

**MINUTES OF THE 15<sup>th</sup> GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING OF NORTH GOA DISTRICT MINERAL FOUNDATION (TRUST), HELD ON 10/04/2025 UNDER THE CHAIRPERSONSHIP OF COLLECTOR, NORTH GOA AT THE CONFERENCE HALL OF COLLECTORATE BUILDING, PANAJI, GOA AT 11.00 AM.**

The Governing Council Meeting of the North Goa District Mineral Foundation (Trust) was convened by the Collector, North Goa/Chairperson (NGDMFT). The meeting was attended by the following members/officials:-

Sr.No	MEMBERS	DESIGNATION & DEPARTMENT
<b>Member-Trustees</b>		
1	Dr. Sneha Gitte, IAS	Collector(North Goa)/Chairperson(NGDMFT)
2	Shri. Premendra V. Shet	MLA, Mayem Constituency
3	Shri. Abhir C. Hede	DD-II, DMG/ Link MS(NGDMFT)
4	Shri. Manoj B. Sawaikar	Dy. Director Education, DOE, 9404454324
5	Ms. Sanjana D. Bandekar	Dy. Director (North), DoP,9623834945
6	Shri. Sujeetkumar Dongre	Programme Director, CEE, 9422063917
7	Smt. Rena Menezes	District Agriculture Officer (DAO-N),9423056306
8	Shri. Glenn Kalvampara	Secretary, GMOEA,9822103191
9	Smt. Tereza Maria D' Souza	Jt. Secretary, GMA,9822121451
10	Shri. Naresh Pokle	A.E, WRD,9423314472
11	Shri. Dattaraj S. Pai Kakode	A.E Water Supply, PWD, Bicholim, 9960290878
<b>On behalf of Department/Representatives of Members/Others</b>		
12	Dr. Shaheen K. Saiyed	Dy. Director Medical, DHS, 9423889215
13	Smt Varsha S. Naik	Director, DEPwD, 8380844925
14	Dr. Mriselda V. Monteiro	Dy.Director, DEPwD,779886029
15	Shri. Vinayak M. Kambli	Deputy Director, DSDE, 9552444423
16	Dr. Shirish.S. Betkekar	Deputy Director, AH & VS, 9321241460
17	Dr. Rama G. Parab	Asst Director, Goa State Cooperative Milk Producers Union, 9421739146
18	Dr. Sunita Perni	MO, NHM, DHS, 9011025032
19	Shri Braz T. Menezes	DySP HQ, North O/o SP, North Goa, 7875756106
20	Shri. Rajesh Lolayekar	Project Manager, DSDE, 9422635857
21	Dr. Vidhya V. Gawade	Project Manager North, GSBB, 9422413899
22	Dr. Vijay Borges	Project Director, DTE, 9545475704
23	Dr Pradip V. Sarmokadam	Member Secretary, GSBB, 9422389425
24	Shri. Gauresh Kauthankar	Asst. Manager, GEDA,9226221133
25	Shri. Pankaj Chavan	Asst. Manager, ITCGL, 9881740605
26	Shri. Gajanan R. Desai	EE, PWD, Bicholim, 9271145231
27	Shri. Vishwas Kavthankar	Programmer -I, ITG 9881741519
28	Smt. Jenica Sequeira	Scientist 'D' GSPCB, 9158008630
29	Smt. Joshna Mahale	Scientist 'A' GSPCB, 9158008642
30	Dr. Namdev M. Gawas	Officiating Principal, GC, Sanquelim Goa, 9422389262
31	Smt. Sarita Patil	Core Faculty, GIPARD, 9604247751



32	Dr. Vaibhav Chindarker	Associate Professor, Government College Sanquelim Goa, 9422443545
33	Shri. Vinay V. Gauns	PMU, CARES, DTE 7745034492
34	Shri. Milind Barve	Deputy Manager, Vedanta Ltd, 9923794685
35	Shri. Mula C. Warak	V.P Secretary Honda , 9923030201
36	Shri. Sainath Gawas	PA to MLA Poriem, 8999659933
37	Dr. Sachin Tendulkar	CEO, MFG (PMU-DMF)

At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed all the dignitaries/ officials present for the meeting. The Link Member Secretary guided the discussion with the assistance from Project Management Unit on the following agenda.

#### **AGENDA NO. 1**

##### **Review of sanctioned projects**

The review on the progress of the works sanctioned earlier of the following Departments was undertaken:

#### **1. Material Recovery Facility at VP Sirigao: -**

The project of the construction of Material Recovery Facility (MRF) was sanctioned for an amount of ₹ 41,88,958/-. Representative from DoP stated that tender was processed for financial sanction of NGDMF.

**Decision:** NGDMF to issue necessary sanction and DoP to complete the work at the earliest.

**(Action: NGDMF/DoP)**

#### **2. Material Recovery Facility at VP Piligao: -**

Material Recovery facility at VP Piligao, Bicholim, Goa was sanctioned for an amount of ₹ 27,07,635/-. The work is already started and it will be completed by the end of the June, 2025.

**Decision:** The Chairperson agreed to the timeline assured by the DoP and instructed them to stick to the timeline and complete the work.

**(Action: DoP)**

#### **3. Material Recovery Facility at VP Pale-Cotombi: -**

MRF at village Panchayat Pale-Cotombi was sanctioned for ₹ 34,27,240. Administrative sanction was accorded. However, DoP representative informed that while tendering there was some error and the same will have to be retendered again. The GC expressed its concern over the delay in execution and asked to rectify the same.

