sq. km. which is three times more than earlier area of Thomas and Araujo Committee and to complete the whole exercise it may take few years. It was compared with around three months required for total enumeration of around 2.05 SqKm by seven sub-committees of the review committee under JS (revenue). Considering very high area more time may be required for ground verification and enumeration work. Chairman of the Committee asked DCFs/ members of sub-committee to plan completing whole exercise within time frame by employing additional forces by increasing manpower, technology support, resources etc. for speedy disposal of time bound NGT work.

There was another view that considering the huge area to be taken up for enumeration which may be difficult to complete in the assigned timeline, sampling may be adopted for enumeration as adopted by Review Committee under Chairmanship of the Dy. Conservator of Forests (Working Plan) (Deepshikha Sharma Committee), report of whom has been accepted by the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal.

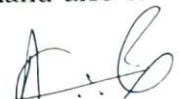
However, for area qualifying and having objectors, 100% enumeration may be carried out, same may be submitted for Government approval as Private Forest.

Agenda item no 7.6: Monitoring mechanism for enumeration exercise.

Divisions were asked to adopt appropriate monitoring mechanism for enumeration and particularly, services of ACFs/SDFOs may be utilised.

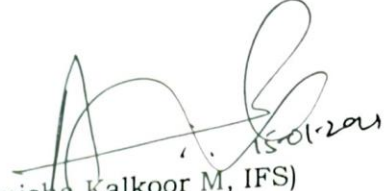
Agenda item no 7.7: Any other matter.

1. It was also discussed that all Government Project should be considered on priority basis for ground verification. The details of such projects are enclosed as **(Annexure V)**.
2. It was decided that review of Survey Numbers not fulfilling criteria of area and canopy, as per desk analysis may be expedited.
 - a. The CFS to prepare map of such Survey Numbers and list such Survey Numbers.
 - b. Working Plan Division to seek information from the Divisions regarding forest offence cases (including illegal felling, fire incidence) and court cases in such Survey Numbers. Since status of land after diversion under FC Act remains Forests, details of such land also to be obtained.



c. CFS to do arrangements for Google Timeline analysis.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks.


(Anisha Kalkoor M, IFS)
Dy. Conservator of Forests
Working Plan Division &
Member Secretary
Panaji, Goa.

No : MS/REV-PF/DCF/WP/2020-21/910
Date : 18/01/2021

To,

- 1 The Chief Conservator of Forests, Goa Van Bhavan, Panaji Goa. *
- 2 The Director, Settlement & Land Records, Panaji Goa. *
- 3 The Director Agriculture, Panaji Goa. *
- 4 The Dy. Conservator of Forests Head Quarter, Goa Van Bhavan, Panaji
Goa. *
- 5 The Dy. Conservator of Forests, North Goa Division Ponda Goa. *
- 6 The Dy. Conservator of Forests, South Division Margao Goa. *
- 7 The Additional Collector South, Revenue Department, Margao South. *
- 8 The Additional Collector North, Revenue Department, Panaji North. *
- 9 The Legal Cell, Forest Department, Panaji Goa. *
- 10 The Asst. Conservator of Forests Headquarter North Ponda Goa.
- 11 The Asst. Conservator of Forests Headquarter South Margao Goa.
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REPORT

As per the order no. CF(C)/03/Pvt Forests/2019-20/FD/946 dated 26/06/2020 of Chief Conservator of Forests, Panaji - Goa, committee constituted comprises of Asstt. Conservator of Forests, North Goa Division, Ponda - Goa, Asstt. Conservator of Forests, South Goa Division, Margao - Goa and Chief Forest Surveyor, Working Plan Division, Panaji - Goa to identify Survey Numbers which have been identified as Private Forest by Sawant and Karapurkar Committees which are already reviewed but have again been included as Private Forest in Thomas and Araujo Committee reports.

