

MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING OF NORTH GOA DISTRICT MINERAL FOUNDATION, HELD ON 28/08/2024 UNDER THE CHAIRPERSONSHIP OF COLLECTOR, NORTH GOA AT THE CONFERENCE HALL OF COLLECTORATE BUILDING, PANAJI, GOA AT 12.00 NOON

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/officials:

Sr.No	MEMBERS	DESIGNATION & DEPARTMENT
	Ex Officio Members	
1	Dr. Sneha Gitte, IAS	Chairperson & Collector, North Goa
2	Shri. Premendra V. Shet	MLA, Mayem Constituency
3	Dr. Chandrakant Shetye	MLA, Bicholim Constituency
4	Dr. Deviya V. Rane	MLA, Poriem Constituency
5	Shri. Ratnakant D. Govenker	Dy. Director I/ Member Secretary, Directorate of Mines and Geology/District Mineral Foundation (Trust), North Goa
6	Shri. Manoj B. Sawaikar	Dy. Director Education, DOE, 9404454324
7	Dr. Shaheen K. Saiyed	Dy. Director Medical DHS 9423889215
8	Smt. Fiona Audrey Cardozo	Dy. Director of Panchayat, Directorate of Panchayat 9822849383
9	Dr. Sujeetkumar Dongre	Programme Director, Centre of Environment Education, 9422063917
10	Shri. Glenn Kalvampara	Secretary, GMOEA, 9822103191
11	Smt. Tereza Maria D'Souza	Jt. Secretary, GMA, 9822121451
12	Shri. Dattaraj S. Pai Kakode	A.E Water Supply, Public Works Department, Bicholim, 9960290878
13	Shri. Naresh Pokle	A.E Water Resources Department, 9423314472
On Behalf of the Department/Representatives of Members/Others		
14	Shri. Kishor Bhave	Dy. Director of Agriculture INM, 99236531718

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15	Shri. Prajeet R. Chodankar	Dy. Director of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, 9767611239
16	Smt. Uma Joshi	Asst Agriculture Officer, Panaji, 8698666997
17	Shri. Audhut Sawant	Project Director, ATMA, 7798887455
18	Dr. Vijay Borges	Project Director, DTE, 9545475704
19	Dr. Sunita Perni	MO, NHM, DHS, 9011025032
20	Smt. Vidhya V. Gaude	Project Manager North, GSBB, 9422413899
21	Shri. Madan M. Desai	A.E, Public Works Department, 9271145241
22	Shri. Ramchandra S. Chari	A.E, Electricity Department, 8380015005
23	Shri. Pradeep L. Gawade	Water Supply, Public Works Department, 7666388027
24	Shri. Samarat Naik Gaonkar	Principal, Directorate of Skill Development, 9158377932
25	Shri. Omkar N. Manjrekar	B.D.O., Bicholim 9764516365
26	Smt. Swati Prabhu	CDPO, Woman & Child Development, Bicholim, 9158221282
27	Shri. Pushparaj Matarak	PMU, CARE, DTE 7745034492
28	Shri Malu Warak	V.P Secretary, Village Panchayat Honda, 9923030201
29	Smt. Jenica Sequeira	Scientist 'D' Goa State Pollution Control Board 9158008630
30	Smt. Joshna Mahale	Scientist 'A' Goa State Pollution Control Board, 9158008642
31	Shri. Vishwas Kavthankar	Programmer-I, ITG 9881741519
32	Shri. Gauresh Kauthankar	Asst. Manager, GEDA, 9226221133
33	Shri. Deu Gawade	Head Clerk, Directorate of Social Welfare, 9921876620

At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed all the dignitaries/officials present for the meeting. The Member Secretary guided the discussion with assistance from the 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:

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1) Directorate of Panchayat

- i) VP Sirigao, Bicholim was sanctioned project of the Construction of Material Recovery Facility (MRF) for an amount of Rs. 29,22,687/-. Administrative and Expenditure sanction was accorded on 30/06/2023 based on the land shown earlier. However, the finalized land was objected to by the locals and hence a new land parcel was identified. Since the land parcel was new the NGDMF asked DoP to submit the revised estimates/technical sanction for the project. A Revised estimate amounting to Rs 41,88,958/- was submitted by DoP on 26.08.2024. During deliberation, the Block Development Officer, Bicholim mentioned that due to change of place and sloping land there was need for the construction of retaining wall on either side of the shed and hence there is substantial increase in the estimates of the MRF.

