

**Proceedings of the Hearing conducted on 22.02.2024 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) and South Goa (Araujo) Committee in Socorro village of Bardez Taluka, Codar village of Ponda Taluka and Cacora village of Quepem Taluka.**

The following members/representatives were present: -


1. Shri Praveen Kumar Raghaw, IFS  
Chief Conservator of Forests & Chairman of Review Committee.
2. Shri Nandakumar E. Parab, IFS  
Dy. Conservator of Forests (WP) & Member Secretary, Review Committee.
3. Shri Dipak S. Desai,  
Representative of Additional Collector, North Goa District.
4. Shri Audhut Sawant,  
Representative of the Director of Agriculture
5. Shri Pratima Kavlekar,  
Representative of the Director of Settlement and Land Record, Panaji,  
Goa.
6. Shri Vishwas Chodankar,  
Assistant Conservator of Forests (North), Member.
7. Shri D. M. Kudalkar,  
Assistant Conservator of Forests (South), Member.

Following were in attendance

1. Shri. Prakash Naik, Range Forest Officer, Quepem Range
2. Smt. Dakshata D. Zore, I/C Range Forest Officer, Ponda Range
3. Mohamed Ieshad, Field Surveyor, DSLR
4. Promod Naik, Field Surveyor, DSLR
5. Pravin KurtiKar, Field Surveyor, DSLR
6. Samir Rajguru, Field Surveyor, DSLR
7. Kiran Gaude, Field Surveyor, DSLR
8. Shri Gaurish Naik, Forest Surveyor (WP)
9. Shri Nilesh C. Dessai, Forest Surveyor, South Goa Division

  
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10. Sandip Mandrekar, I/c Round Forester, Ponda Range

11. Shri Anushka P. Naik, Forest Guard, Ponda Range

Objection from the villagers of Socorro village of Bardez Taluka, Codar village of Ponda Taluka and Cacora village of Quepem Taluka were heard individually. It was informed to the Review Committee that the notice for hearing dated 16/02/2024 was served to each objector through post, special messenger, also through telephone calls and messages.

The public hearing scheduled for the day is being conducted for the areas qualifying as private forests based on approved methodology. Survey number finalized by Thomas committee and Araujo Committee were enumerated on field by Sub Committee. Plan and enumeration report submitted by the sub-committee, is placed before the Review Committee for public hearing on 22/02/2024.


The area qualified as private forest after field enumeration is verified in presence of the objector. Field report along with copy of each such document / plan were shown to concerned objector 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.	Mr. Uday P. Mulgaonkar	Survey no. 249/7, Socorro village of Bardez taluka.	Has objected for identification of his property as private forest stating the area is partly under settlement and partly under natural cover.	Survey no. 249 of Socorro village of Bardez taluka was identified as private forest by Thomas Committee. Survey number 249/7 of Socorro village of Bardez taluka is found partly qualifying the criteria of private forest.

  
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				<p>The objector has signed the attendance sheet with objection.</p> <p>Comments/Views/object-ion were recorded by the committee.</p>
2.	Mrs. Mumtaz bi Nagpure	Survey no. 249/2 of Socorro village of Bardez taluka	Has objected for identification of his property as private forest	<p>Survey Number 249 of Socorro village of Bardez taluka was identified as private forest by Thomas Committee.</p> <p>While review, Survey number 249/2(P) of Socorro village of Bardez taluka is found partly qualifying the criteria of private forest.</p> <p>The objector has signed the attendance sheet with objection.</p> <p>Comments/Views/object-ion were recorded by the committee.</p>
3.	Mr. Pradip Sinai Mulgaonkar	Mr. P. 249/7 of Socorro Village of Bardez Taluka	Survey No. 249/7 of Socorro Village of Bardez Taluka	<p>Has objected for identification of his property as private forest stating the area is partly under settlement and partly under natural cover.</p> <p>Survey Number 249 of Socorro village of Bardez Taluka was identified as private forest by Thomas Committee.</p> <p>While review, Survey number 249/7 of Socorro village of Bardez taluka is</p>

  
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4.	Mr. Sayedseb H. Shirhatti	Survey No. 249/2 of Socorro Village of Bardez Taluka	Objector was absent for the hearing.	<p>Survey Number 249 of Socorro village of Bardez Taluka was identified as private forest by Thomas Committee.</p> <p>While review, Survey number 249/2 (P) of Socorro village of Bardez taluka is found partly qualifying the criteria of private forest.</p> <p>The notice could not be delivered by post as door found locked and cannot be contacted on mobile was not reachable. This was the second opportunity given to objector to attend the hearing.</p> <p>Considering the timeline of Hon'ble NGT,</p>

