



GOA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD

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To,

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Panaji - Goa
2. The Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department, Porvorim- Goa
3. The Director, Directorate of Agriculture, Panaji - Goa
4. The Director, Directorate of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Panaji- Goa.
5. The Director, Directorate of Fisheries, Panaji- Goa.
6. Shri. Nirmal Kulkarni, Mapusa – Goa
7. Shri. Parag Rangnekar, Vasco-da-Gama - Goa
8. Shri. Rajendra Kerkar, Keri, Sattari- Goa.
9. Dr. Chandrashekhar Rivonkar, Department of Marine, Goa University.

Sub: Minutes of meeting of 33rd Board Meeting (Monthly Meeting in compliance to the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT) order) of Goa State Biodiversity Board (GSBB).

Sir,

Kindly find attached Minutes of meeting of 33rd Board Meeting (Monthly Meeting in compliance to the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT) order) held on **25th November, 2019 at 03.30 pm**, in the '**Conference Hall**', Ministerial Block, Secretariat, Porvorim, Bardez – Goa for your information and record.

The same were confirmed during the 34th Board meeting held on 31st December 2019.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam
Member Secretary, GSBB

Enclosed: Copy of Minutes of Meeting of 33rd Board Meeting (Monthly Meeting in compliance to the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal order)

Copy to: -

1. O.S.D to Minister for Environment, State of Goa; Chairperson, Goa State Biodiversity Board (GSBB).
2. Chief Secretary, Government of Goa, Secretariat, Porvorim- Goa.

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Careful Conservation of Biodiversity
Bright Future for Prosperity!

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE 33rd BOARD MEETING OF GOA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD (GSBB)

TYPE OF MEETING: REGULAR MEETING (MONTHLY MEETING IN COMPLIANCE TO ORDER FROM HON'BLE. NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL (NGT), PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI)

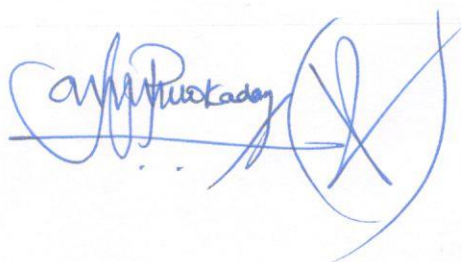
DATE: 25TH NOVEMBER 2019; **TIME:** 3:30 PM ONWARDS

VENUE: "CONFERENCE HALL", MINISTERIAL BLOCK, SECRETARIAT, PORVORIM, BARDEZ, GOA

MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY SHRI. NILESH CABRAL, HON'BLE. ENVIRONMENT MINISTER, GOVERNMENT OF GOA, CHAIRPERSON, GOA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD.

The following members attended the meeting:

Sr. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Shri. Nilesh Cabral, Hon'ble. Environment Minister, Government of Goa, Chairperson, Goa State Biodiversity Board.	Chairperson
2.	Shri. Johnson Bedy Fernandes, Director, Department of Environment, Porvorim- Goa.	Special invitee
3.	Shri. Gopal Parsekar, Director, Directorate of Panchayats.	Special invitee
4.	Shri. Subhash Chandra, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests &	Ex Officio Member



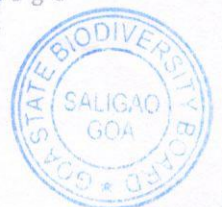
	Shri. Keshav Kumar, IFS, Conservator of Forests (Conservation)	
5.	Shri. Madhav Kelkar, Director, Directorate of Agriculture	Ex Officio Member
6.	Director, Directorate of Fisheries, was represented by Shri. Chandresh P. Haldankar, Superintendent of Fisheries	Ex Officio Member
7.	Shri. Santosh Desai, Director, Directorate of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services.	Ex Officio Member
8.	Shri. Parag Rangnekar	Expert Member
9.	Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam (Member Secretary)	Member Secretary

WRD Dept, Dr. Chandrashekhar Rivonkar, Shri. Nirmal Kulkarni, Shri Rajendra Kerkar (Expert member), Special Invitees - Chief Secretary, Principal Secretary - Environment, and DMA were unable to remain present for the meeting.

At the onset, 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 32nd 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 23rd October, 2019.

The minutes of the 32nd Board Meeting were confirmed by the Board Members present at the meeting, Proposed by - Shri. Parag Rangnekar & Seconded by - Shri. Chandresh P. Haldankar,



Agenda 2: Action taken report of 32nd 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 23rd October, 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 4 of 32nd Board Meeting: PBR

a) Utilization of Grant in Aid funds for PBR: Member Secretary, GSBB informed that fund request file has been processed to State Government and request also communicated to NBA. Funds are awaited and as approved during last board meeting, GIA is being used towards PBR preparation.

b) Board resolution for filing affidavit: Member Secretary, GSBB informed that affidavit for seeking interim relief of at least further six months for completion of PBRs, has been sent to NBA.

