

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE 35<sup>TH</sup> BOARD MEETING OF GOA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD (GSBB) HELD ON 28.01.2020 AT 4:00 PM IN THE “CONFERENCE HALL” MINISTERIAL BLOCK. MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY SHRI. NILESH CABRAL, HON’BLE. ENVIRONMENT MINISTER, GOVERNMENT OF GOA, CHAIRPERSON, GOA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD.

**TYPE OF MEETING:** REGULAR MEETING (MONTHLY MEETING IN COMPLIANCE TO ORDER FROM HON’BLE. NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL (NGT), PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI (Hon’ble National Green Tribunal (NGT), Principal Bench, New Delhi, Order dated 09.08.2019, in Original Application No. 347/2016, Chandrabhal Singh v/s Union of India & others,)

**DATE:** 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020; **TIME:** 4:00 PM ONWARDS

**VENUE:** “CONFERENCE HALL”, MINISTERIAL BLOCK, SECRETARIAT, PORVORIM, BARDEZ, GOA

The following members attended the meeting:

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
1.	Shri. Nilesh Cabral, Hon’ble. Environment Minister, Government of Goa, Chairperson, Goa State Biodiversity Board.	Chairperson
2.	Chief Secretary, Govt. of Goa	<b>Special invitee</b>

3.	Shri. Narayan Gad, Director of Panchayats, Government of Goa. Also represented Secretary – Panchayat	<b>Special invitee</b>
4.	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, was represented by Shri. Keshav Kumar, CF (C), Forest Department, Government of Goa. Also represented Principal Secretary - Forest	Ex Officio Member
5.	Director, Directorate of Agriculture, was represented by Shri. Vithal A Joshi, Assistant Director, Directorate of Agriculture	Ex Officio Member
6.	Director, Directorate of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services (AHVS) was represented by Dr. Rajendra Prabhugaonkar, Deputy Director (Epidemiology), AHVS.	Ex Officio Member
7.	Dr. Shamila Monteiro, Director, Directorate of Fisheries	Ex Officio Member
8.	Shri. Rajendra Kerkar	Expert Member
9.	Shri. Nirmal Kulkarni	Expert Member
10	Dr. Chandrasheker Rivonker	Expert Member
11	Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam (Member Secretary)	Member Secretary
12	Dr. A.K.S. Bhadauria, Prof. Civil Department, Goa Engineering College, Farmagudi, Ponda, Goa. Member of GSBB's Seed Bank Committee	Special Invitee

*Water Resources Department, Shri. Parag Rangnekar - Expert member, Special Invitees - Principal Secretary - Environment, Director, Department of Environment and Directorate of Municipal Administration were unable to remain present for the meeting.*

At the onset, Shri. Nilesh Cabral, Hon'ble. Environment Minister, Government of Goa, Chairperson, Goa State Biodiversity Board & Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam, Member Secretary, Goa State Biodiversity Board extended a warm welcome to the members of the Board and to the special invitees.

**Agenda 1: Confirmation of the proceedings of 34<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting** (Regular Meeting, monthly meeting in compliance to order from Hon'ble. National Green Tribunal (NGT), Principal Bench, New Delhi) of Goa State Biodiversity Board (GSBB) held on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019.

The minutes of the 34<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting were confirmed by the Board Members present at the meeting, Proposed by -Dr. Rajendra Prabhugaonkar, Dy. Director (Epidemiology), AHVS & Seconded by - Shri. Nirmal Kulkarni, Expert Member, GSBB.

**Agenda 2: Action taken report of 34<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting** (Regular Meeting, monthly meeting in compliance to order from Hon'ble. National Green Tribunal (NGT), Principal Bench, New Delhi) of Goa State Biodiversity Board (GSBB) held on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019.

The Action taken report was circulated for information and compliance was intimated to GSBB Board members. Only the significant points from action taken points in progress were discussed as follows:

Agenda 3 of 34<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting: PBR

Member Secretary, GSBB informed that till date 168 Nos PBRs have been validated at BMC level, out of which 17 are validated at all three levels. He also informed that by 31.01.2020, more BMC level PBR validations are expected. It was informed by Member Secretary, GSBB that the target of Validation of PBRs of all 205 BMCs at BMC level as per BD Rules, 2004 is expected to be achieved by 31.01.2020, as strict orders have been issued to the concerned local bodies & secretaries by both Director, Directorate of Panchayats & Director, Directorate of Municipal Administration.

