Proceedings of the Hearing conducted on 26.04.2023 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 Soccoro Village of Bardez Taluka, Dharbandora Village of Dharbandora Taluka, Coranguinim & Patiem Village of Sanguem Taluka.

The following members/representatives were present: -

- Shri Praveen Kumar Raghaw, IFS
 Chief Conservator of Forests & Chairman of Review Committee.
- Shri Naveen Kumar P, IFS
 Dy. Conservator of Forests (WP) & Member Secretary, Review Committee.
- Shri. Sanjeev C. Gauns Desai,
 Representative of Additional Collector, North Goa District.
- Smt. Snehal Prabhu,
 Representative of Additional Collector, South Goa District.
- Shri Audhut P. Sawant,
 Representative of the Director of Agriculture
- Shri Suraj S. Vengurlekar,
 Representative of the Director of Settlement & Land Record Panaji,
 Goa.
- Shri Vishwas Chodankar
 Assistant Conservator of Forests (North), Member.
- 8. Shri D. M. Kudalkar,
 Assistant Conservator of Forests (South), Member.

Following were in attendance

- 1. Shri Dilesh A. Gauns Desai, Chief Forest Surveyor, (WP)
- 2. Shri. Vikaramaditya Gaonkar, Range Forest Officer, Sanguem
- 3. Shri. Mangaldas P. Devsekar, Range Forest Officer, Panaji.
- 4. Shri. M. Iershad, Field Surveyor, DSLR
- 5. Shri. Sandip Madelkar, Field Surveyor, DSLR
- 6. Shri. Ashok Y. Khutkar, Round Forester
- 7. Shri. Sagar R. Salgaonkar, Forest Guard, Sanguem Range
- 8. Shri. Sandeep Mandrekar, Forest Guard, Panaji Range.

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Objection from the villagers of Soccoro Village of Bardez Taluka, Dharbandora Village of Dharbandora Taluka, Coranguinim & Patiem Village of Sanguem Taluka were heard individually. The Member Secretary informed the Review Committee that the notice for hearing dated 26/04/2023 was served to each objector through post, special messenger, 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 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 it is now placed before the Review Committee for public hearing on 26/04/2023.

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

Summary of hearing is as under:

Sr.	Name of the person	Area		Objections query/ statements of the Owners/objecto rs	Observations/ comments of review committee
1.	Mr. Ambrose	Survey N	νo	Objected saying	Survey Number 295 of
	Xavier Vaz	295	of	that the area	Socorro Village Bardez
		Socorro		does not qualify	Taluka is provisionally
		Village	of	as private forest.	identified as Private
		Bardez			Forest by Thomas
		Taluka.			Committee.
					The objector has signed
					the attendance sheet and
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				Committee directed Sub-
				Committee for re-
				verification in the
				presences of owner in
				Survey number 295 of
				Socorro Village of Bardez
			*	Taluka on 28/04/2023
				and to submit the report.
				and to submit the report.
				Comments/Views/objecti
				on were recorded by the
				committee.
2.	Ms. Satira	Survey No	Objected saying	Survey Number 295, 296,
2.	Maria Da	295, 296, 297	that the area	297 & 298 of Socorro
	Silva	& 298 of	does not qualify	Village Bardez Taluka is
	Diru	Socorro	as private forest.	provisionally identified as
	Mr. Oreste	Village of		Private Forest by Thomas
	Egidio Da	Bardez		Committee.
	Silva	Taluka.		The objector has signed
	Silva			the attendance sheet and
				requested for next date of
				hearing in Survey number
				295, 296, 297 & 298 of
				Socorro Village of Bardez
				Taluka. Review
				Committee fixed next date
				of hearing on 02/05/2023
				Comments/Views/objecti
				on were recorded by the
				committee.

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3.	Mr.	Survey No	Objected saying	Survey Number 106 of
	Chandrakant	106 of	that the area	Dharbandora Village of
	Pissurlekar	Dharbandora	does not qualify	Dharbandora Taluka is
		Village of	as private forest.	provisionally identified as
		Dharbandora		Private Forest by Thomas
		Taluka.		Committee.
				The objector has signed
				the attendance sheet and
				objected for notifying the
				area as Private Forest in
				survey number 106 of
				Dharbandora Village of
				Dharbandora Taluka.
4.	Mr. Victor	Survey No 72	Objected saying	Survey Number 72(P) of
	Fernandes	of	that the area	Dharbandora Village of
		Dharbandora	does not qualify	Dharbandora Taluka is
		Village of	as private forest.	provisionally identified as
		Dharbandora		Private Forest by Thomas
		Taluka.		Committee.
				The objector has not
				attended for hearing on
			:1	05.04.2023, another
				opportunity was given to
				him to appear on
				26.04.2023 but he was
				not present for hearing.
				Committee decided to give
				additional point in survey
				number 72(P) of
				Dharbandora Village of
				Dharbandora Taluka with
		ž.		direction, to sub-

