

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT MINERAL FOUNDATION (TRUST), NORTH GOA HELD ON 29th JANUARY, 2021 AT 12 NOON UNDER THE CHAIRPERSONSHIP OF THE COLLECTOR (NORTH)/ CHAIRPERSON DMF (TRUST), NORTH GOA IN THE CONFERENCE HALL, OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR, COLLECTORATE BUILDING, PANAJI-GOA.

A meeting was convened on 29th January, 2021 at 12:00 noon in the Conference Hall of the Collector, North Goa, by the Collector (North)/Chairperson District Mineral Foundation (Trust), North Goa of the Governing Council of the District Mineral Foundation (Trust), North Goa.

The following Members attended the Meeting:

Sr. No	Name	Designation & Department
1	Smt. R.Menaka, I.A.S	Collector (North) & Chairperson- DMF (Trust), North Goa.
2	Shri. Pravin Zantye	M.L.A, Mayem Constituency.
3	Shri. S.D. Patil	Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department.
4	Shri. Manuel Barreto	Member Secretary, DMF (Trust), North Goa /Dy. Director - I, Directorate of Mines &Geology.
5	Shri.Mallappa Hullalada	Executive Engineer, SE-II(N), Electricity Department, Panaji Goa.
6	Smt. Supriya Arolkar	Assistant Director, Directorate of Social Welfare (attended online).
7	Dr. Sunita S. Pemi	Medical Officer, Directorate of Health Services, Panaji (attended online).
8	Shri. Keshav V. Deshpande	AE III/ W.D VI, W.R.D
9	Smt. Sweta alias Sonam Parulekar	CDPO, Women & Child Development, Bicholim.
10	Shri. Manoj B. Sawalkar	Dy. Director, North Education Zone, Directorate of Education.
11	Shri. Nitin V. S. Neurekar	EE, WD XXIV, P.W.D, Bicholim.
12	Shri. Vasudev L.Parab	AE, SD-I (Civil), W.D-XXIV (PHE-N),P.W.D, Bicholim- Goa.
13	Shri. D.Y. Salelkar	Executive Engineer - VI, Water Resources Department- Bicholim.
14	Shri. Shah Abdul Aziz Hussain	JE, Water Resources Department.
15	Shri. Sandip Sawant	R.A, Directorate of Planning Statistics and Evaluation.
16	Shri. Shailesh Pokle	Asst. Engineer, Water Resources Department- Valpoi.
17	Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam	Goa State Biodiversity Board, Panaji- Goa (attended online).
18	Miss. Prajakta D. Goltekar	BDO, Directorate of Panchayats.
19	Shri. Siddesh Naik	JE, WD-XXIV, P.W.D, Bicholim.
20	Shri. Altaf Rafi Aga	JE, SD-I/WD-XXIV (PHE-N), P.W.D, Bicholim- Goa.
21	Shri. Glen Kalavampara	Secretary, GMOEA
22	Shri. Parag Rangnekar	Project Manager, Mineral Foundation Goa.
23	Shri. Girish Salgaonkar	Directorate of Agriculture, Panaji- Goa (attended online).

At the outset the Member Secretary, DMF (Trust) North Goa welcomed all the Members present for the meeting and thereafter proceeded to discuss the Agenda items as follows:

1. Review of the progress of the proposals approved as per the minutes of the last meeting of the Governing Council dated 29-10-2020.

This item was kept back to be discussed later at the end of the other items as on the Agenda.

2. To decide on the pending proposals under the DMF Trust.

a) The Agenda item No. 3 i.e. "the proposals received from PWD vide Note dated 21/07/2020" as discussed and approved during the Managing Committee's Meeting on 20/01/2021 was taken up for discussion as a pending proposal.

The Member from the P.W.D informed that there are three proposals, namely:

- i) Improvement of water supply system to Kelbaiwada, Gaonkarwada, Chimulwada and Poirā, in Mayem Constituency in Bicholim Taluka, laying of 250mm dia DI Pipeline – Rs. 4,20,51,748.00.
- ii) Replacement of 150mm dia AC Pipeline to 200mm Dia DI pipeline from Bhavkai to Tikhazan Mayem, Haturli in V.P. Mayem-Vaigiem of Mayem Constituency in Bicholim Taluka – Rs.3,54,56,179.00.
- iii) Improvement of water supply to Bicholim City & V.P. Mayem Constituency of 2000m³ GLR at Lamgao in Bicholim Constituency- Rs.1,90,58,633.00.

