MINUTES OF 19th MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE HELD TO REVIEW THE PRIVATE FOREST AREAS PROVISIONALLY IDENTIFIED BY STATE LEVEL EXPERT COMMITTEE (THOMAS AND ARAUJO COMMITTEE) ON 22.02.2024.

A meeting of the Review Committee was held on 22/02/2024 at 11.30 am in the Conference Hall of the Forest Department, Van Bhavan, Altinho Panaji, Goa under the Chairmanship of Chief Conservator of Forests.

The following were present in the meeting:

1	Praveen Kumar Raghaw, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests.	Chairman
2	Shri Dipak S. Desai, Additional Collector, (Revenue), North Goa District.	Member
3	Shri Audhut P. Sawant, Representative of the Directorate of Agriculture.	Member
5	Shri. Vishwas K. Chodankar, Asst. Conservator of Forests, Headquarters, North Goa Division.	Member
6	Shri. Dyaneshwar Kudalkar, Asst. Conservator of Forests, Headquarters, South Goa Division.	Member
7	Smt. Pratima Kavlekar, Representative of Director of Settlement and Land Records, Panaji Goa.	Member
8	Shri. Nandakumar E. Parab, IFS, Dy. Conservator of Forests, Working Plan Division, Panaji.	Member Secretary

Member Secretary welcomed all the members of the committee and informed that till now the review committee has prepared Seven Part Final reports disposing 1964 survey numbers out of total 3349 (3195 survey numbers provisionally identified plus 154 Survey number provisionally

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identified and excluded in its final report by State Level Expert Committee (also known as Thomas and Araujo Committee) and all the Seven Part Final reports have been uploaded on the website of Goa Forest Department.

The Hon'ble National Green tribunal in its order dated 12.09.23 directed the review committee to review all survey numbers which were finalised by Thomas and Araujo committee by verifying all three criteria's of private forest physically on field. Further, the Ld. Advocate General has opined that the survey numbers reviewed by RC II prior to hon'ble NGT order dated 12.09.23 need not to be reviewed again. Accordingly, the review committee has reviewed the survey numbers which were finalized as private forest by Thomas and Araujo committee that were not the part of Six Part Final reports and recorded its findings in 7th Part Final report.

Thereafter agenda-wise discussion was taken up and the following were decided

19.1 To Review of Survey numbers provisionally identified by Thomas And Araujo

The Review committee discussed on the proceedings of public hearing held on 30/03/2021, 05/05/2022, 02/03/2023, 05/04/2023, 13/04/2023, 26/04/2023, 27/04/2023, 02/05/2023, 18/08/2023, 14/06/2023 & 22/02/2024 as detailed below:

Sr. No.	Taluka	Village	Sy. No.	Qualifying Area (Ha)
1	Sanguem	Patiem	47/1 (P)* (patch 1)	0.92
		Coranguinim	22/1	7.33
			19/1(P)*	0.27
2	Pernem	Dhargal	361 (P)	0.46
			362 (P)	7.89
3	Ponda	Curti	49 (P)	10.89
4	Dharbandora	Dharbandora	72 (P)	1.64

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			99 (P)	6.84
			101 /1	12.06
			105 /1	16.71
			108 (P)	5.75
		Sigao	21 (P)*	7.97
5	Bardez	Socorro	249 (P)	3.1423
			274 (P)	8.0086
			275 (P)	18.4500
			276 /1	1.6650
			277 (P)	10.3005
			279 (P)	1.8098
			281 (P)	5.0964
			282	0.2575
			283	0.8550
			284	1.5500
			287	4.9894
			288 (P)	1.4085
			290 (P)	5.3142
			293 (P)	2.4822
			294 (P)	1.3570
			295	6.2875
			296 (P)	1.2675
			297	3.1400
			298	3.2775
			299 (P)	1.1938
			302	3.5249
				164.1076 Ha.

* The areas are additional area identified by the committee which were already reviewed by the RC II and reported in 6th Part Final report.

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The review committee, thus finalizes an area of **164.1076 ha**. in 33 survey numbers as private forest.

19.2: Review of survey numbers which are not qualifying the criteria of Private Forest.

19.2.1. Survey numbers which were provisionally identified by Thomas and Araujo Committee in its report

The review committee reviewed the survey numbers, after detailed analysis through Google Timeline change corroborated by LISS III FCM 2012-13, Division offence case, Tree Felling, FCA & Court order etc. found that the following survey numbers does not fulfil the criteria of private forests.

