

MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING OF NORTH GOA DISTRICT MINERAL FOUNDATION, HELD ON 31/08/2023 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/Chairperson (DMF-North). The meeting was attended by the following members:

Sr.no	MEMBERS	DESIGNATION& DEPARTMENT
1	Ms. Mamu Hage, IAS	Collector, North Goa
2	Shri. Chandrakant Shetye	Honorable MLA Bicholim
3	Shri. Premendra Shet	Honorable MLA Mayem
4	Shri. Kabir Shirgaonkar	Dy. Director I/Member Secretary, Directorate of Mines and Geology/District Mineral Foundation (Trust), North Goa
5	Smt. Fiona cardozo	Dy. Director of Panchayat, Directorate of Panchayat, 9822849383
6	Shri. S.S. Gaonkar	Director Skill Development, DSDE, 9422062929/2437059
7	Dr. Gervasio S.F.L Mendes	Additional Director, Directorate of Higher Education, 9421094271
8	Shri. Glenn Kalvampara	Secretary, GMOEA, 9822103191
9	Smt. Tereza Maria D'Souza	Jt. Secretary, GMA, 9822121451
10	Shri. Ramchandra Chari	Asst. Engineer, Electricity Department, 7796633165
11	Shri. Shailesh Pokle	Asst. Div. V, Bicholim, 9422446112
12	Shri. Dattaraj S. Pai Kakode	A.E., W.D. XXIV, P.W.D., SD-I, P.W.D. Bicholim, 9960290878

13	Shri. Shah Abdul Aziz	Junior Engineer, W.R.D. Valpoi, 7972602572
14	Shri. Kishor Bhawe	Project Manager, ATMA North, DoA, 9923653718
15	Shri. Madan M Dessai	A.E. II/WD XXIV PWD, SD II Valpoi, 9271145242
16	Smt. Kavita M Naik Gaude	Dy. Education Officer, DoE, 9272401187
17	Smt. Annet Gomes	DWO (North), Social Welfare, 960458322
18	Smt. Jenica Sequeira	Scientist 'D' Goa State Pollution Control Board, 9158008630
19	Smt. Joshna Mahale	Scientist 'A', GSPCB, 9158008642
20	Smt. Sahyadri S. Purav	Scientist, 'B', GSPCB, 9923788992
21	Dr. Sunita Perni	MO, NHM, DHS, 9011025032
22	Smt. Sweta Alias Sonam Parulekar	DPO/ Holding Charge CDPO Bicholim, DWCD, 7741047138
23	Shri. Vivek M Parab	T.A. WDV, WRD, Bicholim, 9890634615
24	Smt. Vidhya Gaude	Project Manager North, GSBB, 9422413899
25	Shri. Gaurav A. Naik	Asst. Manager (Software) ITCGL, 9657381294
26	Shri. Vishwas Kavthankar	Programmer-I, 9881741519
27	Shri. Salil Vernekar	EDRE- BDO Bicholim, 7798534472
28	Shri. Prem K singh	Collector Office, 8990989687
29	Shri. Dayesh V. Murgaokar	V.P Pissurlem, Secretary, 9623991171

30	Shri. Mula Warak	V.P Secretary, Village Panchayat Honda, 9923030201
31	Shri. Yeshwant P. Naik	V.P. Secretary, Bhironda, 9423811798
32	Shri. Ulo Mangueshkar	Awal Karkun, Bicholim Taluka, 9637093922
33	Dr. Sachin Tendulkar	CEO, Mineral Foundation of Goa, 9423058974
34	Shri. Parag A. Rangnekar	Programme Manager, Mineral Foundation of Goa, PMU-DMF

The Meeting started with the Chairperson presiding over the meeting. At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed Honorable MLA Bicholim and Mayem and all the other members present for the meeting. The Member Secretary guided the discussion on the following agenda.

AGENDA NO. 1

Review of sanctioned projects under DMF (Trust) - North Goa:

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

1. Directorate of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship: -

The project 'Proposal for recommendation of Sai Nursing Institute, Sankhali to avail funds from District Mineral Foundation, North to set up Private Nursing Institute' was sanctioned an amount of Rs. 3 Crores in the GC meeting dated 01-03-2023. The DSDE has submitted all the details pertaining to this project. It was informed to the members that DHE being the regulatory authority will enter into a MOU with the Sai Nursing Institute, Sankhali to provide fee concessions for the students from the mining belt.