Decision: The proposal with enhanced amount of Rs. 41,88,958/- was approved by GC. The NGDMF to issue necessary approvals and DoP to initiate necessary codal formalities. The DoP should also indicate the time period required to complete the work.

Amount to be debited to Sanitation Head.

(Action: DoP/ NGDMF)

- ii) The construction of Material Recovery Facility at village panchayat Piligao, Bicholim, Goa was sanctioned for Rs. 27,07,635/-. The Administrative and Expenditure sanction for the project is already given by the DMF. The Member informed the L1 quote of Rs 23.05lakh including GST is finalized.

Decision: DoP to complete the project within 4 months time.

(Action: DoP)

2) Directorate of Women and Child Development

- i) **Repair and renovation work of Anganwadi Centre at Punarvasan Sal & Gaonkarwada, Piligao.**

- i) As per the revised PMKKKY guidelines village panchayat Sal will be part of mining area and hence the proposal can be undertaken. The Department of Women and Child Development may submit appropriate proposal.

- ii) Presently AWC at Gaonkarwada, Piligao is being operated in the building of Govt Primary School, Gaonkarwada. During discussion with members, it was informed by Hon'ble MLA that the said Anganwadi has been taken up for renovation under his MLALAD Funds.

Decision: - The project is already taken up and hence project stand disposed.

ii) Purchase of water purifier, pre-school kits and equipments

The Project for the purchase of water purifiers, preschool kits, equipment, awareness etc. was sanctioned earlier on 28.11.2019 amounting to Rs. 17,11,954/-. Administrative and Expenditure Sanction was accorded to DWCD for Rs. 10,48,649/- to provide material to 97 anganwadis from mining affected area of North Goa District. The DWCD, vide letter dated 16.05.2023 requested to revise the approval to Rs. 11,05,394/- in view of increased rates of mixer grinder. The revised budget of Rs. 11,05,394/- was accordingly sanctioned. Subsequently, the project was completed and the items were distributed by the Hon'ble MLA. The completion report for 67 Anganwadis is submitted by CDPO Bicholim along with photographs. However, the report from CDPO, Sattari is yet to be received. Further, vide letter dated 02.08.2024, DWCD has informed that the amount sanctioned for material excluding Mixer grinder is Rs. 7,11,016/- and as per Goa State Co-op Marketing and Supply Federation bill, the billing amount is Rs. 8,90,541/-. DWCD has accordingly once again requested for a further sanction of Rs. 1,79,525/-. Since the project is completed and distribution of the material is already done, in order ensure timely sanctions and disbursal, the GC opined that bills for all such projects should be submitted complete in all aspects for the whole amount and to avoid sending partial bills for a component of the project. The GC approved the increased amount of Rs. 1,79,525/- subject to the submission of completion report for the remaining Anganwadis.

Decision: - NGDMF to issue necessary approvals and complete the payment upon submission of completion report for the remaining Anganwadis.

(Action:DWCD/NGDMF)

Amount to be debited to Welfare of Women and Children Head.

3) Public Works Department

- i) 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. The branding is done for the said project, but official communication pertaining to beneficiaries, photograph is yet to be received.

Decision: -The PWD (Roads) to submit all the completion details to NGDMF within **1 month**.

(Action:PWD)

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ii) **Augmentation of Drinking water supply at Pale and Velguem**

The Drinking water project funded by NGDMF had issue with pontoon where the pumps were installed. The MC had asked PWD to reinstall the pontoon and had directed the PMU to cross check the status of the work. Accordingly, PMU through its field report informed the MC that the pontoons were reinstalled and the whole unit was made functional. It was informed to the GC that the pontoon is presently removed from the water and the pumps is made operational by fixing it on a concrete platform alongside river. Replying to a query on the UC submitted by the PWD the department representative informed the members that operation and maintenance cost for the said project was part of original sanctioned proposal.

Decision: -The GC asked the MS of NGDMF and PMU to verify the details.

(Action: PMU)

4) **Directorate of Health Services (DHS)**

The proposal regarding 'Purchase of Cardiac Ambulance for PHC Sanquelim was reviewed. Representative of DHS informed that the ambulance is stationed at CHC Bicholim after carrying out the formal inauguration. The DHS has not yet submitted any UC, completion reports and photographs. The GC desired that inauguration of any facility funded by NGDMF be intimated well in advance to Chairperson/MS of NGDMF and wide publicity of such projects funded by NGDMF be brought out in the media so as to make public aware about the assets created through NGDMF funds.