It was informed that the above proposals for Rs. 9,65,66,560.00 was placed before the Governing Council as these projects for water supply are essential for the mining affected people. The projects would be considered depending on the availability of funds. The Member from the P.W.D, was asked to prioritize the works by the Managing Committee during its meeting on 20/01/2021.

It was informed that the funds allotted to drinking water were exhausted and as there was already a reallocation of funds earlier to meet the expenses for drinking water supply, only one project could therefore be put up for consideration of the Council at present. The Member from the PWD replied that the project namely "*Improvement of water supply system to Kelbaiwada, Gaonkarwada, Chimulwada and Poirā, in Mayem Constituency in Bicholim Taluka, laying of 250 mm dia DI Pipeline*" is the priority work.

It was brought to the notice of the Members that an amount of Rs. 14,08,00,000/- funds were allocated for Covid expenditure due to which the budget in the other sectors required to be curtailed. However, the Members were also informed that a Petition has been filed before the Hon'ble High Court of Bombay at Goa for reimbursement by the Government to both the DMF Trusts, the DMF (Trust) funds spent towards Covid 19 pandemic expenditure.

In view of the above and as there were funds available under the other unutilized sectors, the position of funds as available under unutilized sectors and the amount that could be reallocated from this sector was brought to the notice of the Governing Council Members as under:

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(Amount in Cr.Rs)						
Sr. No	Sector	Fund Allocated	Amount for which existing proposals are received and approved	Amount reallocated earlier	Amount available for current re-allocation	Amount to be reallocated for current proposal of PWD
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
1.	Welfare of Women & child	4.614	0.171	2.400	2.043	1.00
2.	Welfare of Aged & Disabled people	2.307	0.095	0.000	2.212	1.00
3.	Skill Development	6.921	1.96	3.000	1.961	0.800
4.	Energy & Watershed development	4.614	0.772	0.000	3.842	1.41
				TOTAL		4.21

The Governing Council members were of the opinion that funds have to be utilized in diverse sectors for the welfare of the Mining affected people for their overall development and not be restricted to infrastructure projects alone. It was discussed that all Departments should take initiative to develop new projects/schemes under DMF. This was endorsed by the Chairperson. All Departments were informed to bring in proposals for Mining Affected people so that the DMF funds can be utilized across sectors.

Decision:

The Governing Council Members after discussion approved the project “Improvement of water supply system to Kelbaiwada, Gaonkarwada, Chinulwada and Poirā, in Mayem Constituency in Bicholim Taluka, laying of 250 mm dia DI Pipeline” for Rs. 4,20,51,748.00 by reallocating amounts from the budget heads as mentioned above at “A” and as per the provision made of Rs. 4.21 Crores in column (g).

b) Proposal from the Electricity Department.

The proposals of the Electricity Department pertaining to Renovation / Enhancement of transformers were approved in the last Governing Council’s meeting. However, it was informed to the Council Members that as per Rule 13(2) (c) of the Goa District Mineral Foundation (Trust) Rules, 2018 projects for developing alternate source of energy were to be considered under the other priority sectors but the Council in its earlier meetings had approved the projects as submitted by the Electricity Department which were the urgent requirement of the people since no proposals were submitted by the Electricity Department under the non conventional energy sector.

The Chairperson further inquired with the Member from the Electricity Department with regards to the proposal regarding non conventional energy sector. The Member informed that the Department had selected an area at Doncalwada in Pissurlem village and presently the survey of the area is being done. The Chairperson informed the Member that the proposal with regards to solar energy could be funded partly through the DMF and remaining amount could be sourced from other existing schemes of the State and Central Government. The Member from the GMOEA suggested that a feasibility report with regards to the proposals of Electricity Department will have to be submitted.

Decision:

The Council agreed for granting Administrative approval and expenditure sanction to all the proposals as approved earlier by the Council. In principle approval was given for the proposal to be taken up under non conventional energy by the Electricity Department, the details of which will have to be put up before the Council in the future meeting.

c) Proposal from the Education Department.

The proposals of smart classroom submitted by the Education Department and approved by the Managing Committee regarding three more schools in the mining affected areas of North Goa which could be taken up within the limit of the earlier approved cost was discussed.

