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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT MINERAL FOUNDATION (TRUST), NORTH GOA, HELD ON 29TH OCTOBER, 2020 AT 3.30 P.M VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE UNDER THE CHAIRPERSONSHIP OF THE COLLECTOR (NORTH)/ CHAIRPERSON DMF (TRUST), NORTH GOA.

A meeting was convened on 29th October, 2020 at 03:30 p.m. via video conference by the Collector (North) & Chairperson District Mineral Foundation (Trust), North Goa of the Governing Council of the District Mineral Foundation (Trust), North Goa.

The following Officials attended the Governing Council meeting via video conference:

Sr. No.	Name	Designation & Department
1	Smt. R. Menaka, I.A.S	Collector (North) & Chairperson - DMF (Trust), North Goa.
2	Shri. Joshua Peter De Souza	M.L.A, Mapusa Constituency.
3	Shri. Glenn Ticio	MLA, Aldona Constituency.
4	Shri. Manuel Barreto	Member Secretary, DMF (Trust), North Goa / Dy. Director - I, Directorate of Mines and Geology.
5	Shri Mallappa Hullalada	Executive Engineer, SE-II(IV), Electricity Department, Panaji - Goa.
6	Shri. Arun M. Naik	Executive Engineer, Water Resources Department, Bicholim.
7	Smt. Chaya Melchoir Kadkade	CDPO, Women & Child Development, Bicholim.
8	Shri. Prashant Gaude	AE, SD-III, P.W.D, Div-XXIV.
9	Smt. Supriya Arolkar	Assistant Director, Directorate of Social Welfare, Panaji.
10	Dr. Sunita S. Perni	Medical Officer, Directorate of Health Services, Panaji.
11	Shri. Altaf Rafi Aga	JE, SD-II/D-XXIV, Bicholim, Goa.
12	Shri. Kalavampara Glenn	Secretary, GMOEA.
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 all the Members were welcomed by the Member Secretary and thereafter the following proposals with respect to the various departments as reviewed by the Managing Committee in its

meeting dated 19th October, 2020 were discussed and decided by the Governing Council:

1. Review of progress of the proposals approved by DMF

i) Goa State Infrastructure Development Corporation (GSIDC):

The Governing Council was informed that the District Mineral Foundation (Trust), North Goa, had already issued the ex-post facto Administrative Approval and Expenditure Sanction for the proposal received from GSIDC and which was vetted by the Education Department. The Governing Council was informed that the payment would be released to the GSIDC once the bills were submitted by GSIDC. The Education Department was informed to share the details of the beneficiaries and the details of repairs carried out with the Members of the DMF (Trust), North Goa.

ii) Directorate of Education:

The Council was informed that the Education Department had to submit the details of the proposals pertaining to Smart Classes for Rs.79,04,160/- as approved by the Governing Council during its last meeting.

iii) Directorate of Women & Child Development :

The Directorate had to submit the details of the proposals regarding renovation of Anganwadis and details pertaining to the procurement of utensils and water purifiers to the Anganwadi centres amounting to Rs.17,11,954/- which was already approved.

The Governing Council urged the Member from the Directorate of Women and Child Development who was present to expedite the same.

iv) Water Resources Department :

It was informed by the Member that the Utilization Certificates were submitted by the Department to the Collector (North)/Chairperson DMF (Trust), North Goa.

v) Social Welfare Department :

The Social Welfare Department had submitted the details with respect to release of funds for the procurement of Cochlear Implants to two beneficiaries and an amount of Rs. 9,48,250/- would accordingly be released to the Social Welfare Department as per the account details forwarded by them and as per the

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decision taken in the meeting of the Governing Council on 05/06/2020.

The Department was also reminded to submit the scheme for (a) assistive devices for disabled and (b) scheme for self employment for disabled at the earliest.

vi) **Electricity Department:**

The Administrative approval and the Expenditure sanction would be given to the Electricity Department where proposals are already received and approved by the DMF (Trust), North Goa.

vii) **Proposal of Goa Bio-diversity Board.**

The Member Secretary, Goa Bio-Diversity Board informed the Council that the details of the proposal as sought by the Council was already emailed to the DMF (Trust), North Goa.

Further, the Council was informed that the Goa Bio-diversity Board was in the last meeting informed to give the exact details of the proposal and the number of people that would be benefitted by the proposal. The Member Secretary, Goa Bio-diversity Board, on being enquired informed that Rs.1.96 Crores would be required for the project from DMF (North).

The Collector/Chairperson informed that the revised proposal will be sent to all the Members by e-mail and the Administrative approval would be given since the concept was already approved earlier by the Chairperson and once the details are discussed by the Members, the expenditure sanction will be given after finalizing the expenditure mentioned.

Decision: The Governing Council after discussion approved the above.

2. Discussion regarding receipt of proposals from all mining affected areas.

The Chairperson DMF (Trust), North Goa, instructed the Members to get proposals from all the mining affected areas. Further, if the proposals were received by the Village Panchayats then the same could be forwarded by the Village Panchayats to the respective Departments with a copy marked to the Director of Panchayats.