Decision: - The DHS to submit all the details like UC, completion reports and photographs to NGDMF and also monthly progress report for all the past project.

(Action: DHS)

5) **Water Resource Department: -**

The project proposed by WRD for desilting of field at Pissurlem was sanctioned as agricultural field rejuvenation pilot project of 5000 sq.m. in GC dated 31/08/2023 for an amount of Rs. 18 lakhs. The admin approval was issued to Directorate of Agriculture. The Soil Water Conservation Division under Directorate of Agriculture was informed about this decision but the project has not taken off till date. The member of DoA stated that a joint inspection along with beneficiaries was done in July 2024.

Decision: - The DoA to do the needful spadework and commence the work at the earliest.

(Action: DoA)

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6) Electricity Department:

The GC had approved improvement of electricity network system in mining affected areas at a cost of Rs 36,61,255/- for 5 projects in GC dated 01.03.2023. The electricity department had submitted estimates exceeding the sanctioned amount and hence were asked to revise it. It was brought to the notice of GC that the said projects were in the field of conventional electricity network improvement. Since the DMF guidelines has a provision only for renewable/non-conventional sources of energy, the GC decided to not take up the project.

Decision: The GC decided not to take these projects and desired that Electricity Dept be informed accordingly.

Amount to be credited back to Energy and Watershed Development Head.

(Action: NGDMF)

7) Goa State Biodiversity Board (GSBB)

The GSBB had 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. The GSBB had submitted the progress report of all 5 centres and had stated that all the centres will be renovated by 15th August and the machinery will be purchased by September, 2024. The non-compliance was brought to the notice of GC and GSBB were asked to ensure speedy completion.

Decision: The GSBB to complete the renovation work and start the project with appropriate acknowledgment of funding support from NGDMF before November 2024.

(Action: GSBB)

8) Directorate of Education

i) The proposal regarding buying of 5 School buses was sanctioned in GC dated 24/01/2024 for Rs. 1.75 Cr. The NGDMF had issued the administrative approval to the Directorate of Education in June 2024. The DoE was asked to follow all the codal procedures and purchase the buses. The GC was informed that once the new buses are operationalized, the recurring payment to KTCL by NGDMF on two existing bus routes will stop. The Member of the DoE mentioned that they have accommodated the said route in the new bus routes. The DOE member also informed that they have already submitted the request for buses on GEM portal and the purchase order will be finalized within 20 days.

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Decision: - The DoE to follow appropriate formalities for operationalization of new Buses as soon as possible and to submit monthly progress report to NGDMF.

(Action: DoE)

- ii) DoE had earlier submitted a proposal regarding Construction of Toilet room and providing water storage tank for Government Primary School at Pissurlem with a budget request of Rs 3,99,626/-. The proposal was pending and was placed before MC dated 18.07.2024 and was discussed. The said Government Primary School is situated in Government High School premises. At present the GPS has one toilet unit each respectively for Boys and Girls. The total strength of the students is 40. Due to the higher strength of the students, one unit is not enough. Also, the GPS is using an overhead loft tank of lesser capacity which is fitted inside a classroom which usually overflows wetting the floor. The water from the same tank is used for washing hands at the basin, and so they need a separate overhead tank of 1000 litre capacity, with connections to the GPS toilet. The school is utilized as a polling booth only for Panchayat elections.

Decision: - The GC approved budget of Rs 3,99,626/-. The NGDMF to issue the necessary approval.

Amount to be debited to Education Head.

(Action: DoE/NGDMF)

9) Info Tech Corporation of Goa Limited (ITCGL)

The proposal regarding "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 Rs. 11,24,000/- for the first year in GC meeting dated 01/03/2023. The administrative approval was given to the DoE for the implementation of the project, but DoE in its letter stated that this project is not feasible for them. The Proposal recommended by MC based on merit was favourably considered by GC to be taken up under the Skill Development sector and accordingly the Skill Development sector be billed for the said project. The GC approved the proposal with a condition that ITCGL should give wide publicity to these skill development courses and provide the timeline, beneficiary details, empanelled centre details to the NGDMF.

Decision: - The NGDMF to issue necessary administrative and financial approval to ITCGL.