Decision:

The Governing Council agreed and approved the proposal to include three more Schools namely i) Saraswati Vidya Mandir, Assanora, ii) Dr. K. B. Hegdewar, Karapur, Bicholim iii) Dnyanyoti High School, Karapur, Bicholim for setting up of Smart Classes as the same was within the limit of the earlier cost as approved by the Governing Council.

d) Proposal from the Social Welfare Department.

The Member from Social Welfare Department informed that the funds sanctioned by DMF have already been given to the firm and Cochlear implant has been fitted to the beneficiary surgically and that the necessary documents will be submitted to the DMF (Trust), North Goa, along with the photographs. The Member from GMOEA also suggested that branding of the same needs to be done as the same has been sponsored through the DMF funds.

Further, the Member from Social Welfare Department informed that the codal formalities regarding the new scheme were in process and the same would be submitted to the DMF (Trust), North Goa, once finalized by the Department.

Decision:

The Council informed the Member to expedite the said proposals.

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e) Proposal from the Women and Child Department.

The Member informed the Council that the proposal of construction of new premises of Anganwadi Centres for Bicholim and Sattari taluka under the DMF funds is forwarded to the DMF (Trust), North Goa.

The Chairperson informed that as decided in the Managing Committee's meeting dated 20/01/2021, any one proposal which was clear in all respects could be considered and for that, the proposal needs to be put up before the Managing Committee and then the same can be taken up by the Governing Council for decision.

Further, as decided in the Managing Committee's meeting, the Member from the Women & Child Department was told to expedite the proposal of repair of Anganwadi Centres.

Decision:

The Governing Council approved the above suggestion.

f) Proposal from the Directorate of Health Services.

The Member from the Health Department informed the Council that there were two proposals from the Department. One was with respect to purchase of medicine while the other was with respect to purchase of one Cardiac Ambulance for Sankhali, Bicholim and Sattari area. The Member informed that it was difficult to separate the bills for DMF purpose and therefore the idea of purchasing medicines from the DMF is dropped whereas the other proposal for an amount of approximately Rs. 49 lakhs for purchase of Cardiac Ambulance can be decided. The Member further informed that the DMF had to bear only the cost of procurement of the said ambulance and the Department would bear all the other overheads.

Further, the Chairperson instructed the Member to forward the said proposal and also the photographs and report of the funds utilised through DMF for COVID-19 pandemic.

Decision :

All the Council Members approved the above.

g) Proposal from the Goa State Biodiversity Board.

The revised proposal was earlier e-mailed to all the Members of the Governing Council as was forwarded by the Goa State Biodiversity Board. The Council deliberated on the same and wanted to know from the Member Secretary Goa State Bio-Diversity Board whether the expenditure sought was a one time or a recurring expenditure. It was clarified by the Member Secretary that the expenditure was a one time expenditure grant of Rs. 1.96 crores and was to be provided to the Bio-Diversity Board as and when the bills were submitted by the Board.



Decision:

The Governing Council approved the above proposal and decided to grant Administrative approval & Expenditure sanction to the proposal under the budget head Skill Development.

h) Proposal from the Directorate of Panchayats.

The Chairperson inquired with the Member from the Directorate of Panchayats with regards to the proposal of Material Recovery Facility at V.P. Honda in Sattari Taluka and V.P. Surla in Bicholim Taluka which was given in principle approval. The Member informed that she would get back with details for the next meeting.

The Collector/Chairperson DMF (North) also mentioned that the guidelines of Goa Waste Management Corporation have to be followed and a detailed proposal needs to be submitted to the DMF (Trust), North Goa by the Directorate of Panchayats.

Decision:

All the Council Members approved the above.

i) Proposal from the Water Resources Department.

The Member from the Water Resources Department informed that they have 2 proposals which could be discussed and decided by the Council. One was with regards to irrigation tanks, which is for an amount of Rs. 13 Lakhs (approximately) while the other is for an amount of Rs. 2.0 Cr (approximately) for providing water for irrigation to mining affected areas in Bicholim and Sattari taluka from the mining pit.

The Chairperson suggested to the Department to examine if both the projects can be taken up under the Departmental budget.

Decision :

The Council Members approved the above suggestion.

3. Briefing the Members with respect to the Order dated 05/01/2021 passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Bombay at Goa in LD-VC-CW No. 153 of 2020 pertaining to DMF (Trust).

