

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22/11/2019 CONVENED BY THE COLLECTOR (SOUTH) REGARDING DISTRICT MINERAL FOUNDATION TRUST.

The meeting was attended by the following officers:

1. Dr. Sunita S. Perni, SPM, NHM, Directorate of Health Services, Panaji Goa.
2. Dr. Uday C. Gaunkar, Dy. Director of Education, South Zone, Margao.
3. Shri. Chandresh Gaonkar, Research Assistant, DPSE, Porvorim Goa.
4. Shri Vijay Kudchadkar, E.E./WD-XX, PWD, Fatorda, Margao.
5. Shri. Rajendra M. Gaonkar, Asst. Engineer, SD-1, WD-XII, WRD, Sanguem, Goa.
6. Shri. Shariff A. X. Furtado, A.O., District Agriculture Office, Margao, Goa.
7. Shri. Shivprasad Naik, B.D.O., Dharbandora, Goa.
8. Shri. Bhagwant Karmali, B.D.O., Sanguem, Quepem, Goa.
9. Smt. Annet Gomes, DWO (S), Directorate of Social Welfare, Margao, Goa.
10. Smt. Lynette Viegas, District Programme Officer, Directorate of Women & Child Development, Margao, Goa.
11. Smt. Snehal S. Prabhu, Dy. Collector (Revenue), South Goa, Margao, Goa.
12. Shri. Parag Rangnekar, Programme Manager, Mineral Foundation of Goa, Panaji.
13. Shri. Gurudas S.T. Desai, Dy. Director of Mines & Geology – II, Member Secretary DMF (South).

At the outset, the Collector-South/Chairman (DMF) welcomed all the members present for the meeting and verified with the attendance of the members. The Chairman informed all the members that only those members who are notified as per DMF rules or nominated against their respective designations will attend the meetings and the notified or nominated members will not authorize any other official unless need to be.

At first the Chairman informed that the Committee should initially identify the mining affected villages in south Goa district and members can suggest if regarding adding of any more villages apart from the list provided. The villages can then be notified. The Chairman also directed to include villages such as Betul, Naquerim, Morpirla, Velim, & Fatorpa as mining affected villages. The proposals from the notified villages will be considered by the committee. During the meeting the following agenda items were discussed in detail.

1. Finalisation/approval for expenses pertaining to School buses in mining affected areas:

In mining areas the transportation to school children were sponsored by the mining lease holders through local transporters. After the mining ban in March 2018 the transport facility was discontinued by the erstwhile leaseholders. However the transporters continued to provide transportation to school children for period 2018-19. The unsettlement of their bills by the erstwhile leaseholders made them approach District Mineral Foundation for settlement of bills for the period 2018-19. The list of transporters providing transportation facility to school children, sponsored by the erstwhile leaseholders in mining affected areas were placed before the Managing

committee for scrutiny and approval. The resolution and certificate from the respective panchayats in view of certifying the transport facility to school children for the academic year 2018-19 were also placed before the Managing Committee.

The representative from Education department is of the view that all the routes in mining areas are covered either by Balraths or the Kadamba Transport buses. Moreover, there are well established Government schools in mining affected village Panchayats. Providing buses to mining affected area will cause the students to move out of the respective villages and the existing Government schools will go low on number of students.

However the Chairman instructed the member (Education Dept.) to re-examine the transportation routes, whether the Balraths and Kadamba transport fulfill the requirements of the demands from the mining areas, so that a decision could be taken for the academic year 2019-20, whether the same transportation to be continued or not.

However at present the Chairman informed that due to continuous demand from the people in mining areas, requesting for continuation of transportation facility to school children, it was decided by the Managing Committee to place the transportation bills before the Governing Council for approval.

However the Chairman also mentioned that such proposals from private party is only for short term plan and cannot be considered for long term planning and for long term plan Education Department should try to provide transportation facility through Balrath or through K.T.C.L to school going children in the mining affected areas.

The Chairman also mentioned that only those proposals with regards to transportation for school children will be considered for the year 2018-19 which are approved by the Panchayats.

2. Approval for Project Monitoring Unit.:

It was informed to the Committee that the Government has in principle approved the Project Management unit for DMF to perform different works such as devising the Annual Action Plan of the district within a given time frame, act as technical support for the DMF, liaisoning agency between the community and the DMF to ensure the projects identified reach out to various stakeholders, working on guidelines for identification of affected areas and affected persons, scoping of new proposals, devising checklist/ criteria for selection of proposals, scrutinizing proposals received for its benefit, sustainability, technical evaluation of proposals including legal status, estimation and obtaining documents from the proponent, making reports, minutes of meeting, monitoring of the execution of the projects, monthly feedback to the DMF/DMG/Govt. etc. It was proposed to engage Mineral Foundation of Goa as a PMU due to the experience of working in the mining

affected area. The Mineral Foundation of Goa has quoted an amount of Rs. 25 Lakhs for the services under DMF of North Goa District. The committee considered the proposal.