Amount to be credited back to Education Head and debited to Skill Development Head.

(Action: NGDMF)

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10) Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Goa

Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services had submitted the proposal for skill development in animal husbandry practices for livelihood support to mining-affected people of North Goa costing up to Rs. 6,30,000/-. The Proposal was sanctioned in GC dated 24/01/2024. The administrative approval is already issued to the AHVS department. The member of AHVS stated that a committee is formed, and all the necessary details will be submitted by them. AHVS to follow codal formalities.

Decision: - The AHVS to submit all the necessary details to NGDMF within **1 months'** time.

Action: - (AHVS)

11) Directorate of Social Welfare/ Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities

The Directorate of Social Welfare was sanctioned the proposal for purchase of two motorized two-wheeler side wheels for 2 physically disabled Divyangjan beneficiaries. However, it was informed to the GC that the said beneficiaries already received the scooter with side wheel through CSR funds/O/o The State Commissioner for Disabilities. The DEPwD vide letter dated 26.08.2024 forwarded two alternative names of beneficiaries, Shri. Laxman Sakharam Ghadi and Shri. Shekhar Doulappa Chalvadi from the mining affected village of Honda. The proposal included estimates from local dealers amounting to approximately Rs. 1.15 lakh each, totalling to an amount of approx. Rs. 2.3 lakh. The GC, after deliberation agreed for the alternative names and asked DEPwD to procure the same after following due codal formalities. The PMU to verify the beneficiaries in the field. The GC also asked the DEPwD to develop a comprehensive scheme which can benefit a larger number of Divyangjan in the mining affected areas.

Decision: - DEPwD to follow codal formalities and procure the motorized two-wheeler with side wheels after receiving Administrative/financial approval.

Amount to be debited to Welfare of aged and disabled people Head.

(Action: - NGDMF/DEPwD/PMU)

12) Directorate of Panchayat: -

The DoP had submitted the proposal for Design, Fabrication, Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning of a 10 KWp solar grid connected Solar power plant along with operation and maintenance (O&M) for 5 years at V.P. Honda for Rs 10,93,459. The project was sanctioned in GC dated 24/01/2024. The administrative sanction was issued to DoP and it was expected that DoP will get the work done through the GEDA. The GEDA member informed that

inadvertently the project was mentioned as 10 KWp though the proposed estimate and capacity was 15 KWp and same may be taken note and rectified. He also informed that the tender will be floated as soon as possible.

Decision: - The GC directed the DoP to complete all the procedure in collaboration with GEDA and get the project implemented within **3 months**.

(Action: - DoP/GEDA)

13) Directorate of Health Services

The DHS proposal for providing 3 advanced Cardiac life-saving ambulances in Thivim, Pale, Valpoi and 10 Basic lifesaving ambulances for PHC Colvale, CHC Bicholim, CHC Sankhali, CHC Valpoi, PHC Mayem for Rs. 4,01,73,000/- was sanctioned in GC dated 24/01/2024. The admin and expenditure sanction were issued to DHS. Representative of DHS informed that branding of vehicles is done and waiting for inauguration.

Decision: - In GC directed DHS to adopt bold and visible branding ideally in permanent paint of the assets created from NGDMF funding and make the project operational with due publicity.

(Action: - DHS)

14) Directorate of Agriculture:

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 Rs. 10,51,100/ was sanctioned in GC dated 24/01/2024. The DoA representative informed GC that they will train less number beneficiaries instead of 60. The DoA has submitted the revised list of beneficiaries and were informed that accordingly the financials will be reworked. DoA to submit final list of beneficiaries.

Decision: The NGDMF to accord the necessary approvals at the earliest.

Amount to be debited to Agriculture Head.

Action: - (DoA/NGDMF)

AGENDA NO. 2

Status update on the budget of North Goa District Mineral Foundation

The provisional fund position of the NGDMF as on July 9, 2024 was informed in detail with provisions made to the notified sectors as categorized into High Priority (70%) and Low Priority (30%). The revised fund position as on 31.07.2024 was then placed before GC and same was approved. It was brought to the notice of GC that there are no pending bills against COVID and hence the amount of Rs. 4.66 lakhs shown as balance will be added to the available funds proportionately.

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It was also informed to the Governing Council that the Rs. 16,47,85,412 spent on Covid 19 included more than Rs. 2 crore received from Chief Minister Relief Fund.

