

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MANAGING COMMITTEE NORTH GOA DISTRICT MINERAL FOUNDATION HELD ON 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2019 UNDER THE CHAIRPERSONSHIP OF THE COLLECTOR, NORTH GOA IN THE CONFERENCE HALL, OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR, COLLECTORATE BUILDING, PANAJI-GOA AT 5:00 p.m.**

A meeting was convened on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019 at 05:00 p.m. in the office of The Collector, North Goa, by the Collector, North Goa and Chairperson North Goa District Mineral Foundation of the Managing Committee of the District Mineral Foundation (North).

The Following Officials attended the meeting:

Sr.No.	Name	Designation & Department
1	Smt. R.Menaka, I.A.S	Collector, North Goa & Chairperson- North Goa DMF Committee.
2	Shri. Gopal A. Parsekar	Director of Panchayats
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.
5	Smt. Fiona Audrey Cardozo	Dy. Director of Panchayats, North Goa.
6	Shri. Arun M. Naik	Executive Engineer, Water Resource Department- Bicholim
7	Shri Manoj B. Sawaikar	Dy. Director, North Education Zone, Directorate of Education.
8	Smt Supriya Arolkar	Assistant Director, Directorate of Social Welfare.
9	Smt. Chaya Melchior	CDPO, Women & Child Development, Sattari
10	Dr. Sunita S. Perni	Medical Officer, Directorate of Health Services, Panaji.
11	Shri Mallappa Hullalada	Executive Engineer, SE-II(IV), Electricity Department, Panaji Goa
12	Shri. Yogesh S. Sawant	JE, SD-III/ WD-XXIV (P.W.D), Valpoi.
13	Shri Viraj V. Patil	TA, SD-III/WD-XXIV, Valpoi.
14	Shri Shailesh Pogle	AE, WRD, DIV(VI)
15	Shri Sandip Sawant	Research Assistant, D.P.S.E, Porvorim.
16	Shri. Parag Ranganekar	Programme Manager, Mineral Foundation of Goa, Panaji-Goa.

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

The Collector briefed that as per the notification the Managing Committee consists of the ex-officio members and the present meeting has been called to prepare the draft annual plan to be submitted to the Governing Council for approval. To begin with, the Chairperson / 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 same was reviewed as under.

### **1. Directorate of Health Services.**

Directorate of Health services submitted that the proposals regarding medical equipments, repairs/renovation, furniture and fixtures for Health Centers, besides, providing ambulance amounting to Rs. 1.85 crores had been forwarded to the DMF (North). The proposal with regards to ambulance needs to be re-examined by the Health Department.

The representative of Health Services also proposed engaging services of TERI for making scientific study of diseases affecting people of mining affected areas. The Managing Committee is of the opinion that the expenditure involved in conducting study by TERI is on a higher side. Therefore, it is decided to conduct the study through experts and Officials of the Health Department.

**(Action - Dir. of Health)**

### **2. Directorate of Education**

The Directorate of Education has forwarded the proposal for school uniforms, textbooks, afternoon meals and two computers per school in the mining affected areas. The Collector/ Chairperson of DMF (North Goa) asked whether any proposals besides those as mentioned herein above could be taken under the DMF. The Chairperson enquired if other proposals pertaining to provision of projector screens, lab equipments, teaching aids, and other related equipments could be submitted by the Department. Additional proposals could be accommodated within the budget and the same can be submitted before the Governing Council meeting. It was thereafter decided to take the proposal amounting to Rs. 25,12,880/- before the Governing Council for approval.

**(Action - Dir. of Education)**

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

The proposal submitted by the Directorate of Women and Child Development is with respect to supply of water purifier to Anganwadi Centres of Bicholim and Sattari taluka, pre-school education kits for the benefit of children in Anganwadi centers and other equipments/utensils to anganwadi centres including wall clock, floor cleaning mop, steel utensils, chairs, stools, table, pressure cooker, etc, awareness programmes amongst the beneficiaries with respect to health, anaemia, malnutrition, etc.