The Council was informed that the concerned Department should use their Field Officers to verify the proposal for its feasibility and if the

said proposal could be taken up under its own funds or any fund under the Central scheme available with them then the same could be taken up by the Department itself and in case funds were not available then the same could be proposed through the DMF (Trust), North Goa's funds.

Decision: All the Council Members approved the above instructions.

3. Briefing Members regarding the Order passed by the Hon'ble High Court in LD-VC-CW No.153 of 2020.

The Chairperson briefed the Council about the Writ Petition filed by the Goa Foundation as above. It was informed to the Members that Affidavit was filed by the Chairperson DMF (Trust), North Goa and after hearing both the Petitioners and the Respondents two directions were given to DMF:

(a) Updation of the DMF website:

It was discussed to update the website with DMF Rules, all the Minutes of the Meetings of the Managing Committee and the Governing Council. Further as and when there is any information to be shared, the same could also be uploaded. The GMOEA Member was of the opinion that the Minutes should not be uploaded since they can be misused and only the works allotted, photographs etc. should be uploaded.

(b) Decision on pending applications:

The Hon'ble High Court had directed the DMF (Trust), North Goa to take a decision on the approximately 150 pending applications with the DMF (Trust), North Goa. It was discussed that these proposals would now be forwarded to the respective Departments to check whether the same are feasible, whether they fall in the Mining affected areas, the cost involved etc. and if so, then to submit the same to the DMF if feasible and after de-duplication.

Decision: The Governing Council agreed to implement the above two directions of the Hon'ble High Court as discussed above.

4. Re-allocation of District Mineral Foundation (Trust) North Goa funds.

The Council was informed that the DMF (Trust), North Goa had allocated funds received under DMF under different priority areas. In some priority areas, the proposals were received and funds also were allocated. In some areas no proposals were received thereby the budget allocated remained unused. The PWD was already allocated funds under

two priority areas and part allocation was done for the approved proposals. Now, the PWD had approached the DMF (Trust), North Goa and has sought balance funds to the proposals already allocated as a priority for completing the projects already approved by the Council.

A review of the funds was done and it was found that in some areas more funds were allocated and there were less number of proposals received in other sectors. It was discussed if the re-allocation of funds from the budget could be done from the sectors where proposals are not received and allocation can be done towards the proposals of road connectivity and water supply which were received from the PWD and approved for part allocation of funds. The Member from the WRD mentioned that since the project cost of the proposals of PWD is normally high the same should not be taken up at the cost of DMF. The GMOEA Member opined that the available fund should be spent judiciously since mining had stopped and funds were not accruing to the DMF. DMF should not only concentrate on physical infrastructure but also in developing the human resources and hence other sectors also need fund allocation.

The Chairperson informed that in the Petition filed before the Hon'ble High Court, it was alleged that funds available under DMF were lying unspent and therefore it is important to complete and commission the projects taken up under DMF.

The Chairperson informed that funds allocated under any sector will not be made zero. There will only be a partial re-allocation which means that if any proposal comes up under the said sector, the DMF would still have funds to take up the said proposal with the present fund availability. The Chairperson further informed that the proposed re-allocation was done for only two projects out of the eight approved projects of the PWD and the same is done in view of the request of the PCE of PWD that these three projects are urgently needed and there is no sufficient State budget available for the said projects for this year which were earlier approved by the Governing Council and for which partially funds were allocated.

The tentative allocation of funds towards the proposals received from the PWD from the sectors where less proposals are received was discussed as under:

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Amount in Crores

Sector	Fund Allocated	Amount which Received and Approved	for Proposal and	Amount to be reallocated.
Environmental Preservation and Pollution Control Measures	2.3		Nil	1.5
Welfare of Women and Children	4.6		0.1712	2.4
Skill Development	6.9		Nil	3.0
Sanitization	4.6		Nil	2.0
Total	23.00		0.1712	8.9

The proposals already approved by the Governing Council in the earlier meeting and where partial allocation was done and which the Principal Chief Engineer has now sought funds as a priority are as under:

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Sr.N o.	Proposals	Requested amount (Rs.)	Approved amount (Rs.)	Difference in (Rs.)	Amount to be procured by Department from own budget in (Rs.)
(a) P.W.D. (Roads)					
1.	Urgent improvement of drainage system of main road from State Highway No. 3 to Navarwada in V.P. Pale Cottombi in Sankhali Constituency.	1,05,00,000			
2	Improvement and hot mixing of road from State highway No. 03 at Ambegal-Pale in Sankhali Constituency.	1,70,40,000	2,30,70,000	44,70,000	44,70,000

Total (P.W.D Roads)	2,75,40,000	2,30,70,000	44,70,000	44,70,000
(b) P.W.D (Water Supply)				
3 Augmentation of water supply system to the Village Panchayats Pale, Velguem & Surla in Sankhali Constituency.	10,00,00,000	2,97,38,823.42	8,35,98,823.42	8,35,98,823.42

Decision: The Governing Council after discussion approved the re-allocation of funds as at “A” for taking up the proposals of the P.W.D as at “B” by allocating additional funds of Rs.44,70,000/- and Rs. 8,35,98,823.42 over and above the earlier approved amount of Rs. 2,30,70,000/- and Rs. 2,97,38,823.42 respectively which were sought by the Principal Chief Engineer, P.W.D on priority basis.