During scrutinizing the committee found that certain survey numbers was earlier identified as prospective Private Forest but during survey said survey number was removed and different survey numbers were added later on. But during review of survey numbers the review committee considered removed survey numbers as Private Forest. In such circumstances it was very difficult to come to logical conclusion. Keeping all such factors aside the committee members taking into account time factor spontaneously prepared report as best possible and same is appended here below:

Sr. No	Taluka	Village	Sy. No. Identified by Sawant Committee	Sy. No. Identified By Karapurkar Committee	Sy. No. Identified By V.T. Thomas Committee	Sy. No. Identified By F.X. Araujo Committee	Repeated Survey Numbers
1	Tiswadi	Talaulim	107/1	106/1, 107/2	106, 107		106/1, 107/1, 107/2
		Gauli maula	31/1, 39/2		31, 39		31/1, 39/2
		Azzocim		8/1	8		8/1
2	Bardez	Salvador Do Mundo	236/0, 239/1, 239/2, 237/0, 266/0		236(p), 239(p), 237(p), 266(p)		236/0, 239/1, 239/2, 237/0, 266/0



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		Pomburpa	13/1, 16/2, 9/1 (P)	29,50,54	13, 16, 9,29,50,54		13/1, 16/2, 9/1(P), 29,50,54
		Penha de Franca	38/1(p), 40(p), 45(p), 39(p), 52(p), 104/1(p), 104/2(p)		38,40,45, 39,52,104		38/1(p), 40(p), 45(p), 39(p), 52(p), 104/1(p), 104/2(p)
		Socorro	260/1(p), 261/1-A(p), 261/1-B(p), 261/1-C(p), 268(p), 278(p), 291(p), 292(p)		260, 261, 268, 278, 291, 292		260/1(p), 261/1-A(p), 261/1-B(p), 261/1-C(p), 268(p), 278(p), 291(p), 292(p)
		Pilerne	17/1(p), 17/1-A(p), 17/1-B(p)		17		17/1(p), 17/1-A(p), 17/1-B(p)
		Siolim	200(P), 295/1, 295/2	222/0, 225/0, 298/0, 297/0, 245/1	200,295, 222,225, 298,297, 245		200(P), 295/1, 295/2, 222/0, 225/0, 298/0, 297/0, 245/1
		Reigs Magos	41/0, 42/1		41, 42		41/0, 42/1
		Nachinola		71, 75	71, 75		71, 75/1
		Arpora	93/1, 93/2		93		93/1, 93/2
		Verla	95/1, 95/2, 95/3, 95/5, 95/6, 95/7, 110/2, 110/3, 110/4, 110/5, 110/6, 110/13, 110/14		95(P), 110		95/1, 95/2, 95/3, 95/5, 95/6, 95/7, 110/2, 110/3, 110/4, 110/5, 110/6, 110/13, 110/14
3	Ponda	Nirancal	101/0		101		101/0
4	Sattari	Keri	24/1, 102/1	24/2, 93	24, 102, 93		24/1, 102/1, 93
5	Pernem	Casarvorne m	7(p), 270(p)		7, 270		7(p), 270(p)
6	Dharbandora	Tathodi	100/1		100		100
7	Mormugao	Sancoale	69(P)	55(P),56(P)		69, 69/1, 55, 56	69, 55, 56(p)
8	Salcete	Curtorim	232/3 & adjoining area	186		186(P), 232	186, 232/3


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		Loutulim	165(P), 166(P), 154(P), 167(P), 194(P)			154, 165, 166, 167, 194	154(p), 165(p), 166(p), 167(p), 194(p)
		Raia	362(P), 363(P), 364(P), 398(P), 400(P), 401(P),	361		361(P), 362, 363, 364, 398, 400,401	361(p), 362(p), 363(p), 364(p), 398(p), 400(p), 401(p)
		Verna	64(P), 65(P), 88(P)			64, 65, 88	64(p), 65(p), 88(p)
9	Canacona	Agonda	63(P), 73(P), 74(P)			63(P), 73(P), 74(P)	63(p), 73(p), 74(p)
		Cola	27(P), 106, 111(P), 128(P), 130(P), 148(P)			27(P), 106(P), 111(P), 128(P), 130(P),148(P)	27(p), 106, 111(p), 128(p), 130(p), 148(p)
		Poinguinim	2/1, 258/4, 259/1, 269/1			2(P), 258, 259, 269(P)	2/1, 258/4, 259/1, 269/1
		Loliem	328/2,328/3	254, 255, 256, 257, 258		254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 328(P)	328/2, 328/3, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258
10	Quepem	Paddi	22(P),27(P)			22(P),27(P)	22(p), 27(p)
		Assolda	45(P), 46(P)			45(P), 46(P)	45(p), 46(p)
		Xic-xelvona	32(P)			32(P)	32(p)
		Maina	16/1			16(p)	16/1
		Odar	14(P), 36(P)			14(P), 36(P)	14(p), 36(p)
		Sirvoi	86(P), 87(P), 88(P), 89(P),149(P)			86(P), 87(P), 88(P), 89(P),149(P),	86(p),87(p), 88(p), 89(p), 149(p)
		Zanodem	13(P),14(P)			13(P),14(P)	13(p),14(p)
		Malcornem	46(P), 47(P),48(P), 82(P),83(P)			46(P), 47(P),48(P), 82(P),83(P)	46(p),47(p), 48(p), 82(p), 83(p)
		Pirla	6(P)			6(P)	6(p)
		Undorna	17(P)			17(P)	17(p)
Sulcorna	17(P)			17(P)	17(p)		
11	Sanguem	Colomba	144(P)			144(P)	144(p)
		Curpem	5(P)			5(P)	5(p)
		Bati	28(p)			28(p)	28(p)
		Uguem	39			39(P)	39