**Decision:** - The DoP to follow the codal procedure and float the tender as soon as possible.

**(Action: DoP)**

#### **4. Design, Fabrication, Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 15 KWp Solar Grid connected Solar power plant at VP Honda: -**

The DoP was sanctioned proposal for 15 KWp grid connected roof top solar power plant for VP Honda for ₹ 10,93,459/- with 5 years of operation and maintenance to be executed through GEDA. The Expenditure order was issued to the GEDA on 24.02.2025. As per GEDA, work will be completed by 15<sup>th</sup> May.



**Decision:** - GEDA to ensure work is completed in the given timeline. GC suggested that DoP may send a comprehensive proposal including all other feasible panchayats under NGDMF area to be covered under solar electrification with the condition that O&M and service charges to be borne by the respective panchayats. Such a scheme will save on electricity charges for the Panchayats and also accrue some net revenue.

(Action: GEDA/DoP/PMU)

#### 5. GoVan Multi Processing Centres:-

The MS, GSBB informed that all the 5 centres are renovated and machines are ordered. GSBB further said that the inauguration of the 4 GoVan sites can be done any time after 14 April. The completion of the Cudnem center is awaited because GSBB is waiting for the FSSAI license.

**Decision:** The GC instructed GSBB to coordinate the final date of inauguration in consultation with relevant stakeholders.

(Action: GSBB)

#### 6. Proposal Regarding buying 5 school buses: -

The proposal for buying of 5 School buses was sanctioned in GC dated 24/01/2024 for ₹ 1.75 Cr. The DoE representative informed that the buses are dispatched from Jaipur plant and will reach Goa soon. The GC instructed DoE to plan branding of the vehicles as soon as they reach Goa and plan for formal inauguration.

**Decision:** - DoE is directed to ensure that all logistical arrangements, including vehicle registration, branding, and readiness for operational use, are completed prior to the inauguration. DoE to coordinate with concerned authorities to finalize the date and venue for the Inauguration.

(Action: DoE)

#### 7. Proposal for Construction of toilet room and providing water storage tank for GPS Pissurlem: -

DoE was sanctioned this proposal for an amount of ₹ 3,99,626. Due to delay from PWD (executing department) the work could not be initiated. In the MC dated 03.04.2025, the representative of DoE had informed that the O/o BDO Sattari will assist in preparing the estimates. The DoE representative informed that now the PWD has initiated the work and will execute the project.

**Decision:** - The GC directed the DoE to get the work done within three months.

(Action: DoE/PWD)

#### 8. Upgradation of ICT Infrastructure along with robotic STEAM labs in schools: -

The DoE was sanctioned proposal in 10 schools for upgradation of ICT infrastructure for implementation of smart classroom along with robotic steam labs at mining affected areas for an amount of ₹2,35,72,560. The 10 schools proposed were Government High School at Pissurlem, Guleli, Mulgao, Honda, Advai, Shirgao, Tarmatha Bhile Surla, Navelim and Govt. Higher Secondary School Sankhali and Govt. Primary School Cudnem. The DoE informed that the equipment for the 10 schools is received and installed and only the steam labs accessories are yet to received. The Chairperson instructed PMU to inspect the completion



**Decision:** The GC instructed DoE to monitor installation of pending STEAM lab accessories and provide a readiness update as soon as possible and instructed PMU for timely inspection and feedback to NGDMF.

**(Action: DoE/ PMU)**

**9. Free IT education skills for citizens of mining affected areas:**

The proposal for "providing free IT education/Upgradation of IT skills for citizens residing in the mining affected areas/regions in the state of Goa under DMF funds" was sanctioned for ₹ 11,24,000/- initially to DoE (GC of 01.03. 2023) and later awarded to ITCGL (GC 28.08.2024). Even after all the due approvals were given, ITCGL could not initiate the project due to unavailability of empanelled service providers. The GC asked the ITCGL to expedite the implementation failing which the project would be scrapped. The ITCGL informed that they are awaiting guidelines for choosing of agency from DIET.

**Decision:** The GC disapproved the delay in implementation and directed ITCGL to implement the project within **three months** failing which the project will be scrapped, if not executed before the next GC.

**(Action: ITCGL)**

**10. Purchase of motorized two-wheelers with side wheels for 2 Divyangjans**

The Department for Empowerment of Person with Disabilities (DEPwD) was sanctioned ₹ 2.3 Lakh for purchase of two motorized two-wheeler with side wheels for 2 Divyangjan beneficiaries. Administrative and Financial approval was issued. The representative from DEPwD stated that the beneficiaries should avail Driving License before handing over the Delivery of the vehicles. The representative further stated that one of the beneficiaries has the License while the other one is yet to receive his driving License. The Department was asked to draft comprehensive scheme benefitting the Divyangjan and ensuring that there is convergence with other schemes. The beneficiary to give appropriate undertaking to avoid benefitting from other such scheme.

**Decision:** - The GC instructed DEPwD to hand over of the vehicles to the beneficiaries having licence in formal function and the other can be given the vehicle once they obtain the appropriate driving license.

**(Action: DEPwD)**

**11. Skill development in Animal Husbandry Practices: -**

Directorate of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science was sanctioned proposal (GC of 24.01.2024) for skill development in Animal Husbandry practices for livelihood support to mining-affected people of North Goa with budget of ₹ 6,30,000. The Admin Approval was issued to the Department but due to advance expenditure the Department did not undertake the training for long time. The representative agreed to the NGDMF suggestion to implement the project through Goa Dairy (GSCMPUL) instead.

