


**MINUTES OF 17th 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 13.10.2023.**

A meeting of the Review Committee was held on 13/10/2023 at 12.30 pm in the Conference Hall of the Forest Department, Van Bhavan, Altinho Panaji, Goa under the Chairmanship of Chief Conservator of Forests.

The following members attended the meeting:

1	Praveen Kumar Raghav, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests.	Chairman
2	Smt. Sharmila U. Gaunkar, Representative Additional Collector, (Revenue), South Goa District	Member
3	Shri Sujay Shirodkar, Representative of Directorate of Agriculture.	Member
4	Shri. Vishwas Chodankar, Asst. Conservator of Forests, Headquarter, North Goa Division.	Member
5	Shri. Dyaneshwar Kudalkar, Asst. Conservator of Forests, Headquarter, South Goa Division.	Member
6	Smt. Pratima Kavlekar, Representative of Director of Settlement and Land Records, Panaji Goa.	Member
7	Shri. Naveen Kumar P., IFS Dy. Conservator of Forests, Working Plan Division, Panaji.	Member Secretary

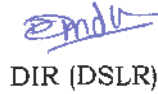
Member Secretary welcomed all the members of the committee and briefed about the recent judgement of the National Green Tribunal order in Misc. application number in 03 of 2023 dated 12.09.2023 "to take extreme precaution that no-one suffers on account of errors in identification of the private forest area, the areas, which were finally identified as private forest

  
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area by the T&A Committees, if any area out of that is required to be excluded as per review being made by RC-II, the said area should be got verified physically with respect to all three criteria laid down for determination of the private forest cited above by us. Till the final decision is taken with respect to whether the area being excluded from the list of being treated as final forest land by the RC-II which was finalized by T&A Committees [NPJ] Page 50 of 50 as private forest, in keeping with our direction, no permission shall be granted by the State Government for any kind of development work, in the said survey numbers. This exercise shall be completed within three months of uploading of this order”.

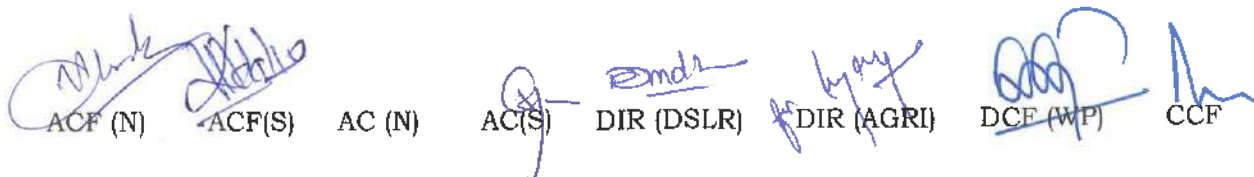
Accordingly, it was informed that list of 550 survey numbers were identified as Thomas and Araujo Committee as final, were circulated to all concerned authorities for necessary compliance to direction given by Hon’ble NGT.

Thereafter agenda wise discussion was held and following were discussed and decided.

**AGENDA NO. 17.1 COMPLINACE TO THE ORDER OF HON’BLE NGT DATED 12.09.23**

The review committee observed that Hon’ble National Green Tribunal has directed the Review Committee to complete the review process of all survey numbers identified by Thomas and Araujo as final i.e 550 survey numbers in a span of three months from date of uploading of order i.e 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Wherein, the Hon’ble National Green Tribunal directed that if any area needs to be excluded, the area should be get verified physically with respect to all three criteria laid down for determination of private forest.

Therefore, division and sub-committee are directed to put efforts to complete the field work and plan preparation with respect to survey numbers yet to be reviewed by Review Committee in a time bound manner for

  
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facilitating to conduct public hearing and submitting compliance to Hon'ble Tribunal.

**Action: DCF(N)/DCF(S)/Member Secretary (Sub Committee)**

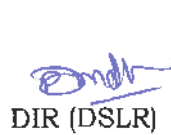
**AGENDA NO. 17.2 REVIEW OF SURVEY NUMBERS QUALIFIED AS PER FIELD VERIFICATION AFTER HEARING OF OBJECTORS.**

The Review committee discussed on the proceedings of the public hearing held on 30/06/2021, 29/11/2021, 02/03/2023, 27/04/2023, 13/10/2023, deliberated and decided the following:

Sr No	Village-Taluka	Sy. Nos.	Area	Decision of the Review Committee
1	Verna Village, Salcete Taluka.	202	-	Verify the area once again as the qualifying area has been left out in survey number 202 of Verna Village, Salcete Taluka
2	Bethora Village, Ponda Taluka.	177	-	Verify the area once again as qualifying area is left out in survey number 177 of Bethora Village, Ponda Taluka.
3	Priol Village, Ponda Taluka	48/2(P), 49/2(P) and 50/1(P)	-	Verify the area once again as qualifying area has been left out in survey number 48/2 and 49/2 of Priol village.
4	Salaulim Village, Sanguem Taluka.	37(P), 38(P)	17.19	An area of 17.19 Ha is qualified as Private Forest in survey number 37(p) of Salaulim Village of Sanguem Taluka.

