

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF
THE DISTRICT MINERAL FOUNDATION (TRUST) NORTH GOA
HELD ON 10TH SEPTEMBER 2020 VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE
UNDER THE CHAIRPERSONSHIP OF THE COLLECTOR (NORTH)/
CHAIRPERSON DMF (TRUST) NORTH, GOA, AT 3:30P.M.**

A meeting was convened on 10th September 2020 at 03:30 p.m. via video conference by the Collector (North) & Chairperson District Mineral Foundation (Trust), North Goa of the Governing Council of the District Mineral Foundation (Trust), North.

The following Officials attended the Governing Council meeting via video conference:

Sr.N o.	Name	Designation & Department
1	Smt. R. Menaka, I.A.S	Collector (North) & Chairperson - DMF (Trust), North Goa.
2	Shri. Joshua Peter De Souza	M.L.A, Mapusa Constituency.
3	Shri. Glenn Ticlo	MLA, Aldona Constituency.
4	Shri. Y. Durga Prasad	Director, Directorate of Planning Statistics & Evaluation.
5	Shri. Manuel Barreto	Member Secretary, DMF (Trust), North Goa / Dy. Director - I, Directorate of Mines and Geology.
6	Smt. Sweta alias Sonam Parulekar	CDPO, Women & Child Development, Bicholim.
7	Shri. Prashant Gaude	AE, SD-III, P.W.D, Div-XXIV.
8	Shri. Arun M. Naik	Executive Engineer, Water Resources Department, Bicholim.
9	Smt. Supriya Arolkar	Assistant Director, Directorate of Social Welfare, Panaji.
10	Dr. Sunita S. Perni	Medical Officer, Directorate of Health Services, Panaji.
11	Shri. Manoj B. Sawalkar	Dy. Director, North Education Zone, Directorate of Education.
12	Smt. Fiona Cardozo Audrey	Dy. Director of Panchayats, North Goa.
14	Shri. Nevil Alphonso	District Agriculture Officer (North Goa), Directorate of Agriculture.
13	Shri. Altaf Rafi Aga	JE, SD-II/D-XXIV, Bicholim, Goa.
14	Shri. Parag Ranganekar	Programme Manager, Mineral Foundation of Goa, Panaji-Goa.
15	Dr. Pradip Sarmakadam	Member Secretary, Goa State Biodiversity Board, Saligao-Goa.
16	Shri. Glenn Kalavampara	Secretary, GMOEA.

At the outset the Member Secretary, DMF (Trust) North Goa welcomed all the officials present for the meeting via video conference and mentioned that as decided in the last Governing Council meeting in view of the Covid 19

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pandemic, the DMF meeting is conducted via video conference and also the Governing Council meeting is held 2 weeks after the conduct of the Managing Committee's meeting. The Agenda points have been forwarded to all the Members in advance.

Thereafter the following Agenda points were discussed:

1. Approval for guidelines to be adopted for payment of bills of works executed through DMF.

The Collector/Chairperson - DMF (Trust), North Goa at the start briefed all the members present with regards to the approval for guidelines to be adopted for payment of bills of works executed through DMF. The Collector/Chairperson DMF (Trust) North Goa mentioned that Finance Department has rejected the proposal of the District Mineral Foundation for opening of new accounts by each Department exclusively for receiving funds under DMF and therefore a set of guidelines was proposed to the Government for approval for making payments through DMF funds. The Government has approved the proposed guidelines and the new guidelines have already been e-mailed to all the members/ officials concerned for perusal.

The Collector/Chairperson DMF (Trust) North Goa informed that the concerned Departments have to follow the new guidelines for any project/proposal which is proposed under and approved by the DMF. The Administrative Approval and Expenditure Sanction will be conveyed by the Member Secretary DMF (North Goa) to the Department after approval by the Chairperson. The Department / implementing agency will submit the certified bills for payment to the DMF. The statutory payments/deductions will be handled by the Departments concerned.

Decision: - The Council after discussion agreed to accept the guidelines as approved by the Government.