**Decision:-** The NGDMF to issue Admin Approval to Goa Dairy for implementation of the Skill Development project.

**(Action: NGDMF/ GSCMPUL)**

**12. Mobile Veterinary Dispensary: -**

The Goa State Co-Operative Milk Producers Union Limited was sanctioned One Ambulance/Mobile Dispensary fitted with necessary gadgets to service Sankhali and Bicholim area with cost of ₹ 12,00,000. The necessary approvals are issued to the Union. The Goa Dairy representative informed that the vehicle is received and they have submitted the interior instrument list to NGDMF for financial sanction. The representative further

stated that the vendor requires an advance payment to dispatch the required equipment for the Mobile Veterinary Dispensary vehicle from Delhi.

**Decision:** - The GC directed the NGDMF Secretariat to process the approval and desired that Goa Dairy should expedite the procurement process and provide an update to NGDMF.

**(Action: GSCMPUL)**

**13. CARES maker space and Experiential Centre-**

The Project Management Unit for Coding and Robotic Education in schools (CARES) under Dir. Of Tech. Education was sanctioned 1 CARES maker space, 1 Experiential Centre on pilot basis with project cost of ₹ 1.4 Cr. The DTE official informed that the PMU tenure is set to expire on May 13, 2026, and they are awaiting a decision from the Government on whether it will be extended or not. The Chairperson expressed her concern over delay as ₹1.4 Cr funds are sanctioned for the said project and hence directed CARES PMU to inform about the implementation within one month of the meeting.

**Decision:** - The CARES- PMU to clarify on fate of the project within a month.

**(Action: DTE/ CARES-PMU)**

**14. Automatic Real Time AAQM in 9 locations: -**

The GSPCB was sanctioned project for Automatic Real Time Ambient Air Quality Monitoring instruments in 9 locations with CDAC technology based real time monitoring instruments costing ₹ 117 lakhs with 5-year maintenance. The 9 identified locations are Assanora, Bicholim, Mayem, Sanquelim, Honda junction, Amona Circle, Fanaswadi Junction, Velguem, Pale Junction. However, the GSPCB letter dated 23.08.2024 submitted to NGDMF mentioned that the cost was ₹117 lakhs for 9 stations per year, with each station costing ≥ 13 lakhs per year. The proposal for 117 lakhs for 9 stations with maintenance for 5 years was approved by the GC in meeting dated 28.08.2024 subject to written clarification of GSPCB on the observations of the GC. However, thereafter, GSPCB vide letter dated 31.01.2025 submitted that the operation and maintenance was of 3 years and not 5 years, which was not in line with the approved proposal. The issue over the maintenance and operation duration was brought to the notice of GC and the GC decided to approve the project. The GSPCB has to share the collected data with NGDMF and ensure that the data is in public domain after due diligence.

**Decision:** - The Chairperson instructed to issue necessary approval and meanwhile GSPCB to expedite codal procedure.

**(Action: NGDMF/GSPCB)**

**15.Fencing of Abandoned Laterite Quarries:**

As per the directives of the Hon'ble Court it was required that all the abandoned Laterite queries be fenced to prevent death due to drowning. In the GC dated 24/01/2024 the project was sanctioned. Sanctioned amount, as per GC dated 28/08/2024 is ₹2 cr. Detailed proposal with complete estimates from Disaster Management Cell, Collectorate, North Goa is awaited.

**Decision:** NGDMF to issue necessary sanctions based on the detailed proposal.

**(Action: DMC (North Goa))**

**16.Skilling of farmers in Beekeeping: -**

The Project for skilling of farmers from mining belt in Beekeeping to increase agriculture production and supplement income, under the Directorate of Agriculture estimated to ₹ 10,51,100/- was sanctioned in GC dated 24/01/2024. As discussed in MC dated



13.02.2025 and 03.04.2025, DoA submitted a revised proposal on 09.04.2025. The GC, while considering the revised scheme with a budget of Rs. 30,57,300/- suggested that the training for the farmers costing Rs. 8,43,000/- can be conducted now. The PMU to scrutinise the proposed amount before expenditure sanction. The Chairperson instructed the DoE to identify the beneficiaries for the training. Based on their interest, bee boxes can be provided to them in the month of September. The budget for the materials may be considered in the next GC meeting, before September 2025, after scrutiny and report by PMU.

**Decision:** - The Chairperson instructed DoA to identify the beneficiaries for the training. The training process should be initiated and the bee boxes should be provided to the beneficiaries in the month of September based on their interest.

(Action: DoA)

**17. Desilting of Agriculture Field at Pissurlem**

The Project proposed by DMG and WRD, on basis of a High Court Order, for Desilting of fields at Pissurlem was sanctioned as a pilot agricultural field rejuvenation project of 5000 sq.m. in GC dated 31/08/2024 for an amount of ₹18 Lakhs. The admin approval was issued to Directorate of Agriculture and the soil water conservation division under Directorate of Agriculture took up a joint inspection along with beneficiaries in July 2024. The tendering of the work was carried out and L1 bidder was identified, however, before commencement of the work, the project was objected in writing by one of the land owners, Shri. Tanajirao Desai. DoA attempted to seek consent of the landowner, however, he has refused to give his NOC.

**Decision:** The Chairperson instructed that the proposal should be withdrawn, with due intimation to the DMG and DoA.

(Action: NGDMF)

**AGENDA NO. 2**

**Provisional Fund Status of NGDMF**

The revised fund position in terms of revised PMKKKY guidelines 2024 of the DMF was informed in detail, with provisions made to the notified sectors as catagorised into High Priority and Low Priority. Further, the status of the allotted amount, sanctioned amount, disbursed amount, and available funds that can be utilised in future was explained in a detailed manner to the members of GC.