3. Finalisation of proposals received from various line Departments.:

The Collector briefed that as per the notification the Managing Committee consist the ex-officio members and the present meeting has been called top prepare the draft annual plan to be submitted to the Governing Council for approval. To begin with, the Chairman/ Collector North Goa enquired with the officials regarding the proposals to be submitted under the DMF (North) and took review as to which Department had forwarded their proposals under DMF and which had not. The Chairman instructed all the concerned members to submit their proposal in mining affected areas by 25th Monday 2019 so that the same may be placed before the Governing Council.

A. Directorate of Education

The Directorate has forwarded the proposal for school uniforms, textbooks, afternoon meals and two computers per school. The Chairman also mentioned that proposals with respect to toilet facility for girl child in school can be given priority and directed the representative from Education Department that such proposals needs to be prioritized. Also proposals with regards to incinerators, sanitary pads should be given priority. Education Department should identify requirements of incinerators for school.

The Chairman also mentioned that the proposal from the Education department needs to be re-examined as informed by the member from Directorate of Education.

B. Directorate of Health Services.

Directorate of Health services submitted that the proposals regarding medical equipments, repairs/renovation, furniture and fixtures for in Health Centers, besides, providing ambulance amounting to Rs. 1.41 Crore was forwarded to the DMF (north). The Chairperson was of the opinion that rather than buying ambulances hiring of ambulance services can be considered as it would save on maintenance cost and cost of salary to driver.

The representative of Health Services also mentioned regarding engaging of services of TERI for making scientific study of diseases affecting people of mining affected areas for which TERI has quoted an amount of Rs 18 Lakhs. The committee was of the opinion that such studies are already being done by the mining companies and the data can be obtained from them. The Chairman mentioned that such proposals cannot be accepted from TERI. Therefore it was decided to conduct the study through experts and officials of Health Department.

C. Public Works Departments

The P.W.D submitted proposal with re6gards to supply of water by water tanker. However the chairman directed the representative from P.W.D to submit proposal with respect to permanent solution e,g. water treatment plant.

Thechairman also mentioned that P.W.D should identify areas where there is shortage of water supply. Water supply in such left out pocket can be taken up setting up a water tank and submersible pump, pipeline for supply of water to such areas.

D. Directorate of Social Welfare

The representative of Social Welfare mentioned that they would submit the proposal to the DMF in respect of motorized tricycle, assistive devices etc. by Monday.

E. Directorate of Agriculture

The member from the Agriculture Department informed that their proposal was mainly with respect to skill development, food processing, mushroom cultivation, training to the farmers and fencing of agricultural community land. The chairman also mentioned that Agriculture Department along with W.R.D can jointly submit proposal with regards to de-silting and developing the plot for agriculture purpose as a pilot project.

F. Directorate of Women and Child Development

The representative from Directorate of Women and Child Development WCD mentioned that the proposal of Directorate of Women and Child Development is mainly with respect to supply of water purifier to Anganwadi Centres pre-school education kits for the benefit of children in Anganwadi centers and other equipments/utensils.The Collector/ Chairperson DMF (North) inquired with the representative from Women and Child regarding the total expenditure involved for all the proposals. The representative was asked to submit the total expenditure involved in the said proposals by Monday.


G. Water Resources Department


The Chairman directed the representative from Water Resource Department to submit proposal jointly along with P.W.D for setting up water filtration plant and also to identify abandon mining pits for pumping of water to water filtration plan and also for irrigation purpose.

4. Finalisation/Approval of mining affected areas/villages for notifying the same.:

The list of the mining affected village panchayat and the villages therein were placed before the Managing Committee. The Member Secretary informed that the list is shared by the Mineral Foundation of Goa who has actively participating in the field of implementation of various environmental and social development projects in mining affected areas. The Member Secretary also pointed out that the villages viz. Betul, Naquerim, Morpiria, Velim, & Fatorpa can also be added as mining affected villages since DMFis being collected from a Bauxite mine located in this area of Salcete & Quepem taluka of South Goa District. The Chairman called upon all the members to suggest if any village is missing from the list. The committee therefore in principle approved to add the above mentioned 5 villages in addition to the other villages and municipal council as per the list. The same shall be placed before the Governing Council.

Meeting ended with the thanks to the chair.


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