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5.	Rep. of Chowgule & Company Pvt. Ltd. Mr. Minguel G. Pereira & Mrs Jayesh	of Coranguinim Village of	Objected saying that the area does not qualify as private forests.	Coranguinim Village of
	Bandekar			13.04.2023 and requested for next date of hearing in Survey number 26(P) of Coranguinim Village Sanguem Taluka. Accordingly, objector was called on 26/04/2023, where he accepted and agreed to the finding of Review Committee. The Review committee further directed the subcommittee for reverifying the Southwestern area of survey No 26 of Coranguinim Village

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				Sanguem Taluka and submit its report.
				Comments/Views/objecti on were recorded by the committee.
6.	Rep. of Mr.	Survey No 22	Objected saying	Survey Number 22(P) of
	Sadaanand J.	Coranguinim	that the area	Coranguinim Village of
	Aldonkar	Village of	does not qualify	Sanguem Taluka is
		Sanguem	as private forests.	provisionally identified as
	Advocate S.	Taluka.		Private Forest by Araujo
	Mandrekar			Committee.
				The objector not present
				for hearing on 13.04.2023
				review committee called
				him on 26.04.2023.
				The objector has signed
				the attendance sheet and
				requested to Review
				Committee for two days'
				time to file his objection in
				Survey Number 22(P) of
				Coranguinim Village of
				Sanguem Taluka.
				Comments/Views/objecti
				on were recorded by the
				committee.

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7.	Mr. Narayan	Survey No 47	Objected saying	Survey Number 47(P) of
	Yeshwant	Patiem	that the area	Patiem Village of
	Naik	Village of	does not qualify	Sanguem Taluka is
		Sanguem	as private forests.	provisionally identified as
		Taluka.		Private Forest by Araujo
				Committee. The objector
				was not present for
			s i	hearing on 13.04.2023, so
				the review committee
				called him on 26.04.2023,
				but the objector was not
				present for hearing on
				26.04.2023.
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8.	Mr. Gurudas	Survey No 47	Objected saying	Survey Number 47(P) &
	B. Velip	& 49 Patiem	that the area	49(P) of Patiem Village of
		Village of	does not qualify	Sanguem Taluka is
		Sanguem	as private forests.	provisionally identified as
		Taluka.		Private Forest by Araujo
				Committee.
				The objector has signed
				the attendance sheet, and
				requested for two days to
	V.			file the objection & agreed
	E.			to attend on 27.04.2023
				Review Committee
				directed to sub-committee
				to submit report of
				additional points.
				Comments/Views/objecti
				on were recorded by the
				committee.

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The Review Committee accordingly decided the following-

- 1. The committee found that an area of 0.75 Ha has qualified the private forest criteria in survey number 26(P) of Coranguinim Village Sanguem Taluka, so finalised the qualifying area as private forest as per plan prepared by subcommittee.
- 2. Further, as there were no objections for an area of 8.0086 Ha in survey number 274, an area of 18.45 Ha in survey number 275, an area of 1.665 Ha in survey number 276, an area of 10.3005 Ha in survey number 277, an area of 5.6175 Ha in survey number 287 and an area of 0.9641 Ha in survey number 288 an area of 0.3875 hac in Survey No 299 of Soccoro Village of Bardez Taluka. The Review Committee finalised the qualifying area as per the plan prepared by subcommittee as private forest.
- 3. Since Victor Fernandes was not present for hearing twice, considering the exercise timebound to submit final report before NGT, the review committee finalized an area of 1.64 hac as private forest in Survey No 72(P) of Dharbandora Village, Dharbandora of Taluka.
- 4. Review Committee directed the Sub Committee for enumeration of additional point in Survey No 288 & 299 in Soccoro Village of Bardez Taluka and to submit its report.

Accordingly, the review committee have identified an area of 47.7832 Ha as private forest during the hearing.

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 Additional Collector South (Revenue), Member

Dy. Conservator of Forests (Working Plan) Member Secretary Chief Conservator of Forests Chairman

Copy to: -

- 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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