PROVISIONAL NORTH DMF FUND STATUS AS ON JAN 31, 2025				
Sectors of DMF	Sanctioned Amount	Disbursed Amount	To be disbursed	Available as on 31/03/2025
Drinking Water supply	₹ 15,47,20,612	₹ 10,27,11,439	₹ 5,20,09,173	₹ 2,56,50,375
Environmental Preservation & pollution Control Measures	₹ -	₹ -	₹ -	₹ 4,48,88,155
Health care	₹ 4,24,98,702	₹ 4,24,98,702	₹ -	₹ 5,13,00,749
Education	₹ 8,18,15,579	₹ 2,06,88,282	₹ 6,11,27,297	₹ 6,41,25,936
Welfare of Woman & Children	₹ 17,11,954	₹ 8,90,541.00	₹ 8,21,413	₹ 4,48,88,155
Welfare of Aged & Disabled people	₹ 11,78,250	₹ 9,48,250	₹ 2,30,000	₹ 4,48,88,155
Skill Development	₹ 2,19,05,000	₹ -	₹ 2,19,05,000	₹ 5,13,00,749
Sanitation	₹ 1,31,36,698	₹ -	₹ 1,31,36,698	₹ 3,84,75,562
Housing	₹ -	₹ -	₹ -	₹ 2,56,50,375
Agriculture	₹ -	₹ -	₹ -	₹ 4,48,88,155
Animal Husbandary	₹ 11,72,506	₹ -	₹ 11,72,506	₹ 4,48,88,155
Physical infrastructure	₹ 2,60,26,321	₹ 2,52,00,808	₹ 8,25,513	₹ 4,48,88,155
Irrigation	₹ 2,45,00,000	₹ 2,45,00,000	₹ -	₹ 4,48,88,155
Energy & Watershed Development	₹ 22,42,655	₹ 11,46,857	₹ 10,95,798	₹ 5,13,00,749
Any other Measures	₹ 1,41,88,436	₹ 1,41,88,436	₹ -	₹ 1,92,37,781
Covid 19	₹ 16,43,19,492	₹ 16,43,19,492	₹ -	₹ -
PROJECT FUND	₹ 54,94,16,205	₹ 23,27,73,315	₹ 15,23,23,398	₹ 64,12,59,363.8
Admin	₹ 90,87,109	₹ 77,87,109	₹ 13,00,000	₹ 5,35,80,026.20
TOTAL FUND	₹ 55,85,03,314.00	₹ 24,05,60,424.00	₹ 15,36,23,398.00	₹ 69,48,39,390.00



The GC encouraged representatives of Departments present to mobilize proposals in the unrepresented sectors such as Physical infrastructure, Irrigation and Energy and watershed development and newly introduced sectors of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Housing that will benefit people from the mining belt.

The GC instructed the representatives from the Department to submit new proposals while considering the available budget in each sector.

### **AGENDA NO. 3**

#### **To Discuss and decide upon new proposals received by the NGDMF**

The Government College, Sanquelim had submitted 7 different proposals to North Goa District Mineral Foundation. The projects and details are mentioned below:-

#### **1. Proposal for acoustics, soundproofing and audio solutions for college auditorium and seminar hall at Government College Sanquelim (Directorate of Higher Education): -**

The proposal is related to Acoustics, Soundproofing and Audio solutions for College Auditorium and seminar Hall for Rs. 1,12,59,884 including GST 18%. The beneficiaries per year are more than 5,000 and many are local people. The Seating Capacity of auditorium is 300 and that of Seminar Hall is 100. The auditorium and seminar hall are equipped with a basic sound system. These facilities are utilized by various community groups, including village panchayats, associations, NGOs, and government departments without charging any fee. Currently, they hire an external sound system for approximately 260,000 per year for various programs that are organized.

#### **2. Computer & Digital Smart Board e- learning setup in the college for Government College Sanquelim (Directorate of Higher Education): -**

The College currently has 95 computers, and 20 smart boards distributed across the college in different classrooms. The college lacks a dedicated computer Lab, resulting in computers being scattered in different rooms. This has created challenges for students, particularly during compulsory courses, due to insufficient number of computers. The proposed computers are to be installed in Library. The college plans to install smart boards in classrooms, conference rooms, science labs, and meeting rooms to enhance learning and collaboration. Currently, over 1,000 students are enrolled at Government College Sanquelim, and the student-to-computer ratio is inadequate to meet their needs. The proposed cost for Computer & Digital Smart Board e- learning setup in the college is Rs. 56,18,392/-. The Managing Committee in view of budget constraint in education sector had suggested to give more stress on primary, secondary and higher secondary schooling, rather than on higher education.

#### **3. Development of Horticulture with medicinal garden and landscaping at Government College Sanquelim (Directorate of Higher Education): -**

Approximately 10,000 visitors visit the college annually, including students, staff, and local citizens of Sanquelim. Currently, the college backyard has some medicinal plants. The proposal is for planting of medicinal plants in designated patches throughout the college campus at a cost of ₹ 7,85,000/-. The maintenance will involve weeding, watering, and pruning, by engaging NSS (National Service Scheme) students (Multi-Tasking Staff and housekeeping staff and hence a budget of ₹1.70 Lakh towards the maintenance as proposed was not recommended. The proposal does not specify the exact area designated for the medicinal plant patches, nor does it include a list of specific medicinal plants to be planted. Currently, the soil on the college campus may not be favourable or suitable for planting medicinal plants. Therefore, the college might consider sourcing suitable soil from other regions. The proposal does not specify the area designated for plantation.





**4. Planting indigenous trees as a pollution control measures and green cover at Government College campus (Directorate of Higher Education): -**

The project aims to raise awareness of both traditional and modern medicinal plants. It will provide valuable hands-on learning opportunities for students, particularly those studying Botany and Environmental Science. The proposed cost is Rs. 1,50,000/-. The planting locations for the indigenous trees will be along the border of the college campus. The proposal includes the planting of 26 indigenous plant species. The maintenance will involve weeding, watering, and pruning, by engaging NSS (National Service Scheme) students, MTS (Multi-Tasking Staff) and housekeeping staff. The proposal does not specify the area designated for Plantation.