Agenda 5 : of 32nd Board Meeting: Proposal of GOVAN: Member Secretary, GSBB informed about meetings held with Hon'ble Chief Minister, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister and Hon'ble Chairperson, GSBB and Government approval granted for the project. Shri. Subhash Chandra, IFS, PCCF, suggested that the role of each department involved in the project to be earmarked, example – Agriculture Department to oversee Rice processing; Fisheries Department to oversee pisciculture activities; Livelihood activities related to Bamboo & Bamboo cultivation/harvesting to be overseen by Bamboo Board under Forest Dept.: While the Forest Department to play the Major Role along with overall coordination/facilitation by GSBB.



Agenda 6: Status of Biodiversity Heritage Sites (BHSs): Regarding the Curtorim BHS, Member Secretary, GSBB, informed about the meeting held with Curtorim BMC, Sarpanch and others at the Curtorim BMC Office, Curtorim Salcete, Goa, and about further time bound directions are given to the Curtorim Village Panchayat to take the decision on the extent of area to be declared as BHS has to be finally freezed by VP in consultation with the BMC and if need be, get the same approved at Gram Sabha and along with the revised BHS report and the map which is duly approved by the Gram Sabha & Panchayat body in consultation with BMC and the 12 member BHS Committee & by consulting the stakeholders should be conveyed to GSBB for continuing the process towards notification of the Curtorim BHS. Regarding Purvatali Rai, Surla BHS, he informed about the file processed towards the notification of this BHS being in the final stages.

Agenda 8: Proposal from Parag Rangnekar for printing of Posters: It was decided after due discussion to share the funding of the posters by Forest Department and GSBB, and credit to be given to both on the posters. Further the approved printer of GSBB could print the posters.

Regarding the proposal of Natural History Museum, Hon'ble. Chairperson, GSBB informed to prepare the costing of the project. It was also decided that National Centre for Biological Sciences, Bengaluru, could be approached. Chairperson, GSBB suggested that a competition to be organized for 'designing and conceptualizing with required financial requirements the Natural History Museum for Goa' with a prize of one Lakh for the winning entry. Details of technical research and the parameters to be provided by Shri. Parag Rangnekar. It was further suggested that the competition should be announced vide 'press release' and social media and no advertisement cost to be entailed. All students & ex-students of institutions from Goa State such as Art College, Goa University, Technical



Colleges, Colleges of Architecture & Engineering etc., to be invited to participate in this competition.

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

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)**

Member Secretary, GSBB, appraised the present status of compliance from Goa State to the members. He once again thanked Director Panchayat (DoP) for his continuous support in achieving targets.

Director of Panchayat (DOP) was requested that BMCs should be given proper space, resources and other necessary support by the respective Village Panchayats by integrating them in VDCs and existing framework of decision making. To this DOP agreed and board resolved unanimously.

Guidelines for functioning of BMCs drafted (attached as Annexure- I) by GSBB were circulated and unanimously approved by the Board.

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

As per the present status of preparation of People's Biodiversity Registers (PBRs) in the State of Goa the tripartite MoU signing for PBRs of eight Village Panchayat level BMCs along with the 13 Municipal Council BMCs is still pending and hence Director Municipal Administration (DMA) to be approached to fix meeting date for signing of tripartite MoUs for PBR preparation and continued support from DoP was requested.



It was suggested by PCCF, Shri. Subhash Chandra, IFS, that the BMCs with Forest area in their Jurisdiction could be recognized as "Joint Forest Management Committees" and initially to be done in clusters selected for GoVan project and modalities in this regard could be completed by GSBB with Forest Dept. The prospect to be discussed in the next Legal Advisory Group Meeting and meeting with PCCF. The issue of Ecologically Sensitive Areas was discussed and Forest Dept. along with GSBB was told to work in synergy with Director Environment.

Agenda 5: Approval for State Biodiversity Awards 2019.

GSBB unanimously decided to take approval to be sought by moving file to Hon'ble Chairperson, GSBB, with the details.

Agenda 6: Any other point with permission of Chairperson:

- a) NBA to be requested to **amend the 2004 Rules** regarding validation of PBRs at the BMC level only, instead the '**three level validation by Gram Sabha, BMC and GSBB's PBR validation Committee**' presently applied by GSBB to be included in the amended Rules.

The Board unanimously approved that letter communicating the same to be moved through Chairperson, GSBB to NBA, seeking the amendment to Biological Diversity Rules 2004

- b) Proposal received vide email from Shri. Nirmal Kulkarni, Expert Board Member, GSBB, to **set up Farmers Market in North Goa & South Goa.**
And

- c) Proposal received vide email from Dhillon Velip regarding traditional Knowledge holder Shri. Shirish Pai.

It was suggested by Hon'ble. Chairperson, GSBB, that the proposals should be first screened by Expert Committee and recommendations by the Thematic Expert Committee to be considered for approval.

- d) Participation by GSBB at the AROGYA Fair from 30.11.2019 to 02.12.2019 at Youth Hostels Ground, Miramar, Panaji.



Member Secretary, GSBB informed of the upcoming activity of GSBB as organizing partner at the AROGYA Fair. GSBB has accepted responsibility of inviting BMCs, traditional healers and farmers from across Goa to attend the inaugural session and post lunch session for traditional healers to be addressed by trainers from the University of Trans-Disciplinary Health Science and Technology, Bengaluru.

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



Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam
Member Secretary, GSBB