

**Proceedings of the Hearing conducted on 03.04.2023 at 10.30 a.m. in connection with objections filed by Land Owners / Power of Attorney / representatives of areas provisionally identified as Private Forests by North Goa (Thomas) & South Goa (Araujo) Committee in Bethora Village of Ponda Taluka.**

The following members/representatives were present: -

1. Shri Praveen Kumar Raghaw, IFS  
Chief Conservator of Forests & Chairman of Review Committee.
2. Shri Naveen Kumar P, IFS  
Dy. Conservator of Forests (WP) & Member Secretary, Review Committee.
3. Smt. Snehal Prabhu,  
Representative of Additional Collector, South Goa District.
4. Kum. Vrushika Kauthankar  
Representative of Additional Collector, North Goa District.
5. Shri Audhut P. Sawant,  
Representative of the Director of Agriculture
6. Shri Sameer S. Kamble,  
Representative of the Director of Settlement and Land Record Panaji Goa.
7. Shri D. M. Kudalkar  
Assistant Conservator of Forests (South), Member
8. Shri Rajendra S. Fatarpekar  
Representative of Assistant Conservator of Forests (North)

Following were in attendance

1. Shri Dilesh A. Gauns Desai, Chief Forest Surveyor, (WP)
2. Shri Deepak Tandel, Range Forest Officer, Ponda.

Objection from the villagers of Bethora Village of Ponda were heard individually. The Member Secretary informed the Review Committee that the notice of hearing dated 21 /03/2023 was served to each objector through post, special messenger and also through telephone calls and messages.

The Member Secretary informed that public hearing scheduled for the day is being conducted for the areas qualifying as private forests based on three criteria of approved methodology. ie., Survey number qualified for area and

  
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canopy density criteria as per Forest Cover Map provided by Forest Survey of India were subjected to field enumeration by sub-Committee, on submission of plan and enumeration report by the sub-committee after which now it is placed before the Review Committee for public hearing on 03/04/2023.

The area qualified as private forest after field enumeration were verified in presence of the objectors. The field report along with copy of each such document / plan were shown to concerned objectors during hearing.

Summary of hearing is as under:

Sr. No.	Name of the person	Area	Objections query/ statements of the Owners/objectors	Observations/ comments of review committee
1.	Rep. of Smt. Indu Sanju Gaonkar, Mr. Devidas S. Gaonkar	Survey No 177 Bethora Village Ponda Taluka.	Objected saying that the area does not qualify as private forests.	Survey Number 177 c Bethora Village of Ponda Taluka is provisionally identified as Private Forest by Thomas Committee.  The objector has signed the attendance sheet and requested to verify the area once again in survey number 177 of Bethora Village Ponda Taluka.  Comments/Views/objection were recorded by the committee and directed the subcommittee for verify the in presence of the owners/objectors and to submit the report by 15/04/2023.

  
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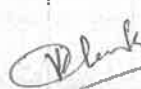







  
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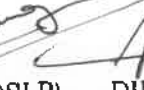
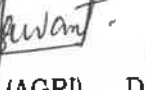


  
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2.	Mr. Mohan Gaonkar	Survey No 177 Bethora Village Ponda Taluka.	Objected saying that the area does not qualify as private forests.	<p>Survey Number 177 of Bethora Village of Ponda Taluka is provisionally identified as Private Forest by Thomas Committee.</p> <p>The objector has signed the attendance sheet and requested to resurvey the area once again in survey number 177 of Bethora Village Ponda Taluka.</p> <p>Comments/Views/objection were recorded by the committee and directed the subcommittee to verify the additional point in presence of the owners/ objectors and to submit the report by 15/04/2023.</p>
3.	Mr. Nitesh S. Gaonkar	Survey No 177 Bethora Village Ponda Taluka.	Objected saying that the area does not qualify as private forests.	<p>Survey Number 177 of Bethora Village of Ponda Taluka is provisionally identified as Private Forest by Thomas Committee.</p> <p>The objector has signed the attendance sheet and requested to verify the area once again in survey</p>

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				<p>number 177 of Bethora Village Ponda Taluka.</p> <p>Comments/Views/objection were recorded by the committee and directed the subcommittee to verify in presence of the owners/objectors and to submit the report by 15/04/2023.</p>
4.	Mr. Ramdas Raghu Gaonkar	Survey No 177 Bethora Village Ponda Taluka.	Objected saying that the area does not qualify as private forests.	<p>Survey Number 177 of Bethora Village of Ponda Taluka is provisionally identified as Private Forest by Thomas Committee.</p> <p>The objector has signed the attendance sheet and requested to verify the area once again in survey number 177 of Bethora Village Ponda Taluka.</p> <p>Comments/Views/objection were recorded by the committee and directed the subcommittee to verify the additional point in presence of the owners/objectors to submit the report at the earliest.</p>

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5.	Mr. Chandrakant Pissurlekar	Survey No 177 Bethora Village Ponda Taluka.	Objected saying that the area does not qualify as private forests.	<p>Survey Number 177 of Bethora Village of Ponda Taluka is provisionally identified as Private Forest by Thomas Committee.</p> <p>The objector has signed the attendance sheet and requested additional time for arranging land documents.</p> <p>Comments/Views/objection were recorded by the committee, decided to call him during next hearing.</p>
6.	Mr. Sadanand Pandu Gaonkar.	Survey No 177 Bethora Village Ponda Taluka.	Objected saying that the area does not qualify as private forest.	<p>Survey Number 177 of Bethora Village of Ponda Taluka is provisionally identified as Private Forest by Thomas Committee.</p> <p>The objector has signed the attendance sheet and requested to verify the area once again in survey number 177 of Bethora Village Ponda Taluka.</p> <p>Comments/Views/objection were recorded by the committee and directed the subcommittee to verify in</p>

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The Review Committee emphasized that the field verification is to be conducted in presence of the land owners or their representatives so as to avoid resurveys and unnecessary delays in disposing the cases.









The Subcommittees were directed to take all necessary actions to inform the objectors/owners of the lands/ representatives about the field verification and conduct the field verification in the presence of the land owners/representatives. Photographs and signatures of the land owners/ representatives shall be invariably taken during the field verification and submitted along with the field verification report hereafter.


The Review Committee accordingly decided the following-

1. In view of objections raised by owners, it was decided that the concerned Sub Committee will revisit survey number 177 of Bethora Village Ponda Taluka to conduct verification in the presence of objectors/land owners and to submit its report along with the photographs of joint verification immediately, the review Committee has also decided to give additional sample points in some portion of survey number 177 of Bethora Village Ponda Taluka.
2. Review committee further observed that individuals representing family shall invariably bring no objection certificate from the family members, to avoid any legal complication.


Copies of photographs and attendance sheet of the Public Hearing are enclosed as a part of the hearing proceedings.


The public hearing ended with thanks to chair.


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Rep of Additional Collector  
North (Revenue), Member

  
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(Working Plan) Member Secretary

  
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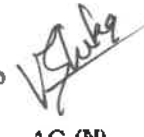




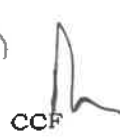
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1. Deputy Conservator of Forests (North / South) for information and necessary action.
2. Deputy Conservator of Forests (Headquarter) for information.
3. Member Secretary (Sub-Committees) for information and necessary action as directed by the review committee.

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