  
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5.	Anil B. Kumbhar	Survey No. 249/8-B of Socorro Village of Bardez Taluka	Has objected for identification of his property as private forest.	<p>Survey Number 249 of Socorro village of Bardez Taluka was identified as private forest by Thomas Committee.</p> <p>While review, Survey number 249/8 of Socorro village of Bardez taluka is found fully qualifying the criteria of private forest.</p> <p>The objector has signed the attendance sheet with objection.</p> <p>Comments/Views/objecti on were recorded by the committee.</p>
6.	Mr. Eknath A. Sawant	Survey No. 249/8-C of Socorro Village of Bardez Taluka	Has objected for identification of his property as private forest.	<p>Survey Number 249 of Socorro village of Bardez Taluka was identified as private forest by Thomas Committee.</p> <p>While review, Survey number 249/8 of Socorro village of Bardez taluka is</p>

  
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7.	Mr. Ramchandra Shanker Patil	Survey No. 249/8-C of Socorro Village of Bardez Taluka	Has objected for identification of his property as private forest.	<p>Survey Number 249 of Socorro village of Bardez Taluka was identified as private forest by Thomas Committee.</p> <p>While review, Survey number 249/8 of Socorro village of Bardez taluka is found fully qualifying the criteria of private forest.</p> <p>The objector has signed the attendance sheet with objection.</p> <p>Comments/Views/objecti on were recorded by the committee.</p>
8.	Mr. Santosh Shaba Gaonker	Survey No. 63/2 of Codar	Has no objection for identification of his property as private forest provided he is	<p>Survey Number 63 of Codar village of Ponda Taluka was identified as</p>

  
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		Village of Ponda Taluka	allowed to do the current practice of cultivation of Mango and Cashews.	private forest by Thomas Committee. While review, Survey number 63/2 (P) of Codar village of Ponda taluka is found partly qualifying the criteria of private forest. The objector is declared tenant of the property and not the occupant.  The objector has signed the attendance sheet.  Comments/Views/objecti on were recorded by the committee.
9.	Mr. Pandurang Datta Gaunkar	Survey No. 63/2 of Codar Village of Ponda Taluka	Has no objection for identification of his property as private forest provided, he is allowed to do the current practice of cultivation of Mango, Cashews and other fruit bearing trees and also allowed to fence the property for cultivation.	Survey Number 63 of Codar village of Ponda Taluka was identified as private forest by Thomas Committee. While review, Survey number 63/2 (P) of Codar village of Ponda taluka is found partly qualifying the criteria of private forest. The objector is declared tenant of the property and not the occupant.

  
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10.	<p>1)Adv. Bhanudas S. Gaonker</p> <p>2)Pandhari Vithal Naik</p> <p>3) Mohandas Gaonkar</p> <p>4)Vishram Gaonkar</p> <p>5)Namdev Gaonkar</p>	<p>Survey No. 63/2 of Codar Village of Ponda Taluka</p>	<p>Has objected for identification of their property as Private Forest stating Cashew cultivation and bamboo are situated and the area is being fenced by Barbed wire.</p>	<p>Survey Number 63 of Codar village of Ponda Taluka was identified as private forest by Thomas Committee.</p> <p>While review, Survey number 63/2 (P) of Codar village of Ponda taluka is found partly qualifying the criteria of private forest. The objectors are declared tenant of the property and not the occupant.</p> <p>The objectors have signed the attendance sheet.</p> <p>Comments/Views/objecti on were recorded by the committee.</p>
11.	<p>Mr. Pradeep Pandurang Gaonkar</p>	<p>Survey No. 63/2 of Codar Village of Ponda</p>	<p>Has objected for identification of his property as Private Forest stating he has Cashew cultivation.</p>	<p>Survey Number 63 of Codar village of Ponda Taluka was identified as private forest by Thomas Committee.</p>

  
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		Taluka		<p>While review, Survey number 63/2 (P) of Codar village of Ponda taluka is found partly qualifying the criteria of private forest. The objectors is declared tenant of the property and not the occupant.</p> <p>The objector has signed the attendance sheet.</p> <p>Comments/Views/objecti on were recorded by the committee.</p>
12.	Mr. Kamlakant R. Gaonkar	Survey No. 63/2 of Codar Village of Ponda Taluka.	Has objected for identification of his property as Private Forest stating he has Cashew cultivation.	<p>Survey Number 63 of Codar village of Ponda Taluka was identified as private forest by Thomas Committee.</p> <p>While review, Survey number 63/2 (P) of Codar village of Ponda taluka is found partly qualifying the criteria of private forest. The objectors is declared tenant of the property and not the occupant.</p> <p>The objector has signed the attendance sheet.</p>