The Member Secretary DMF-North informed the Council Members regarding the Order dated 05-01-2021 of the Hon'ble High Court of Bombay at Goa in LD-VC-CW No. 153 of 2020 pertaining to the DMF (Trust) wherein directions were given by the Hon'ble Court to update the Website of DMF within a period of three weeks and to dispose off the Applications from individuals within a period of three months from the date of the said order. The Members were also informed that the Hon'ble High Court of Bombay at Goa also directed that Applications which might require formulation of schemes and involve other Government Departments as well, to place on record the status of such applications, within three months from the date of the Order and the status of such applications be constantly updated on the websites of the two DMFs.

The Chairperson therefore once again instructed the Members from all the Departments to expedite the re-examination of the proposals forwarded to the respective Departments in view of earlier Order dated 16/09/2020 of the Hon'ble High Court.

Decision:

All the Members agreed to examine the proposals and act as per the directions of the Hon'ble High Court.

4. Review of applications forwarded to the respective departments in view of the Order dated 16-09-2020 of the Hon'ble High Court of Bombay at Goa.

The Chairperson informed that the respective Departments have to examine the proposals forwarded to them by the DMF and check if such applications can be taken up under the existing Departmental Schemes or can be taken up under the DMF (Trust), North Goa as a new scheme. The Departments needed to reply to the DMF-North Goa before the **6th of March 2021** on each of the applications received by them.

Decision:

All the Council Members approved the above.

5. Review of the progress of the proposals approved as per the minutes of the last meeting of the Governing Council dated 29-10-2020.

Since all the Agenda items as listed in the Minutes of the Governing Council dated 29/10/2020 were discussed earlier under the Agenda item No. 2 of today's meeting, the review as taken earlier and the decision by the Governing Council on the said Agenda items were briefly discussed and deliberated.

6. Any other item with the permission of the chair.

(a) The Chairperson informed that the Committee Members can also suggest a logo for the DMF website. The Member Secretary was instructed to pursue the matter with the Goa College of Art for preparation and finalization of the logo as discussed in the last Council Meeting.

(b) The Chairperson informed that the Council Members of the Concerned departments would be responsible for monitoring the approved projects under the DMF (Trust), North Goa and putting to effective use, the said projects.

(c) It was informed that there was a meeting held on 15-12-2020 with the Agriculture Department, Water Resources Department and the Public Works Department with respect to the petition filed by Shri. Hanumanth Parab against the DMF (Trust), North Goa seeking relief with respect to water supply, agriculture and irrigation and thereafter, a joint inspection was carried out by the above three Departments headed by the Mamlatdar Sattari on 18-12-2020 alongwith the Petitioner and others. The Inspection Report is received by the DMF (Trust), North

Goa and the same is forwarded to the respective Departments for examining.

The Chairperson directed the concerned Departments to examine the said report and prepare the required proposals and forward the same to the DMF (Trust), North Goa for further decision.

The Member from the Public Works Department replied that the PWD has already provided sufficient tanks for water storage in Pissurlem area. However, they will also be verifying if any more tanks are required. He also mentioned that the work for laying of pipeline under 'Jal Jivan Mission' for supply of potable water in Pissurlem area is under process and will be initiated shortly.

Decision:

All the concerned Department Members agreed to examine the said Inspection Report as forwarded to them and to prepare the required proposals to be submitted to the DMF Trust for appropriate action.

(d) A proposal was put up before the Council for purchase of a Cupboard and other stationery items for the office of the DMF (Trust) North Goa situated in the Mines Department. The Governing Council was informed that there were adequate funds under the Administrative head available for making payment towards the said purchases. It was suggested that the purchase orders should be placed with the Goa Handicrafts Rural and Small Scale Industries for the cupboards and for stationery and other items to the Marketing Federation.

Decision:

All the Council Members approved the above proposal.

At the end, the Member Secretary informed the Council Members that it was the last working day of the respected Collector (North) in office since the Chairperson Madam being from the IAS cadre has been transferred to take up her new assignment in New Delhi.

All the Members appreciated the efforts of the outgoing Chairperson for guiding the DMF during its nascent stage and making the DMF (Trust), North Goa, an active and vibrant Foundation which helped in mitigating the needs of the Mining affected population of North Goa. All the Members wished the Chairperson all the very best in her future assignment in New Delhi.

Since there were no other issues to be discussed, the meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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

Place :-Panaji - Goa.

Date: 29/01/2021


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