As per the revised guidelines three new sectors have been added in the priority sector i.e. Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Housing and re-allocation of the priority sector funds have been done to accommodate these three sector. The proposed re-allocation was approved by Governing Council. The fund position is as on 31st July, 2024.

PROVISIONAL NORTH DMF FUND STATUS AS ON JULY31, 2024				
Head	Sanctioned	Disbursed	To be disbursed	Available as on
Drinking Water supply(14%)	161201770	102711439	58116484	11997532
Environmental Preservation & pollution Control Measures (5%)	0	0	0	61856894
Health care (8%)	42537195	27675702	14861493	56433835
Education (9%)	47161405	18067505	29093900	64181003
Welfare of Woman & Children (8%)	1711954	0	1711954	97259076
Welfare of Aged & Disabled people (5%)	948250	948250	0	60908644
Skill Development (8%)	19730000	0	19730000	79241030
Sanitation (5%)	8443187	0	8443187	53413707
Housing (3%)				37114136
Agriculture (5%)				61856894
Animal Husbandary (5%)				61856894
Physical infrastructure (7%)	27540000	25200808	2339192	59059651
Irrigation (7%)	24500000	24500000	0	62099651
Energy & Watershed Development (8%)	6545489	1146857	5398632	92425541
Any other Measures (3%)	17231259	14188436	3042823	19882877
Covid 19	164785412	164319492	465920	0
PROJECT FUND	594693217	451115785	123847432	938077692
Admin	6956120	2528223	4427897	65536380
TOTAL FUND	601649337	453644008	128275329	867930663

AGENDA NO. 3

To Finalize the impacted Area:

The GC was informed that as per revised PMKKKY guidelines issued in January 2024 the areas not extending beyond 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 Chairperson informed the members that 30 % of DMF funds can be utilized in indirectly impacted areas for larger public good. The GC opined that the PMU shall present a detailed report to the MC & GC after considering old leases and newly auctioned blocks, based on which further decision will be taken by the MC & GC.

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Decision:- PMU to compile a list of directly and indirectly affected areas falling upto a maximum of 15km and 25km respectively, prepare a report and place the same before NGDMF for further decision.

Action: - (PMU)

AGENDA NO : 4

To discuss and decide upon the new proposals received.

1) Directorate of Panchayat: -

A proposal was received for the construction of Material Recovery Facility at Sy.No. 50/7, at Village Panchayat Pale, Cotombi with a budget of Rs.33,82,277. The Existing MRF space is not enough for segregation of different materials. The total area of the property is 264 m². The Existing MRF earlier constructed by Mineral Foundation of Goa is about 50 Sq.mt and newly proposed MRF shed will cover 102 sq.mt area on ground. There is no land related objection to build the MRF shed. The total waste collection of panchayat is about 1500- 1800 kg/month. The revised budget of Rs 34,27,240 was approved by GC.

Decision: - The NGDMF to issue the necessary approval and DoP to specify the duration required for the execution of project which should be part of work order.

Amount to be debited to Sanitation Head.

Action (NGDMF/DoP)

2) Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services/Goa State Co-operative Milk Producers Union Limited: -

The Goa State Co-Operative Milk Producers Union Limited had submitted the proposal for provision of One Ambulance/Mobile Dispensary fitted with necessary gadgets to Goa Dairy's Veterinary Dispensary situated at Sankhali and Bicholim with cost of Rs 12,00,000/-. Since there is shortage of ambulances to cover the entire mining area, the same will benefit the livestock /Dairy farmers across North Goa. The proponent has agreed to undertake the operation and maintenance cost. The estimates for Eco vehicle fitted with all necessary accessories for an amount of Rs 12,00,000 was approved by GC. Operational and Maintenance Expenditure to be borne by the Union.

Decision: - Codal formalities to be followed by the Union in procuring the ambulance and equipment. The NGDMF to issue admin and financial approval for purchase of ambulance/mobile dispensary.

P. Venker

Amount to be debited from Animal Husbandry Head.

(Action: NGDMF/AHVS/GSCMPUL)

3) Directorate of Panchayat: -

A Proposal was received from Hon'ble MLA Shri. Premendra Shet for construction of Community Hall at Village Panchayat, Sirigao. There is no Community hall in Sirigao village. The locals in absence of community hall conduct function at Assnora. The community hall is proposed in the land occupied by existing abandoned V.P. building which is proposed to be demolished. There is no NOC issue. The PMKKKY guidelines provide for physical infrastructure - roads, bridges, railways and waterways projects. Infrastructure i.e. Community Hall does not figure in the guidelines. Thus in view of the opinion expressed by MC the GC did not consider the proposal.

