

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE NORTH GOA DISTRICT MINERAL FOUNDATION HELD ON 08<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020 UNDER THE CHAIRPERSONSHIP OF THE COLLECTOR,NORTH GOA IN THE CONFERENCE HALL, OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR, COLLECTORATE BUILDING, PANAJI-GOA AT 4:00p.m.**

A meeting was convened on 08<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 04:00 p.m. in the office of The Collector, North Goa, by the Collector, North Goa/Chairperson North Goa District Mineral Foundation of the Governing Council of the District Mineral Foundation (North).

The Following Officials attended the meeting:

| <b>Sr.No.</b> | <b>Name</b>                      | <b>Designation &amp; Department</b>   |
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| 1             | Smt. R.Menaka, I.A.S             | Collector, North Goa & Chairperson- North Goa DMF Committee.                        |
| 2             | Shri. Y. Durga Prasad            | Director, Directorate of Planning Statistics & Evaluation                           |
| 3             | Shri. Manuel Barreto             | Member Secretary, North Goa DMF / Dy. Director -I, Directorate of Mines and Geology |
| 4             | Shri. Nevil Alphonso             | District Agriculture Officer (North Goa), Directorate of Agriculture.               |
| 6             | Shri Mallappa Hullalada          | Executive Engineer, SE-II(V), Electricity Department, Panaji Goa                    |
| 7             | Smt. Sweta Alias Sonam Parulekar | CDPO, Women & Child Development, Bicholim   |
| 8             | Shri. Prashant Gaude             | AE,SD-III, P.W.D, Div-XXIV.   |
| 9             | Shri. Arun M. Naik               | Executive Engineer, Water Resource Department- Bicholim                             |
| 10            | Smt Supriya Arolkar              | Assistant Director, Directorate of Social Welfare.                                  |
| 11            | Dr. Geeta Kakodkar               | Dy. Director, Directorate of Health Services, Panaji.                               |
| 12            | Tami T. Alvares                  | Deputy Education Officer, Directorate of Education.                                 |
| 13            | Anil G. Parulekar                | Asst Engineer, SD-III, WD VI, Mulgao, Bicholim                                      |
| 14            | Shri. Yogesh S. Sawant           | JE, SD-III/ WD-XXIV (P.W.D), Valpoi.  |
| 15            | Shri Altaf Rafi Aga              | JE, SD-II/D-XXIV, Bicholim-Goa.   |
| 16            | Kum. Prajakta D. Goltekar        | B.D.O, Tiswadi, Directorate of Panchayats.  |
| 17            | Shri. Parag Ranganekar           | Programme Manager, Mineral Foundation of Goa, Panaji-Goa.                           |

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| 18 | Shri. Maya Pednekar     | Under Secretary Finance<br>(Budget) |
| 19 | Shri. Glenn Kalavampara | Secretary GMOEA                     |

At the outset the Collector North Goa/ Chairperson North Goa DMF welcomed all the officials present.

The Collector/Chairperson (North DMF) reviewed the status of the proposals which were approved in the last Governing Council Meeting of the DMF.

Thereafter the following proposals were placed before the Governing Council as discussed and approved by the Managing committee.

#### **1. Directorate of Panchayats& Directorate of Education:-**

***Transportation Facility for School Going Children:*** -The Member Secretary informed the Collector/Chairperson (North DMF) that only five applications have been submitted along with the original bills with revenue stamp, Bank Pass book photocopy and PAN card with respect to transportation facility to school going children for the year 2018-19. The Collector/Chairperson (North DMF) was also informed that these applications also need to contain an undertaking for non deduction of GST in a particular format which is pending.

There are other bills received by the DMF-North Goa. However, the bills are either the photocopy of the original and without GST undertaking.

The Collector/Chairperson (North DMF) expressed concern over the non submission of proper bills and documents by the transporters and also directed the Official of the Directorate of Panchayats to follow up the matter so that the necessary documents can be submitted within time and the funds can be disbursed.

The Member Secretary was also directed to write to the BDO that bills of all the Transporters with due documentation have to be received by January 15, 2020 pending which their bills may not be cleared.

The Collector/Chairperson (North DMF) also directed the Official from the Education Department to provide the number of working days for the year 2018-19 so as to verify the bills.

Decision : The Governing Council approved the above proposal.

#### **2. Directorate of Health Services.**

The Official from the Health Department informed that an amount of Rs 14.00 lakhs has been approved by the DMF-North Goa. Further, he informed that there was an additional proposal with regards to cardiac Ambulance and other medical equipments for which an additional amount of Rs 45 Lakhs was required. The Collector/Chairperson (North DMF) directed the Official to submit two



proposals one with ambulance and other without ambulance to the DMF North Goa. He was also directed to devise proposals which are over and above the usual functioning of the Department, which can be utilized specifically for the benefit of the mining affected areas.

Decision : The Governing Council approved the above proposal.

### **3. Directorate of Women and Child Development**

The Collector/Chairperson (North DMF) inquired with the member from the WCDS regarding the proposal of Anganwadis and directed her to identify, verify and prioritize the Anganwadis that need renovation and also to take help from the PMU for identifying such Anganwadis so as to start the renovation work.