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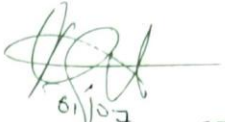
Further the different committees reports are submitted by senior and (retired) senior officers and also review committee report is further reviewed by review committee headed by Joint Secretary (Revenue) and data not available at this stage with us. Thus our report may be review by higher authority before taking final decision on same.

Place:-Panaji

Date:-01/07/2020


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Adjoining Area & Survey Numbers identified by Earlier Forest Demarcation Team

Sr No	Village	Taluka	Adjoining Area & Sy No identified by Earlier Forest Demarcation Team (which was not in Report of Sawant & Karapurkar Committee)	Thomas Committee Sy No	Araujo Committee Sy No	Repeated Sy Nos to be excluded
1	Querim	Sattari	100 (P)	100	Nil	100 (P)
			101	101		101 (P)
			125 (P)	125		125 (P)
			21 (P)	21		21 (P)
			22 (P)	22		22 (P)
			25	25		25
			29 (P)	29		29 (P)
2	Penha De Franca	Bardez	13 (P)	13	Nil	13 (P)
			14 (P)	14		14 (P)
			16 (P)	16		16 (P)
			29 (P)	29		29 (P)
			34 (P)	34		34 (P)
			33 (P)	33		33 (P)
			35 (P)	35		35 (P)
			50 (P)	50		50 (P)
			103 (P)	103		103 (P)
3	Loliem	Canacona	328/1 (P)		328/1 (P)	328/1 (P)
4	Cola	Canacona	29 (P)		29	29 (P)
			35 (P)		35	35 (P)
			36 (P)		36	36 (P)
			33 (P)		33	33 (P)
			110 (P)		110	110 (P)
5	Loutulim	Salcete	168 (P)	Nil	168	168 (P)
			169 (P)		169	169 (P)
			190 (P)		190	190 (P)
			192 (P)		192	192 (P)
6	Curtorim	Salcete	233 (P)	Nil	233	233 (P)
			240 (P)		240	240 (P)
7	Camurlim	Salcete	180 (P)	Nil	180	180 (P)
			181 (P)		181	181 (P)
			182 (P)		182	182 (P)
8	Zanodem	Quepem	12 (P)		12	12 (P)

9	Xic Xelvona	Quepem	22 (P)	Nil	22 (P)	22 (P)
10	Nagvem	Quepem	24 (P)	Nil	24 (P)	24 (P)
11	Bati	Sanguem	36 (P)		36 (P)	36 (P)
12	Potrem	Sanguem	9 (P)		9 (P)	9 (P)
13	Sancoale	Mormugao	104 (P)	Nil	104	104 (P)
14	Cormonem	Dharbandora	11 (P)	Nil	11 (P)	11 (P)

List of Proposed Reserved Forest, Reserved Forest, Unclassed Forest identified as Private Forest by Thomas and Araujo Committee