Decision: - The proposal was not considered by GC.

4) Directorate of Agriculture: -

Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA) representative submitted to the GC that they have revised the proposal as per suggestion of MC for 10 units on pilot basis. The GC members were of the opinion that the project should not be owned individually and should benefit different interest groups like women, students and farmers. Accordingly, ATMA was directed to coordinate with education department and develop this facility in high schools/higher secondary schools wherein National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) or National Education Policy (NEP) subject related to agriculture are being taught. They also advised that these 10 projects be uniformly spread over North Goa mining impacted areas.

Decision: - ATMA to work with education department to developed detailed proposal to identify suitable schools in mining affected areas and execute the project. The GC approved a budget of Rs 22.65 lakhs for said project in 10 locations. The NGDMF to issue the necessary approval after receiving the detailed proposal from ATMA.

Amount to be debited to Agriculture Head.

Action: - (DoA/DoE/NGDMF)

5) Directorate of Education (DoE): -

A revised proposal was received from DoE for upgradation of ICT infrastructure for implementation of smart classroom along with robotic steam labs at mining affected areas/regions in state of Goa for an amount of Rs.2,35,72,560. The DOE finalized 10 schools across North Goa namely Government High School at Pissurlem, Guleli, Mulgao, Honda, Advoi, Shirgao, Tarmatha Bhile Surla, Navelim, Govt. Higher Secondary School Sankhali and

Govt. Primary School Cudnem. The GC approved the proposal with an amount of Rs 2,35,72,560. The Hon'ble MLAs suggested that the remaining government schools be taken up under similar project and to cover this requirement, similar proposal may be submitted to NGDMF.

Decision: - The NGDMF to issue necessary approval to DOE.

Amount to be debited to Education Head.

Action: - (DoE/NGDMF)

6) Directorate of Technical Education: -

A proposal for DMF funds for initiatives under Project Management Unit Coding and Robotic Education in schools (CARES) Scheme for Rs. 3,70,00,000 was received by DMF. The MC had recommended 1 CARES maker space, 1 Experiential Centre on pilot basis which was agreed by the GC. The approved project cost is recalculated at Rs 1.40 Cr. This project would help the children from mining area interested in learning robotics. The member of the DTE informed GC that they have finalized the Govt. Polytechnic at Bicholim for the execution of the project.

Decision: The NGDMF to issue necessary approval for 1 CARES maker space, 1 Experiential centre to DTE. The DTE to follow all the codal formalities while executing the project and submit timeline for starting and completion of the project to NGDMF.

Amount to be debited to Education Head.

(Action: - NGDMF/DTE)

7) Goa State Pollution Control Board: -

The GSPCB had earlier proposed a project which was not agreed by the GC. Hence GSPCB proposed a project for Automatic Real Time Ambient Air Quality Monitoring instrument in 9 locations with CDAC technology based real time monitoring instruments costing Rs 117 lakhs. The 9 identified locations are Assanora, Bicholim, Mayem, Sanquelim, Honda junction, Amona Circle, Fanaswadi Junction, Velguem, Pale Junction. The official from GSPCB stated that the cost of the proposal is a total of Rs. 117 lakhs for a period of 5 years for 9 monitoring stations. The MS requested clarification in the matter since the revised proposal dated 23.08.2024 submitted to NGDMF mentioned that the cost was Rs. 117 lakhs for 9 stations per year, with each station costing Rs. 13 lakhs per year. The MS stated that the proposal submitted to NGDMF mentions that the automated air quality monitoring stations are being deployed to enable GSPCB to identify the areas which exceed permissible pollution levels. However, since only the Bicholim Mineral Block is currently operational, deploying such monitoring systems immediately at all 9 proposed locations might not give fruitful data. The official from GSPCB stated that the

monitoring stations are being deployed to obtain baseline data before mining activity commences and stated that all the locations are in vicinity of mining blocks and transportation routes. During the discussion, the Chairperson enquired whether the proposal forms part of the work to be taken up under the polluter pays principle. The official from GSPCB stated that the pollution monitoring activity is to be taken up as per Hon'ble High Court directions. The member-trustee from GMOEA and member-trustee from CEE highlighted that the PMKKKY guidelines do provide for setting up air quality monitors and displays and hence the project be taken up. Based on the discussion, the Chairperson stated that the proposal may be taken up after formal clarification from the GSPCB regarding the questions raised during the discussion. The GC decided to approve the proposal upon NGDMF receiving suitable clarification on the questions raised during the discussion.

