

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MANAGING COMMITTEE  
OF THE DISTRICT MINERAL FOUNDATION (TRUST) NORTH GOA  
HELD ON 20<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2020 VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE UNDER  
THE CHAIRPERSONSHIP OF THE COLLECTOR (NORTH)/  
CHAIRPERSON DMF (NORTH) GOA, AT 3:30P.M.**

A meeting was convened on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at 03:30 p.m. via video conference by the Collector (North) & Chairperson District Mineral Foundation (Trust), North Goa of the Managing Committee of the District Mineral Foundation (Trust) North.

The Following Officials attended the Managing Committee meeting via video conference:

<b>Sr.N o.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation &amp; Department</b>
1	Smt. R.Menaka, I.A.S	Collector (North) & Chairperson- DMF (Trust) North Goa.
2	Shri. Manuel Barreto	Member Secretary, DMF (Trust), North Goa / Dy. Director -I, Directorate of Mines and Geology
3	Shri Mallappa Hullalada	Executive Engineer, SE-II(IV), Electricity Department, Panaji Goa
4	Smt. Sweta Alias Sonam Parulekar	CDPO, Women & Child Development, Bicholim
5	Shri. Prashant Gaude	AE, SD-III, P.W.D, Div-XXIV.
6	Shri. Arun M. Naik	Executive Engineer, Water Resource Department- Bicholim
7	Smt Supriya Arolkar	Assistant Director, Directorate of Social Welfare.
8	Dr. Sunita S. Perni	Medical Officer, Directorate of Health Services, Panaji.
9	Shri Manoj B. Sawalkar	Dy. Director, North Education Zone, Directorate of Education.
10	Smt. Fiona Audrey Cardozo	Dy. Director of Panchayats, North Goa.
11	Shri. Nevil Alphonso	District Agriculture Officer (North Goa), Directorate of Agriculture.
12	Shri Altaf Rafi Aga	JE, SD-II/D-XXIV, Bicholim-Goa.
13	Shri. Parag Ranganekar	Programme Manager, Mineral Foundation of Goa, Panaji-Goa.
14	Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam	Member Secretary, Goa State Biodiversity Board. Saligao-Goa.

At the outset the Member Secretary, DMF (Trust) North Goa welcomed all the officials present for the meeting via video conference.

The Collector/Chairperson - DMF (Trust) North Goa reviewed the status of the proposals which were approved in the last Governing Council Meeting of the DMF.

**1. Discussion on new proposals:**

The following new proposals were taken up for discussion:



**i) Proposal from the Goa State Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (GSIDCL):**

The Member Secretary – DMF (Trust) North Goa briefed all the members that the proposal was received from GSIDC with regards to “Repairs/Up gradation and Maintenance of Government schools in the State of Goa – Civil, Plumbing and Electrical Works - Schools undertaken under mining belt in the State of Goa”, was approved by the committee for 21 number of schools in Mining affected areas of North Goa District for an amount of Rs. 2.967 Cr. However, it was decided during the last Managing Committee’s and Governing Council’s meeting that the proposal should be routed through the Education Department.

Now the proposal duly verified by the Education Department is received by District Mineral Foundation (Trust) North Goa of three schools i.e. GPS Gaonkarwada Vantem, GPS Advoi and GHS Bhuipal amounting to Rs. 1,26,16,216.18/-.

The Member Secretary DMF (Trust) North Goa informed the members that earlier the proposal was approved for 21 numbers of schools which included GPS Gaonkarwada Vantem and GPS Advoi. However GHS Bhuipal was not in the earlier list provided by GSIDC, but Bhuipal village is included under the mining affected areas of North Goa District.

Decision: - The Committee after discussion approved the proposal of GSIDC as forwarded after verification by the Education Department for undertaking repairs of GPS Gaonkarwada Vantem and GPS Advoi for release of payment after due procedure and with respect to GHS Bhuipal it was decided to place the same before the Governing Council for decision regarding release of payment of bills towards repairs.

**ii) Proposal from Directorate of Education:-**

The Member Secretary DMF (Trust) North Goa placed before the committee the revised proposal as received from the Education Department regarding Smart Classes for an amount of Rs.79,04,160/-. The Collector/Chairperson (DMF-N/G) mentioned that the proposal will be verified and then processed. All the Members agreed to the same.

**iii) Proposals from the Public Works Department:-**

The Member Secretary DMF (Trust) North Goa placed the 3 proposals received from the P.W.D –Bicholim.

1. Supplying of potable water by water tanker to mining affected village Shantinagar in VP Pissurlem and Ovaliye & surrounding areas in VP Honda amounting to Rs.15,84,334/- (tendered amount).
2. Supplying of potable water by water tanker to mining affected villages of Sonshi and surrounding areas in VP Honda amounting to Rs.16,63,551/- (tendered amount).
3. Work to be taken up under DMF in mining affected areas of Bicholim Constituency in Bicholim Taluka for an amount of Rs.9,68,48,690/-.



The proposal is for replacing of pipeline from Bicholim to Mulgao and for replacing pipeline within the area of Bicholim Municipal Council.