2. Discussion on new proposals:

The following new proposals were taken up for discussion:

i) Proposal from the Goa State Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (GSIDCL):

The Member Secretary – DMF (Trust), North Goa briefed all the members that the proposal received from GSIDCL with regards to “Repairs/Up gradation and Maintenance of Government schools in the State of Goa – Civil, Plumbing and Electrical Works - Schools undertaken under mining belt in the State of Goa” was approved by the Committee for 21 number of schools in Mining affected areas of North Goa District for an amount of Rs. 2.967 Crores. However, it was decided during the last Managing Committee's and Governing Council's meeting that the proposal should be routed through the Education Department. Accordingly, the Education Department has now forwarded the proposal for repair of 3 schools in mining affected area for an amount of Rs. 1,26,16,216.18 through GSIDCL.

The Member Secretary DMF (Trust), North Goa informed the members that earlier the proposal was approved for 21 numbers of schools which included GPS Gaonkarwada Vantem and GPS Advoi. However, GHS Bhuipal was not in the earlier list provided by GSIDCL but Bhuipal village is included under the mining affected areas of North Goa District.

The Member from the GMOEA mentioned that the cost of the project appears to be on the higher side and also mentioned that such proposal should be verified by the Managing Committee before being taken up for the Governing Council meeting.

The Chairperson informed the Member that the proposal was already verified by the Education Department as suggested by the Governing Council and only 3 schools as mentioned were considered i.e. GPS Gaonkarwada Vantem, GPS Advoi and GHS Bhuipal amounting to Rs. 1,26,16,216.18 and the details of expenditure were as submitted by the Education Department.

The Collector/Chairperson – DMF (Trust), North Goa, further asked the Member from the Education Department to brief all the members present about the proposal. The Member from the Education Department replied that the repair and renovation of schools in the State of Goa is carried out by the GSIDCL and since there was shortage of funds with GSIDCL for carrying out the school repair works the same was forwarded to the District Mineral Foundation for requirement of fund.

The Collector/Chairperson - DMF (Trust), North Goa also directed the Member from the Education Department to submit to the DMF the details as to how the proposal is beneficial to the mining affected people and also what are the repair works carried out/to be carried out in the above said 3 schools.

Decision: - The Committee after discussion approved the proposal of GSIDCL as forwarded after verification by the Education Department for repair works undertaken of GPS Gaonkarwada Vantem, GPS Advoi and GHS Bhuipal for release of payment towards repairs after due procedure for Rs. 1,26,16,216.18/- .

ii) Proposal from the Directorate of Education:

The Member Secretary DMF (Trust) North Goa placed before the Council the revised proposal as received from the Education Department regarding Smart Classes for an amount of Rs. 79,04,160/-. The Chairperson asked the Member from the Education Department to brief the Council regarding the proposal. The Member from the Education Department submitted that the proposal is for procurement of Smart LCD panels for schools in mining affected areas for online and offline mode of education for school children. The funds sought Rs. 79,04,160/- as per the proposal were after taking quotations from 3 different agencies and the least quote is considered for the proposal.

The Member Secretary DMF (Trust) North Goa informed that the Expenditure sanction will be issued to the Department once the Education Department submits the details to the DMF.

The Member from the GMOEA mentioned that the proposal should be put up before the Managing Committee. The Chairperson informed that the proposal was already discussed by the Managing Committee and approved. The

Chairperson thereafter read the names of all the schools and informed that the list of the Schools will be annexed along with the Minutes of the meeting.

Decision: The Council after discussion decided that the decision on the said proposal can be taken once all the Members study the list of the schools submitted under the said proposal.

iii) Proposals from the Public Works Department:

The Member Secretary DMF (Trust) North Goa informed that the following 3 proposals were received from the P.W.D, Bicholim:

1. Supplying of potable water by water tanker to mining affected village Shantinagar in VP Pissurlem and Ovalye & surrounding areas in VP Honda amounting to Rs.15,84,334/- (tendered amount).
 2. Supplying of potable water by water tanker to mining affected villages of Sonshi and surrounding areas in VP Honda amounting to Rs.16,63,551/- (tendered amount).
 3. Work to be taken up under DMF in mining affected areas of Bicholim Constituency in Bicholim Taluka for an amount of Rs.9,68,48,690/-.
- The proposal is for replacing of pipeline from Bicholim to Mulgao and for replacing pipeline within the area of Bicholim Municipal Council.