Decision: - GSPCB to provide formal clarification on the questions raised during the discussion, following which NGDMF to accord necessary approvals.

(Action: GSPCB/NGDMF)

AGENDA NO. 5

Any other Agenda with permission of Chairperson

- 1. Fencing of Abandoned Laterite Quarries:** As per the directives of the Hon'ble Court it is 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. Erroneously the amount sanctioned was mentioned as 10 Cr and the actual amount sanctioned for the project is actually 2 Cr. The amount was sanctioned under Any Other Measures Head. The Chairperson recommended that the amount be sanctioned under the subhead of measures for abandoned mines under the Environment Preservation and Pollution Control Measures Head. While discussing on the said project the member-trustee from CEE opined that since the laterite quarries form part of minor minerals and the money is accrued from major minerals, the money spent on the said proposal be replenished from funds contributed by minor minerals in future. The GC decided to explore this option in the future. Also it was decided that only quarries that are identified as most critical be fenced on priority.

Decision:- NGDMF to revise the administrative sanction issued earlier from Rs. 10cr under the Any Other Measures Head to Rs. 2cr. under the Environmental Preservation and Pollution Control Measures Budget Head.

Amount to be debited to Environmental Preservation and Pollution Control Measures Budget Head.

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

2. Adoption of new PMKKKY guidelines

The GC members were informed that revised PMKKKY Guidelines are notified on 15th Jan, 2024 superseding earlier. The highlights of the guidelines included new sectors like Housing, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry in priority sector. The directly affected mining area may be defined as area falling not beyond a radius of 15 km from mining leases. Indirectly affected area may be considered beyond the directly affected areas and not beyond 25 km radius of the boundary of mine. The actual radius is as may be specified by the State Government. A minimum of 70% of the funds shall be spent only in the directly affected area. The GC decided to primarily adopt the revised guidelines and PMU to delineate the new areas and prepare a report accordingly. GC also opined that the Directorate of Mines & Geology be informed to amend the Goa DMFT Rules, 2018 suitably in light of the new PMKKKY Guidelines.

(Action:- PMU/DMG)

3. Payment of PMU:

Mineral Foundation of Goa (MFG) was appointed as PMU since 2021. The services of MFG as PMU was extended till 31st August 2023 by the Government and further it was decided to continue services of MFG as PMU on pro-rata basis till next meeting or till the time new PMU is on boarded. Accordingly, DMG floated a tender for appointment of a PMU and MFG won the bid and was officially selected as PMU. The GC was informed that the formal agreement between DMG and MFG was signed on 18 July, 2024, appointing MFG as the PMU with immediate effect. The terms of payment as per the agreement signed on 18th July 2024 is a payment of Rs. 26,00,000/- per year payable by the NGDMFT through its administrative funds. The GC approved the payment of PMU for an amount of Rs. 78,00,000/- for a period of three years. The GC agreed to regularize the services of PMU between the period of 1st Sept 2023 to July 17, 2024 and issue the necessary approval. The following payment of PMU was approved by the GC:

Sr. No.	Period	Amount
1	06/05/2022 to 31/08/2023	Rs. 38,04,000/-
2	01/09/2023 to 17/07/2024	Rs. 25,28,124/-
3	18/07/2024 to 17/07/2027	Rs. 78,00,000/-

The payment is to be as per Terms of Payment in the Agreement signed by PMU with the Government.

Decision: - The GC approved the payment of PMU for above mentioned period.

Amount to be debited to Administrative Expenditure Head.