The Directorate of Women and Child Development also submitted proposals with respect to repair of Anganwadi Centres in Bicholim and Sattari taluka, construction of new modern Anganwadi Centres and

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procurement of bio-degradable toilets to supply to the Anganwadi centres in Bicholim and Sattari taluka. The representative of WCDS informed the Collector/Chairperson DMF (North) that the estimates with regards to proposal of repairs and construction of anganwadi will be submitted after obtaining it from the GSIDC. The Managing Committee in principle approved the proposal as submitted by the Department amounting to Rs. 123.83 Lakhs for placing the same before the Governing Council for approval.

**(Action - Dir. of Women and Child Development)**

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

The Department submitted the proposal with regards to pumping of water for irrigation and other domestic needs. The Collector/Chairperson DMF (North) enquired as to how much money was given to the Department by the DMF for irrigation and other activities. The Representatives responded that they had submitted a proposal of Rs. 1.54 Crores and out of that 45 Lakhs were sanctioned/ disbursed to the Department. However, out of 45 Lakhs only 10 lakhs were spent towards the above mentioned activities. The Collector/Chairperson DMF (North) directed that the Department has to submit the utilization certificate for the amount which was already disbursed to the DMF. The Collector/Chairperson DMF (North) also suggested that the balance amount of 35 lakhs could be utilized for any other projects in the mining affected areas.

Thereafter, Collector/Chairperson DMF (North) inquired regarding the proposal submitted to DMF North with respect to de-silting of agricultural fields, rivulets, nallahs in Sirigao village. The representative from WRD responded stating that there were High Court directions that the WRD needs to submit the estimates/tender for de-silting. The Collector/Chairperson DMF (North) responded stating that the estimate of Rs. 4.3 crores for de-silting activities is on the higher side. The details of area and number of farmers to be benefited by the project needs to be ascertained. It was decided to place the matter before the Governing Council for further decision in the matter.

Further the Collector/Chairperson DMF (North) enquired regarding the joint proposal that was to be submitted by the WRD and PWD in respect of supply of drinking water as a permanent solution. The WRD Representative responded that the cost involved in pumping of water to the water purification plant is on the higher side and therefore it was not viable to take such projects and PWD may take as a independent project of supply of drinking water. The Committee in principle decided to approve the balance amount of Rs 35 Lakhs which was already disbursed to the WRD by the DMF, for considering future proposals.

**(Action - W.R.D)**

#### **5. Public Works Departments**

The Representative of PWD stated that they have submitted a proposal for water filtration plant (1- 2 MLD) to be installed at Vaghurem for which estimates are under preparation. The said plant could benefit the people of Honda, Bironda and Pissurlem village Panchayats. The

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technical sanction for the said project is already obtained by the Department. However, the NOC with regards to allotment of Revenue land to the said project is awaited from the Government. The Collector/Chairperson DMF (North) suggested WRD to give all the technical support to the PWD for initiating the aforesaid 1-2 MLD plant at Vaghurem since the cost involved in pumping water as mentioned by the WRD is higher.

A suggestion was made by the Representative of WRD regarding involvement of TERI as a consultant for the study of ground water hydrology for Rs. 14 Lakhs was discussed. The Committee was of the opinion that such a study was already been done by the mining companies in the past and same could be obtained from the mining companies.

The Managing Committee therefore in principle approved the project at Vaghurem water filtration plant.

The Representative of PWD brought to the notice of the Committee members that there are houses where they could not provide water pipeline as there is land dispute and therefore the people are not taking water connections and therefore they are required to provide water through Tankers. The details of such land disputes are to be submitted to the Collector's Office for further action on the same. The Collector/Chairperson DMF (North) also enquired with the members of the PWD that earlier an amount of more than 50 lakhs was sanctioned for the proposal submitted by PWD with respect to supply of water through Tankers, laying of pipelines in Sonshi area and supply of water storage tanks for which there were two parts, one with work orders issued and other with work orders under process for approval. The above mentioned 50 lakhs were sanctioned for work orders issued. The Representative from the PWD mentioned that the amount for work order under process for approval will be taken through the Departmental Budget. The Collector/Chairperson DMF (North) suggested to clarify on the above mentioned issue of utilization of funds.