During the meeting Addl. Director from Directorate of Higher Education (DHE) agreed to formulate MOU with Sai Nursing Institute. Further, he requested the Honourable MLA to suggest any other clauses.

Decision: - The Chairperson asked the DHE to initiate the process of MoU with Sai Nursing Institute, Sankhali and meanwhile the DMF (Trust) North, will process the necessary approval.

(Action: DHE/ DSDE/ DMF)

2. Directorate of Panchayat

The below mentioned proposals were reviewed for progress:

- i) The construction of Material Recovery Facility (MRF) at village Panchayat Sirigao, Bicholim, Goa was sanctioned for an amount of Rs. 29,22,687/. Administrative and Expenditure sanction has been given. Honourable MLA Mayem directed member of DoP to crosscheck the site conditions and take into confidence the local community.
- ii) The construction of Material recovery facility at village Panchayat Piligao, Bicholim, Goa was sanctioned inadvertently for Rs. 10,59,703/- though the Directorate of Panchayat had submitted an estimate of Rs. 27,07,635/. The said discrepancy was brought to the notice of GC members, and it was decided to consider the revised estimate of Rs. 27,07,635/-.
- iii) The construction of Material Recovery Facility at Surla was earlier sanctioned for an amount of Rs. 28,12,865/-. The GC members were informed that BDO, Bicholim has sent in letter (No. 5/EORE/BDO-BICH/DMF-MRF/2023/1241 dated 16.06.2023) informing that the work of MRF, Surla is undertaken by the DoP under Swacch Bharat Mission, Phase II and 35% work has been completed. Hence the projects stand withdrawn from DMF (Trust) North.

Decision: The Chairperson instructed to obtain Monthly Progress Report of all the sanctioned and ongoing project considered by Foundation.

DoP to initiate codal formalities for construction of MRF at V.P. Sirigao. The revised amount of Rs. 27,07,635/- for construction of MRF at V.P. Piligao is sanctioned and necessary approvals can be processed.

(Action: DoP/ DMF/PMU)

3. Directorate of Women and Child Development

The Project for the purchase of water purifiers, preschools kits, equipment, awareness etc. was sanctioned on 28.11.2019 amounting to Rs. 17,11,954/-. The Administrative and Expenditure Sanction was accorded to Department for Rs. 10,48,649/- to provide above mentioned material to 97 anganwadis from mining affected area of North Goa District. The DWCD vide letter (No.2-629-2019/DWCD/ICDS/Mineral Foundation/132) dated 16.05.2023 has requested that the administrative approval to be revised to Rs.11,05,394/ in view of increased rates of mixer grinder from Rs. 3315/- to Rs 3900/-. The revised budget of Rs.11,05,394/- is sanctioned. The representative of DWCD assured that the project will be completed by 15 September 2023.

Decision: The DWCD to inform concerned Honourable MLAs before distribution of items in their respective constituency before 15 September 2023. The DWCD to submit photographs, UC and list of AWCs.

(Action: DWCD/ DMF)

4. Goa State Biodiversity Board (GSBB)

The GSBB Department has submitted the hard copy of revised estimates of each centre with proper breakup to DMF. The DMF has accorded the Expenditure Sanction of Rs. 1.91 Crores. It was informed that the GSBB has floated the tenders for said work.

The Honourable MLA Bicholim demanded that similar/alternate facility from GSBB be also taken up in Bicholim Constituency before the said project is rolled out.

Decision: The Chairperson asked the GSBB to Submit monthly progress report of the project to District Mineral Foundation. GSBB to submit the similar/alternate proposal for Bicholim Constituency.

(Action: GSBB)

5. Directorate of Health Services (DHS)

The proposal regarding 'Purchase of Cardiac Ambulance for PHC Sanquelim' was discussed. The proposal was sanctioned in the GC dated 29.01.2021. The revised sanction of Rs. 23,64,195/- was given in the GC dated 01.03.2023. The DMF has given Administrative and Expenditure sanction to DHS.

Decision: - The Chairperson asked the DHS to complete the purchase and submit the UC and photograph with credit to DMF, North within **3 months**.