**5. Setting up of Sewage Treatment Plant at Government College Sanquelim (Directorate of Higher Education): -**

Small tanks are to be constructed to collect wastewater from the college, which will then be treated in the sewage treatment plant. The proposed cost is Rs.1,34,27,338/-. The plan is to recycle or treat the water from toilets and handwashing through a sewage treatment system and then use it for gardening, irrigation or cleaning. The proposed areas to be connected for STP are Hostel area, Main building and entrance. Member from CEE and GMOEA stressed upon the need for an STP for the college, however, GSPCB stated that an STP is a legal requirement. The proposed head for expenditure is sanitation, which is also used for construction of Material Recovery Facilities of the Village Panchayats, which benefits a larger population of the mining affected areas. During the MC, it was discussed that very few projects have been received by NGDMF in this sector till date and DoP has shown interest in submitting more projects for setting up MRF facilities in mining affected Panchayats.

**6. Solar panel installation and commissioning of sensor control system for existing light in Government College Sanquelim (Directorate of Higher Education): -**

The college currently relies on a diesel-powered generator as a backup during electricity outages. The generator has a high diesel consumption, and its maintenance and operating costs are not financially sustainable. Additionally, the generator contributes to pollution and is not environmentally friendly. The existing diesel-powered generator does not function properly in auto mode. When set to auto mode, all the lights in the college remains on throughout the night, leading to faster diesel consumption. The college has proposed to install the proposed solar panels on the rooftops of both the new and old buildings. The proposed cost is ₹ 49,76,152/-.

**7. Procurement of Diesel Bus (02 nos.) (Directorate of Higher Education): -**

The college's current bus has a seating capacity of approximately 40 passengers, and its service life is expiring in March 2025. The proposed bus will be dedicated solely to the transportation of college students. The college has identified key catchment areas and routes for student transportation, i.e., Sattari and Bicholim. Students from Sattari and Bicholim are the primary users of private buses to the college. The proposed buses will transport and drop students in Valpoi and Bicholim, respectively. The estimated cost is ₹54,78,708.

**Decision:** All the 7 proposals were discussed in detail by the members of the GC. The college representative were asked to specify the priority among the 7 proposals. The college representative stated that they wanted to prioritise the proposal for acoustics, soundproofing and audio solutions for college auditorium and seminar hall. The GC decided to approve the same for an amount of ₹1.12cr including 18% GST. The operation and maintenance for the assets provided to be borne by the college and the practice of providing the premises free of cost to the local community to be continued. The GC also approved Development of Horticulture with medicinal garden and landscaping as well as Planting indigenous trees as pollution control measures and green cover at Government College





campus for a total of ₹7.5 lakhs for both. The GC opined that focus should be given on involving NSS students and existing college staff in operation and maintenance of the plantation. Preferably, the plants should be procured from nurseries of Forest and Agriculture Department. The GC opined that the remaining projects can be brought before the DMF once again in the future by DHE, as per requirement.

**Amount to be debited to Education Head and Pollution Control Measures Head.**

**(Action: DHE, NGDMF)**

**8. Providing one school bus (48-seater) for Sattari Government ITI (Directorate of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship): -**

This Bus is exclusively proposed only for Honda ITI, and it will be stationed within the Honda ITI campus. There are 585 students in the ITI. The cost proposed is ₹ 25,98,100/- The existing bus is 14-year-old and not in good condition. The current bus route operates from Valpoi to Honda ITI. According to DSDE official the current bus life will expire in the 6 months.

**Decision:** The GC in view of better public transport connectivity for the said ITI asked DSDE to approach NGDMF after six months for the consideration of the vehicle.

**(Action: DSDE)**

**9. Proposal for providing "Skill on Wheels" vehicle for North Goa District Short term skilling of individuals under Chief Ministers Kaushal Path Scheme (Directorate of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship):-**

Directorate of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship has proposed for Providing "Skill on Wheels" vehicle for North Goa District for estimated amount of Rs. 50,69,500/-. The Managing Committee had instructed to rework on the Estimated cost and asked for proper Break-up of the Cost. The availability of the funds in state budget speech was brought to the notice of the GC.

**Decision:-** The GC did not consider the project for approval.

**10. Proposal for Short term skilling of individuals under Chief Ministers Kaushal Path scheme by DSDE in Mining Affected Villages.**

Directorate of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship had proposed for short term skilling of individuals under Chief Ministers Kaushal Path scheme by DSDE in Mining Affected Villages for the estimated amount of ₹ 2,51,45,000/-. The MC had recommended only equipment and machinery component of the proposal of ₹1,38,95,000/-. The DSDE official stated that they currently did not have a list of beneficiaries for the short-term skilling courses. The mining industry representative informed the GC that Vedanta Foundation is conducting several short-term courses however, they find no takers for the said courses. They offered to collaborate with DSDE to conduct these kinds of courses in future.

**Decision:** The Chairperson suggested that DSDE seek assistance from the DoP in identifying interested beneficiaries, to which the DoP agreed to provide full cooperation. Also DSDE was requested to collaborate with CSR initiatives in the said area to achieve convergence of efforts and achieve skilling, re skilling and up skilling of the youth from mining belt. Deficit of funds, if any, to conduct such courses can always be brought to the notice of NGDMF in future and appropriate project can be supported.