Sr.No	Taluka	Village	List of Proposed Reserved Forest, Unclassed Forest identified by Thomas and Araujo Committee	Sy.No. identified by V.T. Thomas Committee	Sy.No. identified by F.K. Araujo Committee	Proposed Reserved Forest, Reserved Forest, Unclassed Forest Survey Number
1	Sanguem	Curpem	38(P)		38	PRF-Sec 4
2	Canacona	Agonda	34(P)		34(P)	PRF-Sec 4
3	Salcete	Mulleim	152(P)		152(P)	PRF-Sec 4
4	Canacona	Loilem	199		199	PRF-Sec 4
5	Salcete	paroda	53		53	PRF-Sec 4
6	Salcete	paroda	62		62	PRF-Sec 4
7	Salcete	paroda	63		63	PRF-Sec 4
8	Salcete	paroda	65(P)		65	PRF-Sec 4
9	Salcete	paroda	67(P)		67	PRF-Sec 4
10	Salcete	paroda	68(P)		68	PRF-Sec 4
11	Quepem	Quepem	29(P)		29	PRF-Sec 4
12	Quepem	Sirvoi	44(P)		44	PRF-Sec 4
13	Sanguem	Uguem	39(P)		39/1(P)	PRF-Sec 20
14	Ponda	Betora	127	127		Unclassed
15	Sanguem	Santona	18(P)		18	Unclassed
16	Dharbandora	Moissal	11(P)		11/1	Unclassed
17	Canacona	Cola	141(P)		141	Unclassed
18	Quepem	Padi	23(P)		23	Unclassed
19	Dharbandora	Sangod	21/2	21/2		Unclassed
20	Quepem	Naquerim	47(P)		47	Unclassed
21	Quepem	Naquerim	48(P)		48	Unclassed
22	Sanguem	Cuepem	27(P)		27	PRF-Sec 4
23	Sanguem	Cuepem	28(P)		28	PRF-Sec 4
24	Canacona	Loilem	229		229	PRF-Sec 4

List of Excluded Survey Number

Sr No.	Taluka	Village	Provisionally identified Sy. Nos	Excluded Sy. Nos
1	Tiswadi	Murda	26	26
			34	34
			39	39
			40	40
			41	41
			42	42
			43	43
			44	44
2	Tiswadi	Cujira	38	38
			39	39
			40	40
			41	41
			42	42
3	Tiswadi	Gancim	7	7
			8	8
			13	13
			14	14
			15	15
			16	16
			17	17
			22	22
			33	33
			36	36
			37	37
4	Tiswadi	Gaulim Maula	4	4
			31	31
			32	32
			35	35
			36	36
			38	38
5	Tiswadi	Azzocim	5	5
			6	6
			8	8
			61	61
			63	63
6	Tiswadi	Mandur	57	57
			59	59
			60	60
7	Tiswadi	Chorao	461	461
8	Tiswadi	Carambolim	263	263
			280	280
			281	281
			282	282
			283	283
			284	284
			285	285
			286	286
			287	287
			288	288
			290	290
9	Tiswadi	Curca	292	292
			294	294
			48	48
			49	49
10	Bardez	Salvador do Mundo	64(p)	64(p)

			65(p)	65(p)
			69(p)	69(p)
			73(p)	73(p)
			78(p)	78(p)
			85(p)	85(p)
			86(p)	86(p)
			116(p)	116(p)
			118(p)	118(p)
			119(p)	119(p)
			137(p)	137(p)
			156(p)	156(p)
			159(p)	159(p)
			160(p)	160(p)
			162(p)	162(p)
			163(p)	163(p)
			164(p)	164(p)
			227(p)	227(p)
			236(p)	236(p)
			241(p)	241(p)
			251(p)	251(p)
			252(p)	252(p)
			265(p)	265(p)
			266(p)	266(p)
			270(p)	270(p)
			271(p)	271(p)
			282(p)	282(p)
			291(p)	291(p)
			292(p)	292(p)
			295(p)	295(p)
			297(p)	297(p)
			305(p)	305(p)
			312(p)	312(p)
			315(p)	315(p)
			321(p)	321(p)
			325(p)	325(p)
			326(F)	326(F)
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			365(p)	365(p)
11	Bardez	Socorro	2	2
			3	3
			4	4
			176	176
			204	204/4, 204/1
			208	208
			221	221
			223	223
			265	265
12	Bardez	Penha de Franca	119	119/1
			133	133/1
			184	184/3, 184/4
			181	181/1, 181/2, 181/3
13	Bardez	Siolim	306	306/7