The Member Secretary DMF (Trust) North Goa informed that these proposals were scrutinized by the Managing Committee and it was agreed by the Committee that the first 2 proposals with regards to supplying of potable water by water tanker which were already approved can be taken up under DMF (Trust), North Goa funds while the third proposal i.e. Work to be taken up under DMF in mining affected areas of Bicholim Constituency in Bicholim Taluka for an amount of Rs.9,68,48,690/- for replacing of pipeline from Bicholim to Mulgao and for replacing pipeline within the area of Bicholim Municipal Council cannot be taken up at this stage since there were no more funds available under the budget allotted for water supply under DMF(Trust), North Goa.

Decision:- After discussion, the Governing Council agreed to release the funds towards the proposals at Sr. No 1 & 2 above as per the new guidelines approved by the Government for payments to be made under the DMF (Trust), North Goa and further to inform the PWD to take up the proposal at Sr.No. 3 under their own budget head.

iv) Transportation Facility for School Going Children:

The Member Secretary DMF (Trust) North Goa informed the Members that bills towards transportation facility provided to school children by 7 transporters for an amount of Rs. 17,71,390/- and earlier for 3 transporters for an amount of Rs 2,66,153/- have been paid as approved during the previous meetings for transportation facility provided to school children for the period 2018-19 and informed the Members that other bills of transporters will be cleared for payment after verification of all details as provided by the concerned Transporters. The Collector/ Chairperson DMF (Trust), North Goa mentioned that the transportation matter will not be taken up in every meeting as it was already taken up in the earlier meetings and approved. However, since the transportation details as put up by the Managing Committee were approved by the Managing Council for payment, the Members will be informed the details of the bills paid as approved by them.

The Member from the GMOEA inquired about the transportation for school children for the period 2019-20 through DMF. The Collector/ Chairperson DMF (Trust), North Goa replied that as of now no such proposal is considered for the period 2019-20. The subject can be discussed in the next meeting of the Managing Committee.

Decision: The Council after discussion agreed to the said suggestions.

v) Proposal from the Directorate of Women and Child Development:

The Collector/ Chairperson DMF (Trust) North Goa inquired with the representative of the Women and Child Development as regards further progress with respect to the proposal of Anganwadi renovation. The Member from the WCD replied that they have already requested the P.W.D to provide the cost estimate and it will be provided by the end of September, 2020. The proposal will be submitted to the Committee once the cost estimates were received from the P.W.D.

The Representative of the Women and Child Development inquired about the administrative approval to be accorded to the approved proposal of Utensils and Water purifiers to Anganwadi Centres i.e. Rs 17,11,954/- in Mining affected areas.

The Member Secretary DMF (Trust), North Goa replied that the Administrative approval will be given once the Department submits all the necessary details and documents to the DMF (Trust) North.

Decision: The Council after discussion approved the same.

vi) Proposal from Water Resources Department:

The Collector/ Chairperson DMF-(Trust) North Goa inquired regarding the progress of the work pertaining to Water Resources Department from the representative of WRD. The Member from the Water Resources Department briefed the Council with regards to pumping of water from the pit. He mentioned that an amount of Rs.4.5 Lakhs (approx.) was utilized for pumping of water last year and this year an amount of Rs. 16.5 Lakhs (approx.) was utilized. However, balance amount of Rs. 23 Lakhs (approx.) was still available with the Department which will be used this year. He also mentioned that they have moved a Departmental proposal for Government approval under a separate budget head for pumping of water and if that was approved then the balance DMF funds of Rs. 23 Lakhs (approx.) available with the WRD would be returned to the DMF (Trust), North Goa.

Further, the Member from the Water Resources Department briefed the Council regarding de-siltation work carried out through DMF funds which has benefitted around 30 Ha. of land and mentioned that cultivation has been carried out for most of the area of the de-silted land. The remaining work of de-siltation will be carried out after December, 2020.

The Member Secretary DMF (Trust) North Goa informed the Member from the Water Resources Department that they had to submit the Utilization Certificate to the DMF towards the funds utilized for the approved work.

Decision: The Council after discussion agreed to the same.

vii) Proposal from the Directorate of Social Welfare:-

The Collector/ Chairperson DMF (Trust), North Goa inquired from the Member from the Social Welfare Department regarding the status of Scheme to be prepared for considering the proposals from Social Welfare Department and what is the method/procedure adopted for selection of the beneficiaries. The Collector/ Chairperson DMF (Trust), North Goa further informed the Member that formulating a scheme and submitting the proposal would be ideal rather than forwarding individual proposals to the DMF.