The Collector/ Chairperson DMF (Trust) North Goa mentioned that the first 2 proposals with regards to Supplying of potable water by water tanker which were already approved can be taken up under DMF (Trust) North Goa funds while the third proposal i.e. Work to be taken up under DMF in mining affected areas of Bicholim Constituency in Bicholim Taluka for an amount of Rs.9,68,48,690/- for replacing of pipeline from Bicholim to Mulgao and for replacing pipeline within the area of Bicholim Municipal Council cannot be taken up at this stage since there were no funds available under the budget allotted for water supply under DMF-(Trust) North Goa.

Decision:- After discussion the Committee agreed to release the funds towards the proposals at Sr. No 1 & 2 above as per the new guidelines approved by the Government for payments to be made under the DMF (Trust) North Goa and further to inform PWD to take up the proposal at Sr.No. 3 under their budget head.

**iv) Transportation Facility for School Going Children:-**

The Member Secretary DMF (Trust) North Goa informed the Members that bills towards transportation facility provided to school children by 7 transporters for an amount of Rs. 17,71,390/- and earlier for 3 transporters for an amount of Rs 2,66,153/- have been paid as approved during the previous meetings and informed the members that other bills of transporters will be cleared for payment after verification of all details as provided by the concerned transporters.

Decision: The Committee after discussion approved the payments made and to be made.

**v) Proposal from Directorate of Women and Child Development:-**

It was inquired from the representative of the Women and Child Development as regards further progress with respect to the proposal of Anganwadi renovation. The member from the WCD replied that they have already requested the P.W.D to provide the cost estimate and the proposal will be submitted to the Committee once the cost estimates were received from the P.W.D by September-2020.

**vi) Proposal from Water Resources Department:-**

The Collector/ Chairperson DMF-(Trust) North Goa inquired regarding the progress of work pertaining to Water Resources Department. The member from the Water Resources Department briefed the Committee with regards to desilting work carried out through DMF funds for around 30 Ha. of land and mentioned that cultivation has been carried out for most of the area of the desilted land.

Also the member from the Water Resources Department briefed the Committee with regards to pumping of water from the pit. He mentioned that an amount of Rs.4.5 Lakhs (approx.) was utilized for pumping of water last year and this year an amount of Rs. 16.5 Lakhs (approx.) was utilized. However,



balance amount of Rs. 23 Lakhs (approx.) was still available with the Department which will be used next year. He also mentioned that they have moved a Departmental proposal for Government approval under a separate budget head for pumping of water and if that was approved then the balance DMF funds of Rs. 24 Lakhs (approx) available with WRD would be returned to the DMF (Trust) North Goa.

The Member Secretary DMF (Trust) North Goa informed the member from the Water Resources Department that they had to submit the Utilization Certificate to the DMF towards the funds utilized for the approved work.

The Committee agreed to the same.

**vii) Proposal from Directorate of Social Welfare:-**

The Member Secretary DMF (Trust) North Goa informed that the proposal w.r.t two cochlear implants were approved and the Directorate of Social Welfare has to submit the required estimates.

The Collector/ Chairperson DMF (Trust) North Goa inquired from the Member from Social Welfare Department the procedure that was followed by the Social Welfare Department for selecting the persons and the same should be provided to the District Mineral Foundation.

The Collector/ Chairperson DMF (Trust) North Goa directed the Member from Social Welfare Department to submit the exact cost of the Cochlear implant instruments by doing all the codal formalities so that funds could be released accordingly.

The Member from Social Welfare Department also replied that there are other proposals with respect to assistive devices and for providing livelihood for the disabled people such as holding walker, hearing aids, sewing machines, photocopier machines, Computer & Laptops etc.

The Collector/ Chairperson DMF (Trust) North Goa mentioned that all such proposals cannot be directly accepted by the District Mineral Foundation, and that the Department should formulate a scheme so that all such applications could be scrutinized and verified and then forwarded to the District Mineral Foundation (Trust) North Goa, which the Committee could later decide on.

The Members present concurred with the suggestions as put forth by the Chairperson DMF (Trust) North Goa.

**viii) Proposals from Department of Electricity:-**

The Collector/Chairperson DMF (Trust) North Goa reviewed the proposal of the Electricity Department approved during the last meeting w.r.t erection and distribution of transformers in Mayem and Pilgao villages. The proposal w.r.t Narva village was not considered as it is not included in mining affected area.

The Executive Engineer, Electricity Department replied that the approval of the Chief Engineer was awaited after which further process of tendering could



be taken up. The Collector/Chairperson DMF (Trust) North Goa informed that only those proposal with respect to mining affected areas would be considered and further instructed all the members that only proposals with respect to mining affected villages should be submitted to the District Mineral Foundation (Trust) for which the members should also first study the list of mining affected villages as approved by the District Mineral Foundation (North Goa).

## **2. Post facto approval for appropriation of Funds received from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund and DMF (Trust) South to DMF (Trust) North Account for Covid-19 related payments.**

The Member Secretary DMF (Trust) North Goa briefed all the members present that an amount of Rs. 7,23,57,296/- was transferred from the District Mineral Foundation (Trust) South Goa to the District Mineral Foundation (Trust) North Goa and also an amount of Rs. 2,40,99,862/- has been received from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund Goa for expenditure to be incurred towards Covid-19 proposals received from the Directorate of Health Services and the Goa Medical College.