6. Directorate of Education (DoE)

i) A proposal towards the repairs/upgradation and maintenance of 3 Government schools was discussed. The Members were informed that the work is completed, and acknowledgment plaques have also been fixed but the details like beneficiaries, photographs, etc. are yet to be submitted. The Chairperson desired that the Department should submit all the UC/ list of beneficiaries in time.

Decision: The Chairperson instructed the Department to submit the bills and other details within Two working days after GC meeting. It was desired that projects completed through DMF funding should submit all the details (UC, Beneficiaries, Photograph with credit to DMF) to DMF immediately after completion of project.

(Action: DoE)

ii) The KTCL transport facility for the schools from Honda and Sonshi was discussed. It was informed to all the members that the 1st State level Monitoring Committee meeting was held on 25.08.2022 and the decision was taken that the KTCL facility to be continued till new alternative is in place. Further, it was informed that Department of Education had submitted proposal regarding buying of 5 School buses for which details like routes and schools to be serviced were submitted by the department but the details regarding the operational cost of the bus are to be accepted by the department.

The Honourable MLAs informed that many of the projects cannot be taken up due to shortage of funds or absence of budgetary provisions for operation and maintenance of the facilities/assets created through DMF funds. Hence, they desired that a certain percentage of funds be earmarked for operation and maintenance cost. They also desired that appropriate amendment related to operation and maintenance be included in DMF rules. They directed the representative of DoE to submit representation to DMF expressing difficulty in mobilising funds for operation and maintenance cost.

Decision: The Committee to wait for appropriate proposal from education department on school transportation pertaining to operation and maintenance cost.

(Action:DoE/DMF)

iii) Proposal of Smart classes for 37 school was discussed and it was informed to the members that all the schools have been provided with the Smart boards and schools have already started using those. The final RA Bill amounting Rs. 61,09,773/- was paid dated 28/09/2022. The details like beneficiaries, photographs, etc. are yet to be submitted.

Decision:The Chairperson Instructed the DoE to submit the required details like beneficiary, UC, completion report, photograph to the DMF.

(Action: DoE)

iv) Info Tech Corporation of Goa Limited (ITCGL)

The project regarding 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' was sanctioned for an amount of Rs. 11,24,000/- for first year in the GC meeting dated 01.03.2023.

The ITCGL has submitted the details of the actual cost/student, detailed bifurcation of amount for 1st year, the number of students that will be enrolled, and information about identified places of training. The members desired that the ITCGL takes up appropriate awareness about the courses in the different panchayats since the details are received from only 5 panchayats.

Decision: -DMF to process necessary approval and ITCGL to ascertain appropriate publicity and acknowledge credit to DMF in all its publicity.

(Action: -ITCGL/DoE)

7. Water Resource Department (WRD)

The Proposal of desilting of Khajan fields at Sirigao was discussed and the representative of WRD informed that the work is completed but the completion report and details like UC, beneficiary details and photographs etc. are awaited.

Members expressed the concern that after spending sizable amount from DMF the fields are still lying uncultivated. The project has not contributed any positive and sustainable impact on livelihood of affected people. The GC members desired that any such kind of project should have joint action plan for desilting and recultivation through WRD and agriculture department.

Decision:The chairperson instructed the department to submit the completion report and other details like UC, Beneficiary details and photographs to DMF.

(Action: WRD)

8. Public Works Department (PWD)

i) Water Supply

The issue regarding a project relating to supply of potable drinking water through tankers for the villages in mining affected areas, sanctioned earlier was discussed. The Asst Engineer of the department present in the meeting informed the Governing Council members that due to COVID pandemic they were unable to obtain necessary Administrative and Expenditure sanction for supply of water tankers and that the PWD department continued with the supply of water tankers beyond the expiry of the sanctioned period.

The AE, PWD further informed that the water tankers were engaged for supply of potable drinking water in the mining affected area. However, the bills of the contractor who were engaged by PWD for supply of water through tankers have not been settled for a long time. Aggrieved by this the contractor has approached the Hon'ble High Court for relief.

After extensive deliberation the Governing Council resolved to grant ex post facto administrative cum expenditure sanction to the proposal of PWD for the supply of potable drinking water till 30/04/22 by M/s. Sunil G. Naik and which forms the part of petition PIL No. -LD-VC-CW-177-2020. **The committee directed the account and administration section of DMF to obtain all the necessary details and make the payment, on the condition that the department shall furnish a certificate stating that the amount is realized towards supply of water in mining affected area.**

Decision: To issue Ex Post Facto sanction to the PWD for payment of bill of Shri Sunil Naik (PIL No. -LD-VC-CW-177-2020) **after**

verification by Accounts Department of Mines & Geology and obtain the submit the details within 1 month time.