  
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13.	Mrs. Vithabai Vithal Naik represented by her son Pandhari Vithal Naik	Survey No. 63/2 of Codar Village of Ponda Taluka	Has objected for identification of his property as Private Forest stating he has Cashew cultivation, Mango, Jackfruit, bamboos and coconut trees, and that the tenancy case is pending before the Mamlatdar.	Survey number 63 of Codar village of Ponda Taluka was identified as private forest by Thomas Committee. While review, Survey number 63/2 of Codar village of Ponda taluka is found partly qualifying criteria of private forest. The objector has signed the attendance sheet Comments/Views/objecti on were recorded by the committee.
14.	Comunidad e of Cacora	Survey No. 44/1 of Cacora Village of Quepem Taluka	Objector was absent for the hearing.	Survey Number 44(P) of Cacora village of Quepem Taluka was identified as private forest by Araujo Committee. While review, Survey number 44(P) of Cacora village of Quepem taluka is found partly qualifying criteria of private forest. Objector has not mentioned the Contact

  
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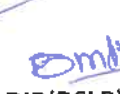
  
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				<p>number and postal address is incomplete. The status shown in postal tracking as "Item Bagged." As such the case was heard exparte by considering the timeline set by Hon'ble NGT.</p> <p>Comments/Views/objecti on were recorded by the committee.</p>
15.	Mrs. Maria Fatima Miguelinha Cardoso & others	Survey No. 52/1-A of Cacora Village of Quepem Taluka	Has objected for identification of her property as Private Forest.	<p>Survey Number 52(P) of Cacora village of Quepem Taluka was identified as private forest by Araujo Committee.</p> <p>While review, Survey number 52 of Cacora village of Quepem taluka is found partly qualifying criteria of private forest. However as per area shown by the objector, her property is not qualifying the private forest criteria.</p> <p>The objector has signed the attendance sheet.</p> <p>Comments/Views/objecti on were recorded by the committee.</p>

  
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16.	Mr. Netan Pandurang Madgaonkar	Survey No. 52/1-AA of Cacora Village of Quepem Taluka	Has no objection, as the property is falling outside the qualifying area as private forests.	<p>Survey Number 52(P) of Cacora village of Quepem Taluka was identified as private forest by Araujo Committee.</p> <p>While review, Survey number 52 of Cacora village of Quepem taluka is found partly qualifying criteria of private forest.</p> <p>The objector has signed the attendance sheet and has accepted the findings of Review Committee as his part is not falling in the identified patch.</p> <p>Comments/Views/objecti on were recorded by the committee.</p>
17.	Mr. Jerry Moraes	Survey No. 52/1 of Cacora village of Quepem taluka	Objected for identifying his area as private forest.	<p>Survey Number 52(P) of Cacora village of Quepem Taluka was identified as private forest by Araujo Committee.</p> <p>While review, Survey number 52 of Cacora village of Quepem taluka is found partly qualifying criteria of private forest.</p> <p>The objector has signed the attendance sheet.</p>

  
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18.	Mrs. Delfina Pereira E. Fernandes	Survey No. 52/1-A of Cacora Village of Quepem Taluka	Objected for identification of her area as private forest.	Survey Number 52(P) of Cacora village of Quepem Taluka was identified as private forest by Araujo Committee. While review, Survey number 52 is found partly qualifying criteria of private forest. The objector has signed the attendance sheet. Comments/Views/objecti on were recorded by the committee.
19.	Mr. Caetano Bento Fernandes	Survey No. 52/1-A of Cacora Village of Quepem Taluka	Objector was absent for the Hearing.	Survey Number 52(P) of Cacora village of Quepem Taluka was identified as private forest by Araujo Committee. While review, Survey number 52 of Cacora village of Quepem taluka is found partly qualifying the criteria of private forest. Contact number given in the objection letter is not reachable while postal

  
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It was decided to give two nos additional sample points for verification in Survey number 52 at Cacora village of Quepem taluka.

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 Director of Agriculture  
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Rep. of Director of Settlement & Land Record  
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Representative of Additional Collector  
North (Revenue), Member


  
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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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