**(Action: DSDE)**





**11. Proposal for conducting Skill Development & Capacity building among SHGs in the Mining Panchayat of Goa: - (Building Brand: Mentoring and Hand holding SHGs as a rural Entrepreneurs in catering and food Processing Business of North Goa Mining Belt.**

The proposal, at the cost of ₹24,75,000/- is for empowerment of the SHG members by providing comprehensive training skills that leads to sustainable income generation. The sectors of training are as Entrepreneurship and Business Management, Tailoring and garment making, Handicrafts and traditional arts, Food processing and preservation, Agriculture and allied activities (organic farming, livestock Management), Digital literacy. 425 members will be trained during the tenure. The proposal was discussed in the MC, and the MC decided that instead of many courses only 2 courses to be offered in intensive manner. The GIPARD has sent revised estimate cost of Rs. 25,00,000/-. The GIPARD has mention methodology of Baseline Assessment, Training and capacity building, mentoring and hand holding and market Linkage and promotion.

**Decision:** The GC approved the project for an amount of Rs. 25,00,000/- and suggested that SHGs to be prioritized by GIPARD through an appropriate selection criteria.

**Amount to be debited to Skill Development Head.**

**(Action: GIPARD)**

**12. Proposal for Acquisition of mobile Carts to enhance cluster level federations and Empower Rural Women in Mining Belt of Goa (Goa Institute of Public Administration and Rural Development): -**

The main objective of the project is to provide SHGs with mobile carts so that they can sell their products directly to the consumers, thereby enhancing their income & visibility. Operation and maintenance will be done by the cluster level Federation. Cost of each Mobile cart is Rs 5 lakh, Total cost for 4 Mobile carts is 20 lakhs and additional cost for Training, Maintenance and handholding for the SHGs/CLFs is Rs 5 lakhs. The total cost of the Proposal is Rs 25 lakhs. The MC members appreciated the project and recommended it, on pilot basis. The MC also desired that the cart be designed in very professional manner. The GIPARD representative informed that currently there are 4 CLFs in Mining Affected Areas.

**Decision:** The GC approved the project for an amount of Rs. 25 lakhs.

**Amount to be debited to Skill Development Head.**

**(Action: GIPARD)**

**13. Construction of internal village road along with gutter near mining dump at Chodankar Nagar, Bhuipal**

The project estimate of ₹ 44,61,332/- was prepared by the Directorate of Panchayat. Currently there is a Kaccha road facility & 11 households lack access to a proper road. During the rainy season, water washing off from the high ground enters the houses on the road. To address this issue, the proposal includes provisions for constructing a gutter. The Chairperson enquired whether all the NOCs are acquired to avoid objections later.

**Decision:** The Chairperson instructed the PWD to take up the work on the said road through their own budget and if the PWD is unable to complete it, the proposal may be taken up by the DMF. DoP to confirm the same and revert to NGDMF.

**(Action: DoP/PWD)**



#### **14. Soling and asphaltting of existing Road**

The project for soling and asphaltting of the existing road from the main road near Ganesh Ghadi's house to Sarvesh Malik's house at Vaddev Nagar, Honda, and from Vaasu Parab's house to Devanand Parab's house at Narayan Nagar, Honda, in Ward No. 06 of V.P. Honda, Sattari, has been received for an estimated amount of ₹43,85,054/-.

**Decision:** The Chairperson instructed the PWD to take up the work on the said road, and if the PWD is unable to complete it, the proposal may be taken up by the DMF. DoP to confirm the same and revert to NGDMF.

**(Action: DoP/PWD)**

#### **15. Scheme for availing two- wheeler with side wheels**

The proposal from Department for Empowerment of Person with Disabilities (DEPwD) was received on 12/02/2025 for purchase of two motorized two-wheeler with side wheels for 4 Divyangjans beneficiaries. The DEPwD representative stated that out of 4 beneficiaries 2 holds Learner Disability Driving License, 1 has applied for the same and 1 beneficiary not cooperating with the process. The GC suggested for in principal approval for purchasing 25 vehicles costing Rs. 30 Lakh to cater to Divyagjans in North Goa mining belt after formulating appropriate scheme and taking due precaution to avoid any repeat beneficiary, obtaining road worthy license in appropriate category and information of beneficiaries to be made known to NGDMF. The above beneficiaries to be included as part of the comprehensive scheme.

**Decision:** The GC in principle approved Rs 30 Lakhs for assistive vehicle for the Divangjans from NGDMF service area after due formalities by DEPwD.

**Amount to be debited to Welfare of Aged and Disabled Head.**

**(Actions: DEPwD)**

#### **16. Proposal for water Quality Monitoring in identified Mining Affected Areas**

The GSPCB had proposed a project for Water Quality Monitoring for 2 Locations for the amount of ₹7.296 Lakhs to MC. The MC had made certain observation and had asked the GSPCB to modify the proposal before placing it for consideration of GC. Accordingly the GSPCB submitted a revised proposal with an amount of ₹ 5.688 lakhs for water quality monitoring at two site of Sonshi Waterfall and and Gavathan River at Kudnem. The project will monitor water quality for 3 years. The GSPCB should also share the data with the North Goa DMF about the water quality. The GC also stated that the disbursement done should be in line with the PMKKKY guidelines and DMF Rules and no transfer should be done directly to a Government agency.

**Decision:** The Chairperson while agreeing to the proposal instructed GSPCB to share the updated implementation schedule. The GSPCB to give itemised break up of expenditure and ensure timely execution and progress of the project.