(Action: PWD)

ii) PWD Roads

The proposal of hot mixing of road from State Highway No. 3 at Ambegal-Pale and improvement of drainage system in Navarwada-Pale completed earlier was discussed.

Decision: -The chairperson instructed the PWD to submit UC and photographs within **1 month**.

(Action: PWD/DMF)

9. Augmentaion of Drinking water supply at Pale and Velguem

The Honourable MLA raised a query on the present status of the projects as it was reported in the news that the pontoon along with pump had toppled. The representative from PWD(PHE) informed that the pump is still not reinstalled after the said incident. The Honourable MLA directed the chairman to issue show cause notice to the department and to seek explanation.

Decision: -The PWD(PHE) to be issued show cause notice by the DMF.

AGENDA NO. 2

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

The fund position of the DMF was informed in detail with provisions made to the notified sectors as categorized into High Priority (75%) and Low Priority (25%). The State Government has released the entire amount for the developmental works in mining areas with provision of not more than 5% for administration. Accordingly, the revised status after the Notification **No.03/96/2023/Major/Mines/957 date. 22 June 2023** regarding the allotted amount, sanctioned amount, disbursed amount, and available funds that can be utilized in future for different sectors was explained in detailed manner.

Head	Final allocation based on 13/7/23 data	Sanctioned amount	Disbursed amount	To be disbursed	Available fund
Drinking Water supply	22,63,62,737.40	17,79,56,011.42	9,10,20,918.58	8,69,35,092.84	13,94,27,644.56
Physical infrastructure	5,43,36,368.70	2,75,42,855.00	2,52,00,808.00	23,42,047.00	5,19,94,321.70
Health care	9,97,32,737.40	23,64,195.00		23,64,195.00	9,73,68,542.40
		14,06,85,550.00	14,02,19,550.00	4,66,000.00	4,66,000.00
Education	9,97,32,737.40	2,88,56,405.18	1,63,90,604.00	1,24,65,801.18	8,72,66,936.22
Sanitation	7,97,32,737.40	67,95,255		67,95,255.00	7,29,37,482.40
Energy & Watershed Development	8,56,32,737.40	55,63,077.00		55,63,077.00	8,00,69,660.40
Skill Development	10,05,67,847.11	4,91,00,000.00		4,91,00,000.00	5,14,67,847.11
Welfare of Woman & Children	6,57,32,737.40	17,11,954.00		17,11,954.00	6,40,20,783.40
Irrigation	6,98,06,916.18	2,45,00,000.00	2,45,00,000.00	0.00	6,98,06,916.18
Welfare of Aged & Disabled people	3,98,66,368.70	9,48,250.00	9,48,250.00	0.00	3,98,66,368.70
Environmental Preservation & pollution Control Measures	3,09,66,368.70	0.00		0.00	3,09,66,368.70
Any other Measures	4,48,47,080.22	1,72,31,259.00	1,41,88,436.00	30,42,823.00	4,18,04,257.22
PROJECT FUND	99,73,17,374.05	48,32,54,811.60	31,24,68,566.58	17,07,86,245.02	82,65,31,129.03
Admin	3,41,93,889.67	25,28,223.00	25,28,223.00	0.00	3,41,93,889.67
TOTAL FUND	103,15,11,263.72	48,57,83,034.60	31,49,96,789.58	17,07,86,245.02	86,07,25,018.70

AGENDA NO. 3

To discuss and decide upon the proposals received.

1. Directorate of Education (DoE)

The Proposal was made by DoE for providing Math Lab, Science Lab equipment and Sports Kit to 31 schools and Math Lab to 8 Higher Secondary Schools. The GHS, Bhuipal is not added in the list and hence needs to be added. Shri Saraswati Vidyamandir is merged with Dr. K.B. Hedgewar High School, Assonora so these two schools are to be treated as one school. The list of Higher Secondary Schools is not given. Two schools don't have Science lab (GHS Shirodwadi & GHS Shirigao). The department has submitted the quotation from only one Vendor and training component also needs to be incorporated. The government schools get grants for sports every year and Aided schools after 3 years.

