

MINUTES OF THE 6th GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING OF SOUTH GOA DISTRICT MINERAL FOUNDATION, HELD ON 28/06/2023 UNDER THE CHAIRPERSONSHIP OF COLLECTOR, SOUTH GOA AT ROOM NO. 438, MATHANY SALDANHA ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX, MARGAO GOA AT 11.00 AM

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

Sr. no	Members	Designation & Department
1	Shri. Asvin Chandru A., IAS	Collector/Chairperson, South Goa/District Mineral Foundation (Trust), South Goa
2	Shri. Nilesh Cabral	Minister of Public Works Department of Goa/ MLA Curchorem Constituency, 9822103292
3	Shri. Subhash Phaldessai	Minister of Social Welfare of Goa/MLA Sanguem Constituency, 9527968691
4	Shri. Ganesh Gaonkar	Chairman of GTDC/MLA Sanvordem Constituency, 8388090909
5	Smt. Snehil Prabhu	Dy. Collector Revenue (South), 9765242964
6	Shri. Abhir Hede	DD II/ Member Secretary, Directorate of Mines and Geology/District Mineral Foundation (Trust), South Goa, 9764214183
7	Shri. Prasiddh P. Naik	Dy. Director of Panchayat, South Goa, 9923274585
8	Dr. Ujjwala Prabhudesai	Dy. Director, Directorate of Health Services, 9011025022
9	Shri. Santan C Silva	EE SE-I, Electricity Department, 9960919920
10	Smt. Rashmi Rawal	Asst. Director, WDA Social Welfare, 8446773665
11	Shri. Devidas H. Borkar	Asst. Engineer, S.D. X/WDXX, PWD, Dharbandora, 9271145205
12	Shri. Sagar K. Gaonkar	Asst. surveyor of works, div XII, WRD, 9960719808

13	Shri. Shailesh S.S. Usgaonkar	AE, SD IXX, Public works Department, 9607440021
14	Shri. Subodh S. Shirodkar	A.E-SD II/XX/PWD/Sanguem, 9271145202
15	Shri. Glenn Kalavampara	Secretary, GMOEA, Panaji, 9822103191
16	Smt. Tereza Maria de Souza	Jt. Secretary, GMA, Panaji
17	Dr. Sunita Perni	MO, NHM, Directorate of Health services, 9011025037
18	Smt. Gauri U. Parab	CDPO Quepem, Directorate of Women and Child Development, 9420163566
19	Ms. Poorva Verlekar	Project Manager, Goa State Biodiversity Board, 8767721638
20	Shri. Francisco Mendes	ADO/DO, 9763717056
21	Smt. Chitra Prabhudessai	UDC, Directorate of Social Welfare, Margao, 7620853417
22	Shri. Yogesh Salgaonkar	Accountant/GEDA, 9762321470
23	Shri. Manoj Gawade	Directorate of Health Services, 7666113173
24	Shri. Prasad B. Velip	T.A., ITG, 8668895127
25	Smt. Anita S. Thorwat	ADEI Salcete, 8888980664
26	Shri. Vishwas Kauthankar	Programmer- I, ITG, 9881741519
27	Shri. Surendra Zore	LDC, DHS, 7262822648
28	Shri. Paresh L. Kuncolienkar	OSD to Shri.SubhashPhaldessai, 9527968691
29	Dr. Sachin Tendulkar	CEO, Mineral Foundation of Goa (PMU), Panaji, 9423058974
30	Shri. Sarvesh Velguckar	Project Assistant, Mineral Foundation of Goa, Project Management Unit, District Mineral Foundation (Trust), South Goa, 82754382167
31	Shri. Dattaprasad Nadkarni	Project Assistant, Mineral Foundation of Goa, Project Management Unit, District Mineral Foundation (Trust), North Goa, 9284031494
32	Shri. Vighnesh Shinde	Project Assistant, Mineral Foundation of Goa, Project Management Unit, District Mineral Foundation (Trust), South Goa, 9764063996

At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed all the members and participants present for the meeting and thereafter following agenda items were taken up for the discussion.