Sr. No.	Taluka	Village	Sy No. Identified by Thomas and Araujo Committee
1	Quepem	Sirvoi	94 (p)
2	Quepem	Sirvoi	95 (p)
3	Quepem	Sirvoi	96 (p)
4	Quepem	Sirvoi	97 (p)
5	Quepem	Sirvoi	130 (p)
6	Quepem	Sirvoi	158 (p)
7	Quepem	Deao	100 (p)
8	Quepem	Deao	104 (p)
9	Quepem	Adnem	23 (p)
10	Quepem	Adnem	24 (p)
11	Quepem	Adnem	68 (p)
12	Quepem	Adnem	74 (p)
13	Quepem	Adnem	75 (p)
14	Quepem	Adnem	76 (p)
15	Quepem	Adnem	77 (p)
16	Quepem	Ambaulim	143 (p)
17	Quepem	Ambaulim	146 (p)
18	Quepem	Quital	23 (p)
19	Quepem	Quital	24 (p)
20	Quepem	Quital	72 (p)
21	Quepem	Quital	74 (p)
22	Quepem	Assolda	44 (p)
23	Quepem	Assolda	47 (p)

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24	Quepem	Assolda	48 (p)
25	Quepem	Assolda	51 (p)
26	Quepem	Odar	4 (p)
27	Quepem	Odar	5 (p)
28	Quepem	Odar	15 (p)
29	Quepem	Odar	16 (p)
30	Quepem	Odar	29 (p)
31	Quepem	Odar	30 (p)
32	Canacona	Nagorcem-Palolem	285 (p)
33	Canacona	Cola	325 (p)
34	Canacona	Cola	370 (p)
35	Dharbandora	Codli	162 (p)
36	Dharbandora	Codli	163 (p)
37	Dharbandora	Codli	164 (p)
38	Dharbandora	Codli	167 (p)
39	Dharbandora	Codli	145 (p)
40	Dharbandora	Codli	146 (p)
41	Dharbandora	Codli	143 (p)
42	Dharbandora	Codli	144 (p)
43	Dharbandora	Codli	28 (p)
44	Dharbandora	Codli	31 (p)
45	Dharbandora	Codli	32 (p)
46	Dharbandora	Codli	34 (p)
47	Dharbandora	Codli	35 (p)
48	Dharbandora	Codli	166(p)
49	Dharbandora	Camorconda	34 (p)
50	Dharbandora	Camorconda	35 (p)
51	Sanguem	Xelpem	5 (p)
52	Sanguem	Xelpem	6 (p)
53	Sanguem	Xelpem	7 (p)
54	Sanguem	Naiquinim	4 (p)
55	Sanguem	Naiquinim	39 (p)
56	Sanguem	Naiquinim	26 (p)
57	Sanguem	Naiquinim	29 (p)
58	Sanguem	Comproi	9 (p)
59	Sanguem	Comproi	10 (p)
60	Sanguem	Comproi	16 (p)
61	Sanguem	Comproi	20 (p)
62	Sanguem	Comproi	23 (p)
63	Sanguem	Sanvordem	12 (p)
64	Sanguem	Sanvordem	14 (p)
65	Sanguem	Sanvordem	40 (p)

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66	Sanguem	Sanvordem	41 (p)
67	Sanguem	Sanvordem	65 (p)
68	Sanguem	Sanvordem	49 (p)
69	Sanguem	Sanvordem	54 (p)
70	Sanguem	Sanvordem	73 (p)
71	Sanguem	Sanvordem	74 (p)
72	Sanguem	Sanvordem	76 (p)
73	Sanguem	Mugoli	15 (p)
74	Sanguem	Mugoli	16 (p)
75	Sanguem	Mugoli	19 (p)
76	Sanguem	Mugoli	20 (p)
77	Sanguem	Mugoli	21 (p)
78	Sanguem	Mugoli	22 (p)
79	Sanguem	Mugoli	23 (p)
80	Salcete	Loutulim	119
81	Salcete	Loutulim	62
82	Salcete	Loutulim	63
83	Salcete	Loutulim	65
84	Salcete	Loutulim	66
85	Salcete	Loutulim	56
86	Salcete	Loutulim	57
87	Bardez	Soccorro	200
88	Bardez	Soccorro	201
89	Bardez	Soccorro	254
90	Bardez	Soccorro	255
91	Bardez	Soccorro	271
92	Bardez	Soccorro	272
93	Bardez	Soccorro	273
94	Bardez	Soccorro	285
95	Bardez	Soccorro	286
96	Bardez	Soccorro	289

19.2.2. Survey Numbers Identified as Private Forest by Sawant and Karapurkar committees and found partly repeated in Thomas & Araujo Committee report:

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There is a total of 130 such survey numbers across 39 villages were found to be partly/fully repeated, till 6th Part Final report, 101 survey numbers were reviewed by the committee.

The committee reviewed the remaining 29 survey numbers, after detailed analysis through Google Timeline change corroborated by LISS III FCM 2012- 13, Division offence case, Tree Felling, FCA & Court order etc. found that in 4 survey numbers i.e, 260(P), 261(P), 278(P) and 291(P) of Socorro village of Bardez Taluka the balance area do not fulfil the criteria of private forests.

Balance 25 survey numbers are to be reviewed by the committee.

The Review committee in this meeting has reviewed a total of 133(+3*) survey numbers (out of which 30 survey numbers are qualifying for criteria of Private Forest, additional area is found in 3 survey numbers while 100 survey numbers are not qualifying for the criteria of Private Forest), thus the committee identified an area identified an area of 164.1076 Ha.

Meeting ended with the thanks to the chair.

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To,

1. The Chief Conservator of Forests and Chairman of the Private Forest Review Committee, Goa Van Bhavan, Panaji, Goa.
2. The Director of 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 Headquarters (North), Ponda, Goa.
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