Decision: - The Chairperson instructed the DoE to rework the proposal in view of the observations and directed to incorporate the training component before bringing it for consideration of GC. The items if approved will have to be sourced after following due Codal formalities.

(Action: DoE)

2. Info Tech Corporation of Goa Limited (ITCGL)

- i) The Proposal was made by ITCGL for - *upgradation of ICT infrastructure for implementation of solar powered smart classrooms at mining affected areas/regions in state of Goa (North Goa) with estimated cost of Rs. 3,02,52,700/.* The proposal had following gaps.
 - Two Government High School do not reflect in the list - GHS, Guleli and GHS, Bicholim

- The project was not routed through the parent Department and beneficiary Department i.e., DoIT/DoE
- The educational content and internet connectivity for the selected schools is not elaborated.
- The proposal did not include undertaking from DoE for taking up operational cost and maintenance cost.
- The undertaking from the Education Department to the effect that the roof conditions are appropriate to install roof top solar power project for next two decades and the same will be connected to the grid.
- The details of the training, pertaining to usage and operation of the smart board is not mentioned in the proposal.

Decision: - The Chairperson asked the ITCGL to discuss and route the proposal through the Directorate of Education and GEDA. The proposal has to be split between GEDA (for solar powered system components) and DoE for other components of teaching aids and the sectors to be billed accordingly.

(Action: - ITCGL/GEDA/DoE)

Agenda No. 4

Any Other Point

- ❖ The Managing Committee members were informed about the release of remaining 50% DMF funds for the developmental works in the mining areas by the Goa State Government vide Notification No.03/96/2023/Major/Mines/957 date. 22 June 2023 The official gazette was presented for reference.
- ❖ The Managing Committee was informed that the Member Secretary of Goa State Pollution Control Board is included in the Governing Council of the District Mineral Foundation (Trust).
- ❖ The Governing Council was informed that all the proposals received earlier by the DMF (Trust), North and which formed part of the court petition No.

PILWP/2/2023 were studied. Out of 143 total proposals forming part of petition, 2 proposals are sanctioned and implemented and 26 proposals related to school students transportation are under consideration of North Goa District Mineral Foundation.

Further, 96 proposals were forwarded to respective departments for feedback and scrutiny. Based on departmental reply 24 proposals are disposed off either because they are not feasible or the departments are in the process of submitting alternate proposal. The departments mentioned that the remaining 72 proposals are marked to concerned officer and there was no reply even after sending reminder. Hence the Governing Council member of DMF felt that the same be disposed off. Remaining 14 proposals are forwarded by individuals and hence cannot be considered as per the PMKKKY guidelines. There are 4 proposals from non mining affected areas and hence rejected. One proposal is rejected due to insufficient details.

- ❖ The contract of the PMU expires on Aug 31, 2023. As a stop gap arrangement until a new PMU is engaged by the government it is proposed to extend the services of the present Project Management Unit-Mineral Foundation of Goa for a period of 3 months or till the time new PMU is on board whichever is earlier at the prevailing budget on pro rata basis. The members agreed to this arrangement.
- ❖ Desilting of Pissurlem field: Since the directives are issued by High Court in this matter as an exception and one time intervention, the matter was placed before GC and the members agreed to take up desilting. At the same time the GC members felt that since the silt has accumulated due to mining activity as such it is the responsibility of the erstwhile mine lessee to restore the fields as per Polluters Pay principle. Director Mines & Geology is requested to initiate the recovery process for the money spent towards desilting by DMFT. The GC agreed to an amount of Rs. 18,00,000/- for this project and desired that the said project be executed by Directorate of Agriculture by taking into confidence the beneficiaries of the project.

- ❖ Seeking Approval for authorising administrative expenses under special circumstances

Certain expenses may have to be incurred by the DMF beyond the sanctioned amount under special circumstances and in exigencies. In view of this, Chairman - DMF North may be delegated financial powers to incur expenditure up to an amount of Rs. 2 Lakh. All the Members of the managing Committee agreed to the same.

There being no other agenda for discussion, the meeting concluded with thanks to all the members and Chair.

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



(Kabir Shirgaonkar)

Dy. Director of mines & Geology-1/
Member Secretary DMF(Trust),North Goa

Place: Panaji, Goa

Date: 31.08.2023