**Amount to be debited to Environmental Monitoring and Pollution Control Measures Head.**

**(Action: GSPCB)**

#### **17. Proposal for purchase of 2 number 4×4 Scorpio Vehicle**

The Office of the Superintendent of Police - North District has proposed purchase of 2 number 4×4 Scorpio for total estimated amount of ₹56 Lakhs. The MC had asked the O/o SP to provide realistic estimates for the vehicles, which were not submitted. The





representative from Superintendent of Police stated that the Scorpio vehicle will be used for Police Patrolling in mining belt (Bicholim & Sattari) The Department was asked to provide realistic estimates for obtaining necessary approvals. The Representative of O/o SP North Goa stated that there is no specific fund provision for such project. The Representative of GMOEA queried as why such proposals of vehicles procurement cannot be budgeted in the regular budget of the department. The representative of the Police said they have requested for such vehicle in past but have not received it yet.

**Decision:** The GC approved the project with a condition that these vehicles to be used specifically in Mining affected areas only with O & M under departmental funds. The vehicles to have appropriate branding of DMF.

**Amount to be debited to Any Other Measures head.**

**(Action: O/o SP North)**

**18. Proposal for purchase of 2 number Hearse Vans**

The Office of the Superintendent of Police - North District has proposed purchase of 2 number Hearses for total estimated amount of ₹18 Lakhs under the welfare of Aged and Disabled head. The representative from Superintendent of Police stated that the Hearse Vans will be used to transfer unclaimed bodies. The GC while sanctioning the proposal desired the Hearse Van being procured be stationed in the mining belt police station and also be made available to the local panchayat bodies as and when required, thus modifying the proposal beyond the scope of unclaimed bodies. The Department was asked to provide realistic estimates for obtaining necessary approvals. The Representative of O/o SP North Goa stated that there is no specific fund provision for such project.

**Decision:** The GC approved the project with a condition that these vehicles to be used specifically in Mining affected areas only with O & M under departmental funds. The vehicles to have appropriate branding of DMF. The hearse vans to be made available to mining affected panchayats as well, for use of the larger public.

**Amount to be debited to Welfare of Aged and Disabled Head.**

**(Action: O/o SP North)**

**19. Proposal for Installation of grid connected Solar Power system in various Government High Schools in the Mining Affected Areas (Goa Energy Development Agency/Directorate of Education): -**

The Goa Energy Development Agency (GEDA) has proposed Installation of Grid connected solar power system in the various Government High Schools in mining affected part of North Goa with an estimated amount of Rs.68,93,259/-. The representatives from GEDA have informed that the feasibility of all these has been done. The GC desired that the schools should bear the service charge besides operation and maintenance charges as it will substantially benefit the schools. The MC had asked GEDA to provide the details of enhanced load substantiated with evidence. The DoE representative stated that they are planning to propose the installation of solar grids on more Government High Schools (GHS) in mining-affected areas. The Chairperson instructed the DoE to ensure that the school roofs are not replaced for at least the next 10 years. The mining company representative stated that Vedanta has completed the solar roof installation for GHS Amona and ICICI Foundation has done it for GHS, Mulgao. The PMU is asked to scrutinise the other schools as well to identify whether any such projects have already been implemented in the field. The PMU is asked to actively collaborate with GEDA and Education Department to ensure that the Solar Panel and all other component installed are of good quality rating and with appropriate warranty. The system should be remotely accessible by North Goa District Mineral Foundation for monitoring.





**Decision:** The GC has approved the grid connected solar system for the schools not having such facility from the above list, subject to scrutiny by the PMU.

**Amount to be debited to Energy and Watershed Development Head.**

**(Action: DoE/GEDA/PMU)**

**20. Proposal of Nikshay Mitra for providing Food Basket for TB patients through PMTBMBA scheme (Directorate of Health Services): -**

The Directorate of Health Services had submitted a proposal to Managing Committee for nutritional support through Nikshay Mitra by Providing Food Basket for TB patients under PMTBMBA scheme for the estimated amount of ₹. 9,13,920. The proposal included a list of food items to be provided to TB patients every month for one year. The DHS representative agreed to this suggestion. After feedback in MC, the DHS has sent revised proposal for higher amount of ₹. 31,31,400/- by changing certain items of the monthly food Basket. The quantity of certain items were enhanced and the prices were updated. The DHS representative stated that Food items are flexible and can be changed according to the needs.

**Decision:** The GC approved the project for 85 beneficiaries and 85 family members for a total amount of ₹ 31,31,400/- and asked the DHS to share the name of the beneficiaries separately so that PMU can visit the beneficiaries. DHS to follow codal formalities in procuring the food baskets and to ensure that quality products are purchased at reasonable price from reliable suppliers.

**Amount to be debited to Health Care Head.**

**(Action: DHS)**

**21. Goa State Cooperative Milk Producers Union Ltd. Proposal for Enhancing Dairy Farming in Mining-Affected Areas of State of Goa through Introduction of Insulated Refrigerated Vehicles for North Goa**

The GSCMPUL has proposed insulated refrigerated vehicle to transport milk from the interior areas to Goa Dairy unit in Ponda at a cost of Rs. 50.5 Lakh. This includes Eicher vehicle, Refrigerated Insulated Tank, Branding and GPS tracking. The proposal was discussed in the GC. The GC members requested Goa Dairy to ensure that the vehicle is used in mining-affected areas. The proponent was also directed to submit a realistic and quotation supported breakup of the estimates to process the necessary approvals.

**Decision:** The proposal is approved for proposed amount, however NGDMF to issue necessary approvals only after acquiring proper estimates and break up from GSCMPUL.

**(Action: GSCMPUL)**

**22. Upgradation of Veterinary Hospital of Honda Sattari Goa (Directorate of A.H & V.S)**

The Directorate of AHVS has proposed for upgradation of Veterinary Hospital at Honda by providing some crucial equipment and installing basic infra to augment the services provided at the hospital. Accordingly, they have proposed for Digital Doppler Ultrasound system with colour power Sonaray DS 50 PLUS 2.5 Mhz- 5Mhz Convex C3-A, 5-part Erba h560 cell counter Automated Hematology Analyzer, Z type Vet Operation Table, Ceiling LED OT Lights-ECO, 1 TON Split 5-star AC at a total cost of ₹. 13,03,180/-. The GC desired the Directorate of A.H & V.S. should submit undertaking about the availability of trained Technicians to operate the equipment and adequate availability of staff and to also submit proper estimates





to process the administrative approval. The department has to follow due codal formalities to procure the sanctioned instruments and obtain expenditure sanction.