On submission of the account details, funds will be transferred to implement the proposals approved earlier.

Decision : The Governing Council approved the above proposal.

### **4. Water Resources Department**

The Collector/Chairperson (North DMF) briefed all the members present for the meeting regarding the directions of the Hon'ble High Court in MCA No. 354 of 2017 in PIL WP No. 1 of 2008 with regards to the de-siltation of Agricultural fields, nallahs in Sirigao village of Bicholim taluka and inquired with member from the Water Resource Department- Bicholim regarding the present status of the same. The EE, WRD replied that the tender was floated for the same. However no party has come forward for taking up the work.

The Collector/Chairperson (North DMF) directed the member from the Agriculture Department to identify the details of the area and ascertain the number of farmers that would be benefitted and also inquired about the extent of area that could be de-silted. The EE, WRD replied that 30% of the area is demarcated. The Collector/Chairperson (North DMF) further directed the Agriculture Department to start conducting awareness and motivation workshops for the concerned farmers so as to ensure that the farmers take up cultivation after the area is de-silted and the money utilized is put to proper use.

The Collector/Chairperson (North DMF) thereafter inquired with respect to the budget allocation for the purpose of Irrigation under DMF and as the budget amount was less, directed that re-appropriation of the budget amount was needed to be done and amount under Environmental Preservation and Pollution Control Measures could be re-appropriated so that the expenditure of Rupees 2.0 Crores could be met.

The Collector/Chairperson (North DMF) directed the EE, WRD that a separate Account needs to be opened exclusively for DMF purpose so that the funds could be transferred to the said Account and the DMF fund could be monitored properly.

Decision : The Governing Council approved the above proposal.



## **5. Public Works Department**

The member from the PWD informed the Committee that the sanction accorded earlier was upto January 2020 and that provision needs to be made till May 2020 for provision of water through tankers. He further informed that he has personally conducted house to house verification of the status of piped water to the affected areas and except a few houses who do not have piped water due to legal issues, most houses had sufficient piped water.

The Collector/Chairperson (North DMF) thereafter directed the member to provide exact details of the houses without piped water and suggested that the legal issue could be taken up with the Dy. Collector and sorted out so that 100% coverage can be achieved and supply of water through Tankers could be discontinued in such areas.

The following new proposals were considered in addition to the previously sanctioned proposals:

| <b>Sr. No.</b> | <b>Proposal</b>   | <b>Panchayat</b> |
|----------------|---|------------------|
| 1              | Supplying of potable water by water tankers to the mining affected villages of Vaghurem, Kodiye, Shigne and surrounding areas | V.P. Pissurlem   |
| 2              | Supply of potable water by water tankers to the mining affected villages of Sonshi, Soliyem and surrounding areas             | V.P. Honda       |

The Collector/Chairperson (North DMF) directed the member to provide the exact number of beneficiaries and the amount required for extension of water supply through tankers upto March 2020 including the above two proposals.

An in-principle approval was accorded for the above extension at the prevailing rates.

Decision : The Governing Council approved the above proposal.

## **6. Directorate of Education**

It was informed by the Representative of the PMU that a meeting was held with the Director of Education to discuss the proposal in detail since the proposal submitted earlier had a few schools missing as well as there was a mistake in the budget calculations. The Director had accordingly asked the Department to revise the proposal, which was presented to the Committee during the meeting.

In addition to the earlier proposal, the Department proposed setting up two smart classrooms per school including the Higher Secondary Schools in the mining affected areas. The total project cost proposed was Rs. 4,52,00,000/-

While the proposal was appreciated, the Collector/Chairperson (North DMF) brought to the notice of the member that the budget allocation for the Education sector was 1.846 Cr for 2019-20 and that



the proposal will have to be reworked to fit into the budgetary allocation. Further, she informed that the sanction accorded for payment of transportation bills of school children would be booked under the Education sector.

The Collector/Chairperson (North DMF) directed the PMU to work with the Department and rework the proposal taking the above into consideration.

An in-principle approval was accorded to the proposal subject to the budgetary allocation for the education sector.

Decision : The Governing Council approved the above proposal.

## 7. Directorate of Social Welfare

The Collector/Chairperson (North DMF) inquired with the member present if the beneficiary list has been finalized for the approval accorded in the previous Governing Council meeting. The member present informed that three cases of cochlear implant have been scrutinized and found deserving, while the other verifications are ongoing. The Collector/Chairperson (North DMF) expressed concern about the delay in verification and directed the member to scrutinise the same on priority.

The PMU informed the members that a format has been developed in consultation with the Directorate of Social Welfare to collect updated information on all the beneficiaries registered with the Department so that such issues of last minute verification does not arise in the future and it would also aid in devising new proposals.

Decision : The Governing Council approved the above proposal.

## 8. Department of Electricity

The Collector/Chairperson (North DMF) inquired about the status of the proposal from the Department of Electricity. The member present informed that a proposal worth Rs. 3,42,37,258/-has been submitted to the DMF.