5. Clarification on the procedure to be followed for the release of payment from the DMF (Trust), North Goa.

The Chairperson informed the Council that in case of projects that were approved before the issue of new guidelines for payment, the payments towards the same would be done as per the old procedure i.e the Bank Account details of the Department will be given to the DMF (Trust), North Goa and the funds will be transferred from the DMF (Trust), North Goa's Account to the bank account of the Department.

The projects that were approved after the issue of new guidelines, the Administrative approval would be given to the Department based on which the Department will do the codal formalities and come back with the documents mentioning the agency, the funds required, the procedure undertaken etc and then the Expenditure sanction will be issued based on which the project is to be implemented.

The Chairperson further informed that the bills certified will have to be sent to the DMF (Trust), North Goa and the statutory deductions will be done by the Department and the bills will be paid directly to the executing agency by the DMF (Trust), North Goa. The Member from the WRD said the GST deduction amount would go in the treasury and if the Department does not file the same in time then a cost of Rs.200/- per day would be imposed on the Department. He sought to know who would

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bear the said penalty. The Chairperson informed him that the Department should take care to file the same in time to avoid any penalty.

Decision: The Governing Council agreed to the above.

6. Transportation facility for 2019-20:

The Governing Council was informed that in the Managing Committee's Meeting on 19th October 2020, the views of the Members were sought with respect to the reimbursement of transportation bills for school children for the year 2019-2020. It was noticed that there was difference of opinion amongst the Members regarding reimbursement of transportation bills for the year 2019-20. The Council was informed that in the Managing Committee's meeting, it was discussed that the transportation bills for the period beyond 2019-20 will not be considered under DMF and the details of the bills for the period 2019-2020 will be examined for further decision and that a permanent solution was to be worked out by the Transport and Education Department. The Governing Council was requested to give their opinion on this.

The GMOEA was of the opinion that the DMF should consider payment for the year 2019-20 if the bills are genuine and since in any case the concerned population was mining affected.

Decision: It was decided that the DMF (Trust), North Goa would consolidate the proposals received for the year 2019-20 for reimbursement of transportation bills and put up before the Managing Committee for further decision. It was decided that transportation bills for the period beyond 2019-2020 will not be considered under DMF (Trust), North Goa.

7. Any other subject:

(a) The Council was informed that a draft logo would be prepared pertaining to the DMF (Trust), North Goa, which would be circulated amongst the Members for approval. The Department was also informed that works undertaken under DMF (Trust), North Goa's funds should be showcased for which photographs need to be taken with the DMF (Trust), North Goa's banner in the background.

The Governing Council agreed to the above suggestion.

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(b) The Council was informed that there was a Petition filed by one Shri Hanumant Parab in the High Court for supply of 500 litres water storage tanks in Pissurlem village alongwith supply of water. The A.E. PWD Shri Prashant Gaude briefed the Council Members regarding the same. The A.E. informed that the cost of 500 litres of water storage tank was approx Rs.4800/- per tank. It was discussed that if the tanks are supplied to this Village then other villages would also make the same demand and it would be a never ending process. The A.E. informed that in 2018-19 already 146 tanks were provided. The Chairperson said the DMF will take a considered opinion in the matter and further informed that the desiltation that was sought as a relief in the Petition could be taken up.

The Chairperson suggested that if all the Members were in agreement then it can be submitted that the supply of water tanks has not been recommended by the Managing Committee and by the Governing Council but supply of clean drinking water under the priority area of DMF which the DMF (Trust), North Goa was doing through the water tankers and by the establishment of the plant which is already been approved by the DMF (Trust), North Goa could be informed to the Hon'ble High Court as reply to the prayers seeking relief by the Petitioner.

All the Governing Council Members approved the above.

(c) The Council was informed that the proposals pending with the DMF(Trust), North Goa would be addressed to the respective Chief Engineers of the concerned Departments and where other Departments were concerned, to the respective Departmental heads.

All the Governing Council Members approved the same.

(d) The Council was also informed that the DMF (Trust), North Goa will also inform the Directorate of Panchayats to communicate to the Village Panchayats that if the Panchayats had any proposals then the Panchayats should forward the same to the concerned Departments with a copy marked to the Directorate of Panchayats.

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All the Governing Council Members agreed to the same.

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(e) The GMOEA Member said the branding of the DMF (Trust), North Goa, was inadequate. The Chairperson suggested that the DMF should first get the logo in place for which the DMF can involve the Goa College of Art to design the logo by way of a competition amongst its students. It was discussed that the DMF (Trust), North Goa should give media briefings through which the various proposals cleared and projects completed/ongoing by the DMF (Trust), North Goa, could be highlighted. A press Note could also be issued through the Information and Publicity Department highlighting these aspects.

All the Members of the Governing Council unanimously agreed to the above suggestions.

Since there were no other items to be discussed, the meeting ended with thanks to the chair.

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

Place:-Panaji - Goa.

Date: 29/10/2020


(Manuel Barreto)

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