The Member Secretary DMF (Trust) North Goa further informed to the members that the total collection towards DMF North as on July 2020 is Rs 101 crores (approximately) and of this an amount of Rs.88 Cr (approximately) has been kept under Fixed Deposits. As per Rule 14 (a) of the DMF (Trust) Rules 2018, "50% of the amount received in terms of sub-section (5) & (6) of Section 9B of the Act during the Financial Year shall be invested by the DMF in Fixed Deposits or Government Bonds/bank bonds. Hence more, amount is kept under Fixed Deposits. Further, 3 Fixed Deposits for an amount of Rs. 3,44,66,451/- have to be closed for clearing the outstanding payments for Covid-19 and for settling of transportation bills.

The Collector/Chairperson DMF (Trust) North Goa inquired with all the members present if they agree towards regularizing the receipt of funds from DMF (Trust) South Goa and CM's relief fund to DMF (Trust) North Goa and for pre mature closing of 3 Fixed Deposits for total amount of Rs. 3,44,66,451/- .

All the Members present unanimously approved both the proposals.

## **3. Presentation by the Bio-Diversity board to the Managing Council regarding the project proposal titled "GoVan Project".**

The Member Secretary Goa State Bio Diversity Board made an online presentation of the project proposal titled "Go Van". He mentioned that the proposal was mainly with respect to benefit to be provided to the locals from forest produce and setting up of a Project Monitoring Unit (PMU) under the DMF funds. He also mentioned that the proposal of PMU is for the period of 7 years and the project is not only for the mining affected areas but to all the talukas of Goa State.

The Collector/Chairperson DMF (Trust) North Goa after the presentation suggested that the proposal of Project Monitoring Unit (PMU) cannot be considered as it includes recurring cost for the human resources. But, if there is any such proposal with respect to direct benefit to the locals from forest produce then it could be considered after verification and scrutiny.



The Collector/Chairperson DMF (Trust) North Goa then instructed the Member Secretary, Goa State Bio Diversity Board to give a fresh presentation by reframing the proposal to the Governing Council for taking a decision in the matter clearly indicating the benefits to the mining affected persons and the expenditure to be incurred by the DMF, North.

The Managing committee agreed to the suggestion.

**4. Approval for guidelines to be adopted for payment of bills of works executed through DMF.**

The Collector/Chairperson DMF (Trust) North Goa briefed all the members present that Finance Department has rejected the proposal of the District Mineral Foundation for opening of new accounts by each Department exclusively for receiving funds under DMF and therefore a set of guidelines was proposed to the Government for approval for making payments through DMF funds. Presently the file was under process for approval and once the guidelines were approved, the same would be conveyed to all the members for their perusal. As per the proposal, the Administrative Approval and Expenditure Sanction will be conveyed by the Member Secretary DMF (North Goa) to the Department. The Department / implementing agency will submit certified bills for payment to the DMF.

**5. Proposal regarding De-watering of Poira pit for purpose of safety measures during monsoon, 2020 by M/s Rajaram Bandekar (Sirigao) Mines Pvt. Ltd. and payment through DMF.**

The Collector/ Chairperson DMF (Trust) North Goa mentioned that no proposal will be taken up directly from any company/person and it has to be routed through the concerned Department – i.e. the Water Resource Department in the present case.

It was therefore decided to write to the concerned mining lease holder to route the proposal through proper channel.

All the Members unanimously agreed to the said suggestion.

**6. Any other subject.**

(a) The Member Secretary DMF (Trust) North Goa informed the members that there is a proposal from the Bharti Bandodkar Primary School, Velguem-Bicholim, for payment to transporters for providing transport facility to School going children for the academic year 2019-20.

The Collector/Chairperson DMF (Trust) North Goa replied that such proposal cannot be accepted as it is for the academic year 2019-20 and the DMF (North Goa) had already decided that payment towards transportation for the academic year 2018-19 which was not paid by the mining companies would only be considered.

The Members present concurred with the same.

(b) The Member Secretary informed that in the meeting of the Managing Committee and Governing Council dated 08-01-2020 it was decided that bank rates of different banks should be taken in order to see that the Deposits in bank get a good rate of interest.

Accordingly DMF amounts held by way of Fixed Deposits Receipts in different banks were brought to the notice of the members and also the present rates of interest offered by Nationalized banks.

All the members were of the view that since the FDRs were auto renewed should be allowed to continue till their maturity date so that premature closing does not disturb the interest that will accrue against the said FDRs.

It was discussed and decided that once the PMU comes on board the Managing Committee could then rework on the Deposits and necessary decision could be taken in the matter so that the DMF (Trust) Funds enjoy the maximum rate of interest.

Since there were no other matters to be discussed, the meeting ended with thanks to the Chairperson.

This is issued with the approval of the Chairperson, DMF-North Goa.

**Place:-Panaji - Goa.**

**Date: 20/08/2020**



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