The Collector/Chairperson (North DMF) brought to the notice of the member that the budget allocation for Energy & Watershed is Rs. 1.846 Cr. and that the present proposals will have to be prioritised as per the budget. The member present suggested the following proposals to be taken up on priority:

| Sr. No. | Village   | Proposal   | Amount   |
|---------|-----------|--|----------|
| 1       | Pissurlem | Renovation and improvement of erection of new 200KVA transformer and LT distribution network at Shantinagar under the jurisdiction of Sub-Div-III (O&M), Valpoi. | 6,89,615 |



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| 2            | Pissurlem | Renovation and improvement of erection of new 150KVA DTC to 200KVA DTC and LT distribution network under the jurisdiction of Sub-Div-III (O&M), Valpoi.                            | 4,10,648         |
| 3            | Honda     | Renovation and improvement for enhancement of 63KVA DTC to 100KVA DTC and LT distribution network at Soliyem under the jurisdiction of of Sub-Div-III (O&M), Valpoi.               | 5,71,661         |
| 4            | Surla     | Erection of new 200KVA transformer centre at Dergun, Dignem for distribution of irrigation water from mining pit to the fields through drip/micro sprinkler method.                | 9,06,468         |
| 5            | Surla     | Extension of 1 Phase 4 wire LT and A.P.S. to 10 No. of LED fitting, 25 watts at Siddheshwar Nagar, Bhile.  | 4,08,300         |
| 6            | Dhabdaba  | Enhancement of transformer capacity from 100 KVA to 200 KVA at Katarwada & Dhabdaba, Bicholim, in the Jurisdiction of Section Office Bicholim under Sub Division – I (U), Bicholim | 6,41,579         |
| <b>TOTAL</b> |           |  | <b>36,28,271</b> |

Accordingly, an amount of Rs. 36,28,271/- was recommended by the Committee to the Governing Council for approval.

Decision : The above proposal was approved by the Governing Council.

## 9. Directorate of Agriculture

The PMU updated the members on the action initiated on the directions of the Collector/Chairperson (North DMF) for initiating pilot demonstration plots for revitalization of fallow agriculture fields. It was informed that after the meeting held by the Collector/Chairperson (North DMF) on December 09, 2019, a field visit was organized on December 12, 2019 along with the concerned ZAOs of Bicholim, Sanquelim and Valpoi to identify the fields in the respective zones. The ZAOs have selected fields in the villages of Pissurlem (ZAO-Valpoi), Baye-Surla (ZAO-Sanquelim) and Mayem (ZAO-Bicholim) which had the consent of the cultivators as well.

Further, scientists from the ICAR collected soil samples for analysis and the report is expected in a few days.

The Collector/Chairperson (North DMF) directed that once the soil analysis report is received, the respective ZAOs have to create a comprehensive project proposal for the selected fields including budget and submit for the approval of the Governing Council. It was also directed that the existing schemes of the Directorate should be fully utilized for this purpose and gap funding should be requested from the DMF.



The PMU brought to the notice of the members that by the time the proposal takes shape and is sanctioned, the present winter (Rabi) season may be lost and that the project can effectively be taken up only in the next winter season.

The Collector/Chairperson (North DMF) while agreeing to the observation instructed that the proposal should be prepared without any delay so that it can be implemented at the earliest.

Decision : The Governing Council approved the above proposal.

#### **Any other subject**

The following subjects were placed before the Governing Council as discussed by the Managing Committee.

- i. The Collector/Chairperson (North DMF) inquired from the respective Officials of the concerned Departments whether the funds are needed to be transferred to any particular account or any separate account is used. The members present replied no separate DMF account was maintained by them. It was decided that all the Departments will maintain a separate Account exclusively for DMF purpose. The details of the bank account should be shared with the Member Secretary, DMF, North Goa. The approved amount will be directly transferred through NEFT by DMF.

Decision: The Managing Council approved the above proposal with a suggestion that a common proposal for seeking permission for opening new account exclusively for DMF should be moved by the Department of Mines & Geology to the Finance Department and all the Departments should provide their Bank details like MICR code/NEFT details/Copy of passbook details as and when the Account was opened.

- ii. The Member Secretary informed the Members that the DMF money is parked in SBI, which earns a meagre interest of 4.5% and that other banks offer better rates of interest. He proposed that the funds should be distributed across banks, in the bracket and period for which maximum interest can be accrued.

The Committee while agreeing to the suggestion, decided to call for offer letters from banks and process the same to put up for approval.

Decision: The Governing Council approved the above subject.

- iii. The Member Secretary also informed that bills of refreshments/snacks provided during earlier meetings are remaining to be settled.



It was decided that the said bills of refreshments/snacks and all refreshments/snacks bills pertaining to all other meetings of Governing Council and Managing Committee in future should be settled from the budget that is allocated towards Administrative expenditure of DMF.

Decision: The Governing Council approved the above proposal.

As there were no more items to be discussed, the meeting concluded with thanks to the Chairperson.

This is issued with the approval of Chairperson, DMF -North.

**Place:-Panaji - Goa.**

**Date: 08/01/2020**



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