

DRAFT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF GOA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD (GSBB) HELD ON 28TH NOVEMBER 2014 AT 04.00 PM IN THE CHAMBER OF HON. MINISTER FOR FOREST AND ENVIRONMENT AT THE SECRETARIAT, PORVORIM, BARDEZ-GOIA UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SMT. ALINA SALDANHA, HON. MINISTER FOR FOREST AND ENVIRONMENT, CHAIRPERSON, GOA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD.

The following members attended the meeting:

Sr. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Smt. Alina Saldanha Hon. Minister for Forest and Environment	Chairperson
2.	Shri Richard D'Souza Principal Chief Conservator of Forests	Member
3.	Shri Sandeep Nadkarni Chief Engineer, Department of Water Resources	Member
4.	Shri. Srinet Kothwale Director, Department of Science, Technology and Environment	Member
5.	Dr. Joe D'Souza	Member
6.	Dr. Bhiva Malik	Member
7.	Dr. Nitin Sawant	Member Secretary

Director, Directorate of Agriculture (member), **Member Secretary, Goa State Pollution Control Board** (member), **Shri. Celso Dias** (member) and **Shri Mahesh Kandolkar** could not attend the meeting and were granted leave of absence.

At the outset, Smt. Alina Saldanha, Hon'ble Minister for Forest and Environment; Chairperson, Goa State Biodiversity Board welcomed the members.

Agenda 1:- EIA study of Colva lake for submitting to NGT-Proposal submitted to Goa University

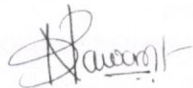
As discussed and resolved during the 22nd Board meeting held on 24th September 2014 a request letter was made to Vice Chancellor, Goa University to carry out the study on Colva lake. The order No. 7 dated: 26th September 2014 was passed by Hon'ble National Green Tribunal to carry out a study of the said site by expert agency. It was informed that the Goa University has agreed to take up the study on Colva lake. Subsequently, a meeting was held with the representatives of Goa University and the budget requirement was submitted to GSBB by Goa University. The proceedings of the same and the budget requirement submitted by Goa University were circulated during the meeting. It was conveyed that the special meeting was convened to deliberate and decide upon the budget estimate submitted by Goa University.

After perusal of the budget proposal it was observed that the amount quoted was high and GSBB was not in position to sanction the same owing to the limited grants.

It was suggested to contact the Biodiversity Research Cell at Carmel College to undertake the study and invite its quotation. Dr. Joe opined that report submitted by Goa University will carry more weightage.

After deliberating it was resolved that since the matter is of high priority and the Board is bound to decide on the matter within a reasonable time frame the budget estimate submitted by Goa University may be considered and subsequently the Member Secretary may forward the proposal to Department of Science, Technology and Environment (DST&E) for consideration. It was also resolved that a detailed budget requirement may be invited from Goa University and that the amount may be paid to Goa University in 3 installments (1st installment-1.5 lakh, 2nd installment-1.5 Lakh and 3rd installment -2 lakhs) and Goa University may be informed regarding the same.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.



Dr. Nitin S. Sawant
Member Secretary (GSBB)