The Member from the Social Welfare Department replied that the process of forming a Scheme has started and the same would be divided into 2 parts as under:

1. Scheme for assistive devices for disabled.
2. Scheme for self employment for disabled.

Further, with respect to the proposal of Cochlear implants submitted by the Department and approved by the Council earlier, the Member was informed to submit the proposal after doing all the codal formalities and the same would be approved thereafter for release of funds as per the new guidelines.

The Collector/ Chairperson DMF (Trust), North Goa informed the member that all the proposals except Cochlear Implants as submitted by them are deferred till the Department submits the same to the DMF with a proper scheme.

Decision: The Council after discussion approved both the above proposals.

viii) Proposals from the Department of Electricity:-

The Member Secretary DMF (Trust), North Goa, informed the Council that the proposals of the Electricity Department approved during the last meeting w.r.t. erection and distribution of Transformers in Mayem and Pilgao villages for an amount of Rs. 40,94,523/- was approved by the Governing Council in the meeting dated 05-06-2020 and that for Pissurlem, Honda, Surla Villages and Dhabdaba (Bicholim) for an amount of Rs. 36,28,271/- was approved by the Governing Council in the meeting dated 08-01-2020.

The Member Secretary DMF (Trust), North Goa, also informed that the administrative approval will be given to the Electricity Department and the Expenditure sanction will be conveyed to the Department once all the codal formalities are followed by the Electricity Department and the details are submitted to the DMF (North).

Decision: The Council after discussion approved the proposal.



3. Post facto approval for appropriation of Funds received from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund and DMF (Trust) South to DMF (Trust) North Account for Covid-19 related payments.

a. The Member Secretary DMF (Trust), North Goa briefed all the members present that an amount of Rs. 7,23,57,296/- was transferred from the District Mineral Foundation (Trust), South Goa to the District Mineral Foundation (Trust), North Goa and also an amount of Rs. 2,40,99,862/- has been received from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund Goa for expenditure to be incurred towards Covid-19 proposals received from the Directorate of Health Services (DHS) and the Goa Medical College (GMC).

The Member from the GMOEA expressed concern regarding the money made available from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund Goa for Covid-19 purpose to the DMF (Trust) North. He mentioned that the money from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund could have been directly given to the concerned Department instead of DMF North Fund since it would lead to accounting problems during auditing of the DMF funds.

The Collector/Chairperson DMF (Trust), North Goa, replied that since the release of funds to GMC, DHS was to be done from DMF North, in view of the Covid-19 emergency, the Chief Minister's Relief Fund Goa was taken under DMF account and further more, the DMF (Trust) Rules, 2018 provided for acceptance of such funds.

The Member from the GMOEA mentioned about a Newspaper article pertaining to purchase of instruments for Covid-19 purpose by the GMC/DHS. The Collector/Chairperson DMF (Trust), North Goa, informed that she was aware about the same and that it is the responsibility of the procuring Department to check that proper procedure/codal formalities for purchase of equipments were carried out. The DMF has approved the proposals as per details submitted by the Department. Further, the Member Secretary informed that as per Government of India's instructions conveyed vide DO No.7/2/2020-MIV dated 28th March, 2020, 30% funds were to be used for Covid - 19 pandemic.

b. The Member Secretary DMF (Trust), North Goa further informed the Council that in order to release funds for Covid-19 and to settle transportation bills as approved by the Council earlier, premature closure of 3 Fixed Deposit Receipts totaling Rs. 3,44,66,451/- was required.

The Member Secretary DMF (Trust), North Goa, informed the Members that the total collection towards DMF North as on July 2020 is Rs 101 crores (approximately) and of this an amount of Rs. 88 Cr (approximately) has been kept under Fixed Deposits. As per Rule 14 (a) of the DMF (Trust) Rules 2018, "50% of the amount received in terms of sub-section (5) & (6) of Section 9B of the MMDR Act, 1957 during the Financial Year shall be invested by the DMF in Fixed Deposits or Government Bonds/bank bonds. Hence more, amount is kept under Fixed Deposits than required.