Since the tendering process has not been finalized, the Committee has in principle decided to accord administrative approval for extending the existing tender of supply of water through tankers for further period of two months with the assurance that within the two months the PWD shall complete all the tendering process and submit the same to the DMF.

**(Action - P.W.D)**

#### **6. Directorate of Social Welfare**

The Representative of Social Welfare submitted the proposal to the DMF in respect of Motorized Tricycles & assistive devices, cochlear implant etc. The Collector/Chairperson DMF (North) also suggested to submit any other proposal with regards to creating livelihood activities in the mining affected areas. The Committee in principle approved the same.

**(Action - Dir. of Social Welfare)**

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## **7. Department of Electricity**

The Collector/Chairperson DMF (North) inquired with the Representative of the Electricity Department whether they have any proposal to be placed before the Committee. The Representative responded that as of now they do not have any proposals in hand for placing before the DMF. However, they would make a study in a couple of days and submit the same before the meeting of the Governing Council.

The Representative of the Electricity Department mentioned that they are in the process of preparing a proposal of installation of Transformers in mining affected areas where there is a low voltage, supply of LED bulbs, street light conductors, extension of street lights, fixtures etc. for which detailed proposal will be submitted.

The WRD Representative suggested that in Surla Village there is a need for installation of transformer for providing uninterrupted electric supply for water pump for providing water under drip irrigation, a project initiated by the Agriculture Department. The Representative of the Electricity Department welcomed the suggestion made by the WRD and stated that a study will be made in this regards and action will be taken accordingly.

**(Action - Electricity Dept.)**

## **8. Directorate of Panchayats**

The Dy. Director Panchayats (North) submitted that the resolution along with the Certificate has been received from the Panchayats with respect to transportation carried out by the transporters for students residing in the mining affected areas. The Managing Committee in principle approved the proposals which are submitted along with the resolution and certificate for placing the same before the Governing Council for approval. The Collector/Chairperson DMF (North) asked the Representative of the Education Department to verify whether there are Balrath facilities in areas where the private operators are operating in the mining affected area. The Collector/Chairperson DMF (North) also mentioned that such arrangements can be reviewed for the next academic year if there are alternative arrangements with respect to Balrath or KTC buses. The Assistant Director of Education Department informed that the availability of Balrath is being checked.

The Directorate of Panchayats has been asked to submit the proposal in respect of sanitation projects if any to be installed in the Panchayat of mining affected areas.

**(Action - Dir. of Panchayat)**

## **9. Directorate of Agriculture**

The Representative of the Agriculture Department submitted that the most of the activities/schemes are undertaken from the Department itself and there are no other proposals which could be taken through the DMF. The Collector/Chairperson DMF (North) suggested that they could also take up pilot projects for developing of demonstration plots in mining affected areas for which DMF can provide the required funds.

**(Action - Dir. of Agriculture)**

# 10. Finalization/Approval of mining affected areas/villages

The Collector/Chairperson DMF (North) mentioned that as per the District Mineral Foundation Rules, the mining affected areas were to be identified and need to be notified. Accordingly, a list of Revenue villages/ Municipal Councils i.e. 17 villages and 02 Municipal Councils in North Goa District was placed before the Committee for approval as mining affected areas. The Committee suggested that Assanora and Harvalem can be added to the list.

The Committee therefore in principle approved to add the above mentioned two villages i.e. Assanora and Harvalem in addition to the 17 Revenue villages and 02 Municipal Councils as identified earlier.

**(Action – Governing Council)**

# 11. Project Management 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, liasoning agency between the community and the DMF to ensure the projects identified reach out to the 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

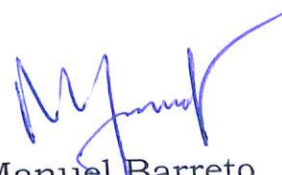
including legal status, estimation and obtaining documents from the proponent, making reports, minutes of the meeting, monitoring of the execution of the projects, monthly feedback to the DMF/DMG/Govt., etc. It was proposed to engage Mineral Foundation of Goa as PMU due to their experience of working in the mining affected areas. 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.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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

**Place:-Panaji - Goa.**

**Date: 21/11/2019**



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