AGENDA NO. 1

Review of Sanctioned Projects under DMF (Trust) – South Goa:

The review of the progress of the works sanctioned earlier by the following department was undertaken:

1. **PWD Water Supply Department:** The Proposal for drinking water supply to the villagers in the mining areas sanctioned earlier was discussed. An amount of Rs. 49,70,949/- was deposited with the PHE, PWD Department dated 17.10.2018. The department has submitted Utilization Certificate (UC) for the part payment of Rs. 36.17 lakhs and the UC of the balance amount of Rs. 13.53 lakhs is yet to be submitted. The Department was instructed via communication through the Member Secretary's office to submit the UC along with the other details like the number of trips made, places where the water was supplied, photographs and the number of beneficiaries etc. which were not submitted. The Department nodal person on enquiry by the Chairperson informed that the work is complete and the payment of Rs. 36.17 lakh has been done. He also mentioned that the remaining amount is not utilized and has asked DMF, South to submit the account details on which the remaining amount can be transferred. Member Secretary informed that the account details for transferring the remaining amount have been forwarded to the Department.

Decision: - The Chairperson asked the Public Works Department to transfer the remaining amount within **15 days** after receiving the minutes and the project to be closed.

(Action: - PWD)

2. **Directorate of Education:** A. A proposal towards the repairs/ upgradation and maintenance of 4 Government schools was discussed. The Members were informed that the payment of 3 RA bills amounting to Rs.2,33,18,723/- has been paid so far. It was informed by the PMU that the acknowledgement plaques had been installed at all four schools. The Member secretary further informed that no new bills have been received.

Decision: -The Chairperson asked the representative of the Department of Education to follow up with the GSIDC for the remaining bills and submit pending bills within **1 month**.

He further asked that from the next meeting representative of GSIDC should be present for the meeting.

(Action: DoE)

B. The proposal towards the payment of the Bus owner/ Transporter for providing transportation facilities to the student in the mining-affected area of South Goa District for the academic year 2018-19 was discussed. The members were informed that the payment of Rs. 41,36,975/- is done to all the transporters who submitted the bills with proper details and the balance amount from the allotted amount is Rs. 16,20,221/-. The members were informed that the file of Mr. Udesch Naik for the payment of Rs. 3,01,185/- is approved.

The Honourable Minister/MLA of Sanguem Constituency expressed difficulties faced by school students from interior rural areas of his constituency in getting transport facilities on time. He desired that alternative transport arrangements for students may be taken into consideration.

Decision: - The transporter's bills pending if any should be cleared within 1 months' time and the said project should be closed.

(Action: MS, DMF)

3. **Directorate of Women and Child Development:** The Project for the purchase of water purifiers, preschool kits, equipment, awareness etc. by the department was sanctioned on 27/11/2019. The members were informed that DMF has received the quotation from the DWCD Dept. amounting to Rs. 15,56,755/- dated 22.02.2023. The Member secretary informed that Administrative Approval has been accorded and queries have been raised regarding the mode of procurement. The members raised a query as to why there is a huge difference between the sanctioned amount and the quotation amount. It was informed that two items viz. preschool kits and awareness from the original proposal have been dropped.

Decision: - The project proposal should include itemized description and associated amount separately. The DWCD should clarify the queries raised and complete the project within **3 months**.

(Action: - MS, DMF)

4. **Directorate of Social Welfare:** The proposal for the purchase of 42 Nos. of scooters with side wheels was sanctioned in the GC meeting dated 20.07.2021. The quotation for an amount of Rs. 1,12,000 per scooter was accepted by the GC. The Members were informed that DMF had received information about 22 beneficiaries from the dept. and has also been verified on the ground by the PMU team. The three applications were disposed of for the unavailability of a driving licence. The Member Secretary informed that the administrative and Expenditure approval is already given for 19 motorized tricycles. The member suggested that in the second phase of project new and pending applications if any may be considered on the same guidelines and also the option of an electric motorized tricycle can be explored.

Decision: - It was decided to complete the first phase of the project with the supply of 19 motorized tricycles to beneficiaries within the next **3 months**.

(Action: - DSW)

4. **Directorate of Fire & Emergency Services:** The proposal of procurement of disaster management equipment was approved in the GC meeting dated 20.07.2021 amounting to Rs. 1,72,31,259. The Administrative and Expenditure Approval was accorded to the department and the project has been completed after payment of RA bills amounting to Rs. 1,37,85,236.

Decision: -The Chairperson instructed to submit the photographic evidence, Utilization Certificate and Report as to where the different purchased items are stationed within **1 month**.

(Action: - DO, DFES)

5. **Goa State Biodiversity Board:** - Go-Van Project of the Department was approved by the GC dated 20.07.2021 for an amount of Rs. 1.96 Cr. The members were informed that the multiprocessing units will be located at Sanguem, Rivona, Sacorda, Dabhal and Sulcora.