Agenda 6 of 34<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting: Appointing Interns for GSBB:

Member Secretary, GSBB informed that file will be moved to Chairperson, GSBB regarding appointing interns as well as apprentices after considering & including the details of Government of Goa Apprenticeship Scheme.

The action taken report was presented to the members present. The same was accepted and adopted unanimously.

**Agenda 3:** Status of compliance to Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT), Principal Bench, New Delhi, Order dated 09.08.2019, in Original Application No. 347/2016, Chandrabhal Singh v/s Union of India & others, GSBB respondent no. 6. **(to ensure compliance**

**with 100% constitution of BMCs and PBRs by 31.01.2020, the Chief Secretaries may evolve a mechanism for ensuring a monthly meeting to be attended by the Chairman and Member Secretary of State Biodiversity Board, Secretaries, Panchayat, Environment & Forest starting from September, 2019.)**

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**Agenda 4: Status of the PBR preparation in Goa State:**

Discussed at Agenda no 2–Further it was decided to produce and place on record if asked, factual details of achievements of GSBB in terms of maintaining quality of PBRs and to highlight the three level validations carried out by GSBB at BMC level, Gram Sabha level & Validation of PBR by GSBB's Thematic Expert Committee on Validation of PBR, as against the single BMC level validation mandated as per the Biological Diversity Rules 2004

**Agenda 5: Appointment of Program Officer, GSBB:**

Member Secretary, GSBB, informed that Miss. Samiksha Chari, has been appointed as Program Officer on contract basis at GSBB after completing the necessary procedures.

**Agenda 6: Request from Shri. Nirmal Kulkarni, Expert Member to take Board resolution on Mhadei Issue:**

The issue of Mhadei water diversion was discussed at the and it was decided to take up compilation significant PBR features and

contents from the BMCs along the entire Mhadei stretch during final validation by TEC for PBR validation. It was decided to hold frequent meetings of TEC for PBR validation. This PBR data will be utilized to further analyze the effects of diversion of Mhadei River water on the flora fauna along the River and may be presented to relevant authorities.

**Agenda 7: Any other point with permission of Chairperson.**

**Activities/programs of GSBB:** Member Secretary, GSBB informed the Board of the upcoming celebration of **World Wetland Day** jointly by GSBB & Goa State Wetland Authority on **1<sup>st</sup> February 2020**, and that for the first time especially abled children will be given opportunity to take part in a poster competition.

He also informed about the status of preparation for the upcoming pre IDB - 2020 event Yuva-Jagruti in collaboration with Abhiyaktee, to be held on **7<sup>th</sup> February 2020**. A program dedicated to children and youth in the State of Goa with reference to biodiversity and wetlands.

**Status of GoVan Project:** The status of GoVan project was also discussed. Dr. Shamila Monteiro, Director, Directorate of Fisheries, extended support to carry out integrated pisciculture projects by availing schemes of the Directorate of Fisheries and extended invitation to BMCs to the directorate to know more about the Fisheries Schemes. It was also discussed that traditional methods

of construction of bundhs to be encouraged and artisans, masons having this traditional knowledge to be identified and encouraged to educate more farmers with this knowledge under the project and green skilling could be promoted.

MS, GSBB informed that other natural habitats could be revived by growing indigenous flora through which livelihood can be generated and also that Directorate of Fisheries could use natural aquatic habitats to grow local fish species and requested Director, Directorate of Fisheries to encourage and facilitate growth of more indigenous fish species by providing fish seeds of local varieties.

Dr. Rivonker, Expert Member, GSBB, suggested that abandoned mining area ponds, tanks could be used for stocking the fish.

**Status of Proposed Seed Bank for Goa State:** Member Secretary, GSBB, apprised the members about the present status of developing a Seed Bank for the State of Goa. He also informed of the study visit of the Seed Bank Committee to National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (NBPGR), New Delhi & University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad. Dr. A.K.S. Bhadauria, Professor, GEC, Member of GSBB's Seed Bank Committee presented before the Board significant excerpts of the project titled 'Planning and Design of Buildings for GSBB & Seed Bank' submitted by Fourth Year students of Engineering of Goa College of Engineering as part of their curricular activities. It was informed by Member Secretary, GSBB that the proposal of Seed Bank will be prepared and submitted to the Goa Government at the earliest after compiling the

inputs from the members of the Seed Bank Committee. The same was approved unanimously by all the members.

Towards the end of the meeting Hon'ble Chief Secretary, Goa State joined the meeting and took the review of the points discussed and also endorsed the same.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Member Secretary, GSBB.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pradip Sarmokadam", written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam  
**Member Secretary, GSBB**