The Collector/Chairperson DMF (Trust) North Goa then inquired with all the Members present if they agree towards regularizing the receipt of funds from DMF (Trust) South Goa and CM's relief fund to DMF (Trust) North Goa as at (a) above and for premature closing of 3 Fixed Deposits totaling Rs. 3,44,66,451/-

as at **(b)** so as to release funds for Covid-19 pandemic as approved by the Governing Council earlier and settling transportation bills.

Decision: The Council after discussion unanimously approved both the proposals as at **(a)** and **(b)** above.

4. Presentation by the Bio-Diversity board regarding the project proposal titled "GoVan Project".

The Member Secretary Goa State Bio Diversity Board made an online presentation of the project proposal titled "Go Van".

The Member from the GMOEA mentioned that the proposal has to be shared with the Members of the Governing Council so as to better understand the proposal.

The Collector/Chairperson DMF (Trust), North Goa after the presentation by the Member Secretary, Goa State Bio Diversity Board, suggested that the proposal has to be revised and resubmitted along with the details such as number of beneficiaries that would be benefitted and the impact on the people in the mining affected areas of North Goa.

The Collector/Chairperson DMF, North Goa mentioned that the proposal has to be re-submitted to the DMF and it should be taken up in the next meeting of the Managing Committee and the Governing Council for decision.

Decision: The Council after discussion agreed to the suggestion of the Collector/Chairperson DMF (Trust), North Goa.

5. Proposal regarding De-watering of Poirra pit for purpose of safety measures during monsoon, 2020 by M/s Rajaram Bandekar (Sirigao) Mines Pvt. Ltd. and payment through DMF.

The Member Secretary DMF (Trust), North Goa briefed all the members present regarding the De-watering of Poirra pit for purpose of safety measures during Monsoon, 2020, by M/s Rajaram Bandekar (Sirigao) Mines Pvt. Ltd. and payment through DMF.

The Member Secretary, DMF (Trust), North Goa, informed the Council that the Managing Committee had decided that no proposal will be taken up directly from any Company/person and it has to be routed through the concerned Department i.e. the Water Resources Department in the present case.

It was therefore decided to write to the concerned mining lease holder to route the proposal through proper channel.

Decision: The Council unanimously agreed to the said suggestion.

6. Any other subject.

(a) The Member Secretary DMF (Trust), North Goa informed the Members that there is a proposal from the Bharti Bandodkar Primary School, Velguem-Bicholim, for payment to Transporters for providing transport facility to School going children for the academic year 2019-20.

The Collector/Chairperson DMF (Trust) North Goa replied that such proposal cannot be accepted as it is for the academic year 2019-20 and the DMF Trust (North Goa) had already decided that payment towards transportation for the academic year 2018-19 which was not paid by the mining companies would only be considered. However, it was decided to take up such proposal for discussion for the period 2019-20 during the next meeting of the Managing Committee and Governing Council, for further decision.

Decision: The Members present concurred with the same.

(b) The Member Secretary informed that in the meeting of the Managing Committee and Governing Council dated 08-01-2020 it was decided that bank rates of different banks should be taken in order to see that the amount collected under DMF and deposited in the banks get a good rate of interest.

Accordingly, DMF amounts held by way of Fixed Deposits Receipts (FDRs) in different banks were brought to the notice of the members and also the present rates of interest offered by the Nationalized banks.

All the Members were of the view that since the FDRs were auto renewed, they should be allowed to continue till their maturity date so that premature closing does not disturb the interest that will accrue against the said FDRs.

Decision: The Council decided that once the PMU comes on board the Governing Council could then rework on the Deposits and necessary decision could be taken in the matter so that the DMF (Trust) Funds enjoy the maximum rate of interest.

(c) The Member from the GMOEA suggested that all the concerned Departments when they submit their proposals should also mention the benefits that would accrue to the Mining affected people and the number of beneficiaries that would be benefitted.

Decision: The Council Members agreed to the said suggestion and suggested to inform the same to all the concerned Departments.

Since there were no other matters to be discussed, the meeting ended with thanks to the Chairperson.

This is issued with the approval of the Chairperson, DMF (Trust), North Goa.

Place:-Panaji - Goa.

Date: 10/09/2020



(Manuel Barreto)

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