The Member Secretary informed that the administrative and expenditure approval has been given to the Goa State Biodiversity Board. The project manager of GSBB informed that the tenders for work have already been floated.

Decision: -The project should be made operational within 6 months.

(Action: - MS, GSBB)

AGENDA NO. 2

Status update on the budget of DMF (Trust) – South Goa

The fund position of the DMF was informed in detail with provisions made to the notified sectors as categorized into High Priority (60%) and Low Priority (40%). Further, the status of the allotted amount, sanctioned amount, disbursed amount, and available funds that can be utilized in future, was explained in a detailed manner.

Decision: -The Chairperson instructed the members present to mobilize proposals in the unrepresented sectors such as Environmental Preservation and Pollution Control Measures, Physical infrastructure, Irrigation and Energy and Watershed Development.

(Action:- MS, DMF)

AGENDA NO. 3

To discuss and decide upon the proposals received.

1. **Directorate of Panchayat:**A proposal was received from the Directorate of Panchayat, regarding the Construction of 'New Anganwadi at Kasilem in Ward No. 9 in V.P. Usgao – Ganjem, Ponda Taluka with an estimated cost amounting to Rs. 34,29,039/-. The members were informed that, presently there are 47 students in this Anganwadi and the classes are held in the premises of Govt. Primary School. Thus, the ADEI has asked to vacate the premises by the end of the last academic year. Further, it was informed that the DoE is ready to give their land alongside GPS for the said construction.

Decision: The GC members approved the above-said project and asked to complete the project within 12 months. Tendering process should be completed within the first 3 months.

(Action: DMF, DoP)

2. **Directorate of Education:**The proposal was received from Info Tech Corporation of Goa Limited, regarding the Proposal for Providing Free IT Education/upgradation of IT skills for citizens residing in mining-affected areas/regions in the state of Goa under Goa District Mineral Foundation Funds with an estimated cost amounting to Rs.1,06,30,000/-.

The representative from Info Tech Corporation of Goa Limited present in the meeting presented the proposal in a detailed manner. Honourable Minister/MLA Sanguem Constituency instructed to reduce the number of students and increase the average training cost to Rs.3000. He also stated that the training course should focus on the basics of Computers like MS PowerPoint, MS Word, MS Excel, and internet usage.

Decision: The GC approved the project with an initial allotment of Rs. 50,00,000/-. The long duration specialized courses are to be charged a refundable deposit of Rs.500/ and to be refunded after successful completion of the course and satisfactory attendance. Info-Tech Corporation should also conduct the final exam/evaluation of the students and provide detailed data of the admitted/qualified candidates to the DMF. The scheme is applicable to candidates from mining-affected areas. The project must be initiated within **3 months**.

(Action: DMF, DoE)

Directorate of Health Services:The proposal was received from the Directorate of Health Services, regarding 'Providing of one Basic Life Saving Ambulance for Mining affected areas by District Mineral Foundation South Goa at CHC Curchorem with estimated cost amounting to Rs. 20,50,789/-.' The members were informed that the DMF had provided one ambulance to the CHC that met with an accident and hence the CHC Curchorem has submitted the fresh proposal.

Decision: The GC approved the project and stated that the purchase must be done within **3 months**.

(Action: DMF, DHS)

3. **Directorate of Panchayat:**Material Recovery Facility for the Village Panchayat of Panchawadi with the estimated cost of Rs. 31,23,447/- was discussed. The Member secretary informed that the proposal was received and sanctioned earlier. However, it could not be taken up because of the low estimate as per the old GSR.

Decision: -The proposal was approved with the condition that tendering formalities should be completed within **2 months** and construction to be done within **8 months**.

(Action: - MS, DMF/DoP)

AGENDA NO. 4

Separate Office of DMF (Trust), South Goa, Appointment of Staff and Hiring of Vehicle (DMF Rules 2019, 4b)

Position	Contract Period (months)	Unit Cost (Consolidated) (in Rs.)	Total (in Rs.)
Accountant	12	30,000/-	3,60,000/-
Assistant	12	20,000/-	2,40,000/-
MTS (2)	12	15000/-	3,60,000/-
	Sub Total	65,000/-	9,60,000/-
Furnishing and other costs			2,39,000/-
Hiring of Vehicle Ertiga	12	75000	9,00,000
	Total		20,99,000/-

The proposal for having an independent office of DMF (Trust), South Goa in Room 30, Ground Floor, Mathany Saldanha Complex, Margao, Goa was placed before GC. The DMF Rules 2019, 4b provides for appointment of staff and hiring of vehicle. The detailed proposal was placed for consideration of GC.

