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DRAFT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF GOA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD (GSBB) HELD ON 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2015 AT 03.00 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. N. D. Naik, DCF Representative from Forest Department	Member
3.	Shri. Sandeep Nadkarni, Chief Engineer Department of Water Resources	Member
4.	Shri. Ulhas Paikakode, Dy. Director Representative from Directorate of Agriculture	Member
5.	Dr. Joe D'Souza	Member
6.	Dr. Bhiva Malik	Member
7.	Dr. Nitin Sawant	Member Secretary

Shri. Srinet Kothwale, Director, Department of Science, Technology and Environment; Shri. Levinson Martins, Member Secretary, Pollution control Board; Shri. Celso Dias, 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: Colva Lake NGT matter (Study on biodiversity of Colva lake).**

The Board was informed that as resolved during the 23<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting TERI was approached to conduct the study on biodiversity of Colva lake. However, TERI has expressed its inability to conduct the same. After discussion and due deliberation it was resolved to invite expression of interest to conduct the study by advertising the same in the local newspapers.

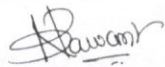
**Agenda 2: Budget Estimate 2015-16**

The Member Secretary read out the budget estimate of Rs. 55,22,520/- to the members, the same was approved by the Board.

**Agenda 7: The unfounded allegation regarding the educational qualification of the Member Secretary of the Board appearing in the weekly newspaper "The Goan on Saturday" (28<sup>th</sup> February 2015).**

The Chairperson informed the Board regarding the unfounded allegation regarding the educational qualification of the Member Secretary of the Board appearing in the weekly newspaper "The Goan" dated 28<sup>th</sup> February 2015. It was further informed that the clarification regarding the same was sought from the Goa University and the University categorically stated that it has followed the required procedure while admitting Mr. Nitin S. Sawant as a Ph.D candidate and also during the entire process of completion of the Doctoral Degree.

In view of the clarification issued by the University, the subject may be considered closed.



Dr. Nitin S. Sawant  
Member Secretary (GSBB)