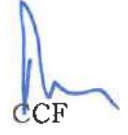
   
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5	Rumbrem Village, Sanguem Taluka.	28(P), 25(P), 27 (P),	9.59	An area of 9.59 Ha is qualified as Private Forest in survey number 25(P), 27(P), 28(P) of Rumbrem Village of Sanguem Taluka.
6	Moissal Village, Dharbandora Taluka.	21/1	2.55	An area of 2.55 Ha is qualified as Private Forest in survey number 21/1 of Moissal Village of Dharbandora Taluka as the area is adjacent to the Government Forest.
7	Cortalim Village, Mormugao Taluka.	230, 232/4, 232/5, 232/6, 232/12, 232/14, 232/15, 232/18, 232/19, 233, 234.	5.633	An area of 5.633 Ha is qualified as Private Forest in survey number 230, 232/4, 232/5, 232/6, 232/12, 232/14, 232/15, 232/18, 232/19, 233, 234 of Cortalim Village of Salcete Taluka.
8	Cuncolem Village, Ponda Taluka	36/1(P), 36/2 (P) 37/1(P)	6.31	An area of 6.31 Ha is qualified as Private Forest in 36/1(P), 36/2(P) & 37/1(P) survey number of Cortalim Village of Salcete Taluka.

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The review committee desired that verification of the plan for survey number 202 of Verna village, Survey number 177 of Bethora village, and survey numbers 48, 49, and 50 of Priol village be completed in a week's time.

**Action: DCF(North)/DCF(South)/Member Secretary (Sub Committee)**

The Review Committee on completing the hearing of the objectors from Salulim, Rumbrem, Cortalim, Moissal, and Cuncoliem villages has finalized an area of **41.273 ha** as a Private Forest, detailed list enclosed as **Annexure-I**.


  
(Naveen Kumar P., IRS)  
Dy. Conservator of Forests,  
Working Plan Division &  
Member Secretary  
Panaji-Goa.

No: MS/REV-PF/DCF/WP/2023-24/443

Date: 20/12/2023

To,

1. The Chief Conservator of Forests and Chairman of the Private Forest Review Committee, Goa Van Bhavan, Panaji, Goa.
2. The Director Settlement & Land Records Panaji, Goa.
3. The Director of Agriculture Panaji, Goa.
4. The Dy Conservator of Forests, Head Quarter Goa Van Bhavan, Panaji, Goa.
5. The Additional Collector North, Revenue Department, Margao, South.
6. The Additional Collector South, Revenue Department, Panaji, North.
7. The Asst. conservator of Forests Headquarter (North), Ponda, Goa.
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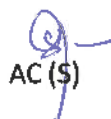
## ANNEXURE - I

### SURVEY NUMBERS QUALIFYING THE CRITERIA OF PRIVATE FOREST

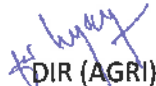
SR NO	TALUKA	VILLAGE	SY NO	SUB DIVISION	AREA
1	Sanguem	Salaulim	37	1(p)	15.5455
				2	0.1325
				4	0.375
			38	1(part)	1.1419
				4	0.0025
			<b>Total</b>		<b>17.19</b>
2	Sanguem	Rumbrem	25	1	6.26
			27	1	1.87
			28	1	1.46
			<b>Total</b>		<b>9.59</b>
3	Dharbandora	Moissal	21	1(p)	2.55
			<b>Total</b>		<b>2.55</b>
4	Mormugao	Cortalim	230	1(p)	1.832
			232	4(p)	0.165
			232	5(p)	0.288
			232	6(p)	0.419
			232	12(p)	0.367
			232	14(p)	0.343
			232	15(p)	0.122
			232	18(p)	0.226
			232	19(p)	0.187
			233	1(p)	0.247
			233	2(p)	0.237
			233	3(p)	0.186
			233	4(p)	0.308
			234	1(p)	0.292
			234	2(p)	0.287
			234	3(p)	0.071
			234	4(p)	0.056
			<b>Total</b>		<b>5.633</b>
5	Ponda	Cuncolem	36	1(p)	0.48
			36	2(p)	1.1
			37	1	4.73
			<b>Total</b>		<b>6.31</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>					<b>41.273</b>

   
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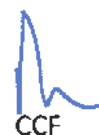
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