Furnishing and other cost:

2 Tables – 15,000/-, 6 Chairs – 4,000/-, 2 Computers – 1,00,000/-, 1 Printer – 60,000/-, 1 Cupboard – 10,000/-, Miscellaneous - 50,000/-

Decision: The GC council gave the approval to set up the separate DMF office as proposed. Decided to hire a vehicle for a 1-year period and to review later whether to purchase a vehicle for the DMF office.

(Action:- DMF)

AGENDA NO. 5

To discuss and decide upon the Annual Report.

The Draft copy of the Annual Report 2021-2022 was presented in front of the members present for the meeting.

Decision: The Annual Report was approved by the Governing Council. The Annual Report will have to be tabled before the State Legislative Assembly. The PMU was instructed to print and circulate copies of the annual report to the concerned.

(Action: DMF)

AGENDA NO. 6

Any other agenda with the permission of the Chair.

1. Mr. Krishnanath G. Sawant Desai had communicated to the DMF South since the year 2020 that his vehicle/Bus was engaged in the morning and afternoon sessions (12 hours per day) by the Chowgule mining company for transportation of school students from Kalay-Sanguem. The same has been certified by the mining company. The members of the governing council were informed that as per the decision of Governing Council dated 07.04.2020, the school student's transporters supported by the mining company earlier will be considered for expenditure reimbursement for 4 hours only for the year 2018-19. In the first tranche of payment, Mr. Desai has been paid Rs. 3,01,185/- for engaging his vehicle for one session of 4 hours. His claim is that he be paid for the afternoon session also. No other such claims have been received. As per the norms, his claim for the afternoon session amounts to Rs. 3,01,185/.

Decision: The claim of Mr. Krishnanath G Sawant Dessai was approved only for another session of 4 hrs and he shall be paid the amount of Rs. 3,01,185/ after ensuring that all the bills and documents are in order. No further claims on transport bills are to be entertained and the project has to be closed.

Action (DMF)

2. The GC members were informed that CA firm Sulakhe and Associates were appointed to take up the Annual Internal Audit of DMF, South funds after following all codal procedures by DMF, South. The Annual Internal Audit from 2015-16 to 2022-23 is completed by the firm and a report is awaited. Post Facto Approval was sought for the appointment of Internal Auditor Sulakhe and Associates CA firm and payment of Rs. 96,752/.

Decision: The post facto approval is given by the GC for the Appointment of Internal Audit CA firm Sulakhe and Associates and payment of fees amounting to Rs. 96,752/-.

Action (DMF)

3. Expenditure Approval to Chairperson, DMF for Administrative Funds: -

The GC members were informed that the Administrative Expenditure Limit was to be sanctioned for Chairperson DMF South.

Decision: The Governing Council Authorized Chairperson, DMF South to incur administrative expenditure up to an amount of Rs. 2.00 Lakh.

4. Inclusion of the Xeldem Panchayat in the list of mining-affected revenue Villages and approval of the Garbage Vehicle purchase proposal: -

The Honourable PWD Minister/ MLA Curchorem informed the GC members that the mining transport route passes through Xeldem panchayat and as per the PMKKKY guidelines the panchayat should be considered as mining-affected panchayat.

The Honourable Minister also raised the issue of the Garbage Collection vehicle proposed for the said panchayat at the cost of Rs. 8,12,745/-- and desired that the Governing Council should reconsider the said proposal which was rejected earlier.

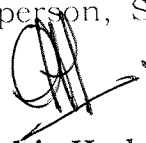
Decision: The members agreed to include the Xeldem panchayat in the mining belt and after reconsideration of the earlier proposal decided to accord sanction to the proposal of providing a Garbage collection vehicle of Make Tata Intra V30 to VP Xeldem at the cost of Rs. 8,12,745/- any additional cost shall be borne by the Xeldem Panchayat.

Action (DMF)

The Chairperson and Honorable Ministers/MLAs desired that henceforth only the designated officials from respective departments nominated on the Governing Council should attend the meeting so that the decision-making process is faster and there is a continuum and efficient utilization of District Mineral Foundation (Trust) funds.

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

This is issued with the approval of the Chairperson, South Goa DMF (Trust).



(Abhir Hede)
Dy. Director - II,
Directorate of Mines & Geology/
Member Secretary South Goa DMF (Trust).

Place: Margao, Goa

Date: 28.06.2023