(Action:- NGDMF)

4. Establishment of DMF Office, appointment of staff and hiring of vehicle:

In the GC meeting dated 01.03.2023, GC had agreed for setting up of separate DMF office and had sanctioned Rs. 9.60 lakh for staff (1 Accountant, 1 Assistant, 2 MTS), 2.39 Lakh for furniture and computer. It was felt by the GC that the amount sanctioned for Accountant and Assistant needs to be enhanced so as to match the market rates as provided by organisations such as GHRDC. The amount for MTS was retained. Accordingly, the following amount was sanctioned for staff of DMF:

Position	Contract Period (in months)	Unit Cost (consolidated) (in Rs./month)	Total (in Rs.)
Accountant (01)	12	35,000/-	4,20,000/-
Assistant (01)	12	25,000/-	3,00,000/-
MTS (02)	12	15,000/-	3,60,000/-
	Total	90,000/-	10,80,000/-

The GC authorised the Chairperson and MS to start the recruitment process for the staff at the earliest.

In addition to this, in GC meeting dated 01.03.2023 and 24.01.2024, it was resolved to hire two vehicles for NGDMF. Accordingly, GC agreed to hire Vehicle (Ertiga) at Rs. 80,000 per month.

As required under PMKKKY guidelines and Goa DMF Rules 2018, requisite government approval for appointment of staff and for vehicle has been obtained.

The MS informed the GC that GAD, Govt. Of Goa has communicated that there are no Government Office premises vacant in or around Panjim. Another letter has been sent to GAD requesting to provide any Government quarters or any other premises that can be used as office premises for

NGDMF. Reply from GAD is still awaited. The GC reiterated the need of a separate Secretariat for NGDMF and hence opined that in case any suitable Government premises is not available, separate office for NGDMF may be set up in rented premises in or around Panjim.

Decision: - The Chairperson/MS to undertake necessary steps to make the NGDMF office operational and beneficial to the mining affected people of North Goa.

Amounts to be debited to Administrative Expenditure Head.

5. Designing of DMF website: -

Currently the website of DMF is hosted on the website of Directorate of Mines and Geology. It was proposed that NGDMF will develop its own independent website by engaging an IT agency after following proper codal formalities. The website shall be beneficial to give wide publicity to the works undertaken by NGDMF and ensure transparency, in pursuance of Rule 10(l) of the Rules, 2018. It was resolved in GC dated 24.01.2024 to float tender for design and maintenance of interactive website. M/s Goa Electronics Limited (GEL) has been designated as State Designated Agency for all website related activities such as design, development, hosting, security audit, GIGW compliance etc. Accordingly, it was agreed that GEL to be hired for development and maintenance of website of NGDMF at a cost of Rs. 6 Lakh including operation and maintenance.

Decision: - The GC agreed to this suggestion and authorised the MS/Chairperson to undertake necessary steps to develop the website at the earliest and sanctioned an amount of Rs. 6 lakhs.

Amount to be debited to Administrative Expenditure Head.

6. The Chairperson suggested many measures for effective functioning of NGDMF and effective utilization of NGDMF funds. She desired that all the nominated members/ex-officio members/trustees should attend the meetings instead of sending their representatives until and unless it is an emergency. That all the proposals be routed through the line department with proper estimates and with all necessary details so that NGDMF can immediately decide on such proposal. A project proposal format was explained to all those present in the GC meeting and the same will be circulated amongst all stakeholders. She also opined that whenever an inauguration or handover ceremony of any NGDMF project is scheduled the same should be informed well in advance to the Chairperson/MS and all the GC members to be intimated about the same. She also appealed to all the line departments to give wider publicity additional sectors and facilitate

innovative pilot projects in sectors / sub sectors specified in PMKKKY guidelines.

7. The Hon'ble MLAs and other members of the GC highlighted that there is a need to give wide publicity to DMF and to ensure that constructive and effective proposals are received for the benefit and sustainable development of mining affected persons and areas. In view of the same, the Chairperson NGDMF directed the PMU/MS to arrange a workshop for the benefit of different Department Officers so as to give wide publicity to the DMF funds and also to explain the ways and means of functioning of DMF. Accordingly, it was decided to hold the said workshop during the first week of September, 2024.
8. As some projects have been dropped by the GC and few other projects, upon following codal formalities, have been completed with lesser amount than sanctioned, the GC directed the PMU, MS and the Accounts section of DMG to compile and reconcile all financial and progress related data of projects approved by the GC, administrative and sanction approvals, completed projects, projects pending disbursement and actual payments made under NGDMF and to prepare a report accordingly.

(Action:- PMU/NGDMF)

There being no other agenda for discussion, the meeting concluded with thanking all those present.

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



(Ratnakant Govenker)

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

Place: Panaji, Goa

Date: 28.08.2024