			309	309/2
14	Bardez	Calangute	32	32/7
			88	88/3
15	Bardez	Camorlim	7	7/4
			172	172/1(p)
16	Bardez	Assagao	128	128/14
17	Bardez	Verla	95(p)	95/6-D
18	Pernem	Pernem	222	222
19	Pernem	Casarvornem	7	7
			10	10
			268	268
			269	269
			270	270
20	Ponda	Betora	220	220/0
			221	221/0
			222	222/0
			223	223/4
21	Ponda	Priol	199	199(p)
22	Mormugao	Dabolim	10	10
			11	11
			12	12
			25	25
23	Mormugao	Cortalim	14	14
			16	16
			105	105
			121	121
			122	122
24	Mormugao	Sancoale	67	67
			71	71
			203	203
			226	226
		Total	151	154

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MARGAO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

MARGAO - GOA

Ref: MMC/TECH/2019-20/3282

Date: 18/03/2020.
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To,
The Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Working Plan Division,
Forest Complex, Santa Cruz,
Ponda-Goa, 403-401

Sub:- Objection to identification of chalta no 1 of P T Sheet no. 50 & 49/1(part) of Margao city as provisional private forest by State Level Expert Committee (Thomas & Araujo committee).

Ref:- Notice published in daily newspaper "The Goans Everyday" dated 15/02/2020.

Sir,

We have come across the Notice published by the forest department on the above cited newspaper on 15/02/2020 wherein the list of various survey numbers have been published which are provisionally identified as private forests by the State level Expert committee (Thomas & Araujo committee) and therein calling upon the land owners/occupants/Representatives of the said provisionally identified private forest land to file their representation/objection within one month from the publication of said notice.

In this connection, it is to inform you that the Margao Municipal Council has acquired land admeasuring 30191 Sq.mts. in respect of chalta no 1 of PTsheet no. 50 & 49/1 (part) for public purpose i.e. for Burial Ground at Sonsodo vide award dated 16/05/2011.

The above property is acquired for public purpose of Burial Ground. The copy of award and acquisition plan alongwith form D of chalta no. 1 of PTsheet no. 50 & 49/1 (part) is enclosed herewith for ready reference.

However, on perusal of your above referred notice the chalta no. 1 of PTsheet no. 50 & 49/1 (part) is shown and identified as provisional private forest by the State Level Expert Committee (Thomas & Araujo Committee).

In this connection the Margao Municipal Council hereby lodges there strong objection for identification and notification of the area of 30191 sq.mts of land which is acquired by this council for Burial Ground as provisional private forest.

It is to further inform that the said area of 30191Sq.mts. of land in respect of chalta no. 1 of P T sheet no. 50 & 49/1 (part) is not qualifying for identification & notification as private forest, on any of the criteria fixed by the Government.

The above acquired property does not qualify even a single criteria for determining as private forest i.e.


1. 75% of the tree composition existing in the said land are not of forest species.
2. The area is neither contiguous to the Government forest land nor the said land exceeds 5 hecters and it is only 30191. Sq.mts.
3. The canopy density is also less than 0.4 as such the above land does not qualify as any of the criteria for being identified/notified as private forest.

It is further to inform you that the land acquisition award dated 16/05/2011 which is passed by Shri. Johnson Fernandes the Sub-Divisional Officer and Deputy Collector & SDO, Margao-Goa, has clearly recorded the nature of said land in the award wherein, it is stated that the land under acquisition is uncultivable barren land not used for any purpose and is ideal for the purpose of construction of kabrasthan.

It is to further submit that this land is immediately and urgently required to this Council to put into use for the purpose for which it was acquired since this Council require land for starting Burial Ground and entire matter of the burial Ground is in active supervision of National Commission for Minorities, Govt of India and in Public Interest Litigation Writ Petition No. 45/2019.


In view of above, it is kindly requested that the review committee may kindly take up said property to be inspected and to pass orders/directions for excluding the above acquired property of 30191 sq.mts of land by this Council for setting up of Burial Ground from being notified as private forest since it does not qualify any of the criteria set forth for identification of private forest.


Yours faithfully,


(Ajit Panchwadkar)
Chief Officer
Margao Municipal Council,
Margao-Goa.

Encl:- As above.

Copy to:-

- 1) The Director, Department of Urban Development, Patto Panaji
- 2) The Chairperson, Margao Municipal Council..... for information 


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Dy. Conservator of Forests
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Dated 20/03/2020