**Decision:** The project is approved for an amount of ₹13,03,180 subject to AHVS submitting the information about availability of Technician.

**Amount to be debited to Animal Husbandry Head.**

**(Action: AHVS)**

**23. Purchase of 2 All-terrain Vehicles - Two Mahindra Thar LX AT 4 WD 4S HT BS 6 (District Disaster Management Authority O/o Collector North Goa)**

The Collector(North)/ex-Officio Chairperson(DDMA) informed that the mining belt has suffered from forest fires and flooding in the past and it was difficult to reach out to these areas with normal vehicle. To address such natural calamities and assist in such situations two all-terrain vehicles were proposed by the Chairperson. The Disaster Management Cell has submitted the proposal for the amount of ₹ 30,56,824/- according to the GeM portal. The Chairperson informed the GC that there is no suitable vehicle to cater to disaster management operations during natural calamities.

**Decision:** The GC approved the proposal for purchase of vehicle and asked the NGDMF to accord necessary sanction.

**Amount to be debited to Any Other Measures Head.**

**(Action: NGDMF/DMC, O/o Collector (North Goa))**

**AGENDA NO. 3**

**To Finalize the Impacted Areas as per PMKKKY 2024 Guidelines**

The GC was informed that as per revised PMKKKY guidelines issued in January 2024 the areas extending upto 15 km from boundary of mining lease may be considered as Directly Impacted area and area extending beyond the directly affected area but not extending beyond 25 km radius may be considered as indirectly impacted area. Accordingly, the leases which have been auctioned in North Goa district were presented by the PMU before the GC with direct and indirectly impacted revenue villages marked. The MC in its meeting dated 13.02.2025 had decided that since the current fund corpus is from areas which have been affected by mining operations over the past decades, it will be fruitful to maintain the existing list of mining affected areas. With inflow of fresh funds from recently auctioned mines, which will be operational over the next few years, a revised list of affected areas can be figured out. The Chairperson informed the GC that upto 30 % of DMF funds can be utilized outside the current list of mining affected areas for larger public good, on a case-to-case basis, subject to PMKKKY 2024 Guidelines and Goa DMF Trust Rules.

**Decision:** The NGDMF decided to retain the current list of revenue villages and municipal areas as directly affected areas and NGDMF may consider extending the areas as and when all the mining blocks are auctioned and become operational.

**AGENDA 4**

**Any other agenda with the permission of the Chair**

**1. Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) for execution of projects sanctioned under NGDMF**

In order to speed up the execution of different projects sanctioned by NGDMF a Standard Operating Procedures was designed by PMU and vetted by GC. The SoP is in the form of a





flowchart including the guidelines and protocols to be followed to ensure efficient and speedy project completion was placed before GC. The SOPs were presented before GC to which all GC members approved and asked that they be given wide publicity.

**Decision:** The GC agreed to the Standard Operating Procedure (SOPs) and decided to put it in action.

2. The GC was appraised of the proposals of which copies were received by the NGDMF and also of proposals received directly from individuals, as discussed in MC meetings dated 13.02.2025 and 03.04.2025. Some of the proposals were yet to be received from the line departments, despite follow up by the PMU. The departments were requested to scrutinize the proposals and to forward the proposals to the NGDMF, if found feasible.

The DHS representative stated the preparation of detailed project proposals for i) Reconstruction of Piligao Health Center under PHC Mayem ii) 24x7 Day Care Unit at PHC Mayem and iii) Reconstruction, expansion and upgradation of SHC Karapur is under process.

**(Action: DOP/ WRD/ PWD/ DEPwD/ DHS)**

3. **Appointment of Auditor to undertake internal Audit of the NGDMF for the FY 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25**

The GC was informed that the CAG empanelled auditors will be appointed to undertake audit. The GC approved the same and authorized the Chairperson and MS to undertake all the formalities.

4. **Reel Making Contest for awareness on NGDMF projects for students (Below 12th Std & Above 12th Std) from mining belt with certificate of participation for all and prizes for first 3 best reels in each category**

**Decision:** The GC in order to give wide publicity to the projects undertaken by the NGDMF and create awareness amongst the local youth agreed to Reel Making Contest for awareness on NGDMF projects for students.

5. The GC was apprised of the disposal of PIL WP No. 2/2023 in the Hon'ble High Court vide order dated 19/03/2025 with instructions to make the separate website of DMF functional by April 2025 and to establish separate secretariat for DMF by May 2025. The GC was informed that the common website of North Goa and South Goa DMF is nearing completion and will be ready for launch soon. The URL of the website is <https://dmf.goa.gov.in>.

6. The GC was apprised of the Goa DMF (Trust) (Fifth Amendment) Rules, 2025, published in the Official Gazette Series I No. 48 dated 27/02/2025. The Amendment brought the Goa DMF Trust Rules in line with the PMKKKY 2024 Guidelines, among other changes.

There being no other agenda for discussion, the meeting concluded by thanking all the members and the Chair.

These minutes of the meeting are issued with the approval of the Chairperson.



**(Abhir C. Hede)**

Dy. Director – II, Directorate of Mines &  
Geology/ Link Member Secretary  
(NGDMFT)

**Place:** Panaji, Goa

**Date:** 10.04.2025