

**MINUTES OF THE XVIII<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE MANAGING COMMITTEE OF NORTH GOA DISTRICT MINERAL FOUNDATION (TRUST) HELD AT 03.30PM ON 20/01/2026 UNDER THE CHAIRPERSONSHIP OF COLLECTOR, NORTH GOA AT THE CONFERENCE HALL OF COLLECTORATE BUILDING, PANAJI, GOA**

The Managing Committee Meeting of the North Goa District Mineral Foundation (Trust) was convened by the Collector North/Chairperson (NGDMFT). The meeting was attended by the following members/officials:

Sr.No	MEMBERS	DESIGNATION & DEPARTMENT
	<b>Ex-Officio Member-Trustees</b>	
1	Shri. Ankit Yadav, IAS	Collector (North Goa)/Chairperson (NGDMFT)
2	Shri. Ratnakant D. Govenker	Dy. Director of Mines & Geology-I/Member Secretary (NGDMFT)
3	Shri. Manoj B. Sawaikar	Dy. Director(Plg), Directorate of Education, 9404454324
4	Miss. Sanjana Bandekar	Dy. Director (North), Directorate of Panchayats, 9623834945
5	Smt. Rashmi Rawal	Asst, Director, WDA North, 8446773665
6	Smt. Rena Menezes	District Agriculture Officer (DAO-N), 9423056306
7	Shri. Omkar A. Asolkar	Under - Secretary (Finance-Budget)
<b>On Behalf of the Department/Representatives of Members/Others</b>		
8	Dr. Shaheen K. Saiyed	Dy. Director Medical, DHS 9423889215
9	Dr. Rama.G. Parab	Asst Director, Goa State Cooperative Milk Producers Union 9421739146
10	Dr. Narendra R. Naik	Asst Director, AH&VS, 9423055864
11	Smt. Rashmi Shirodkar	EE, DDW, Bicholim 9325638215
12	Shri. Pankaj Chavan	Asst. Manager, ITCGL, 9881740605
13	Shri. Gauresh Kauthankar	Asst. Manager, GEDA, 9226221133
14	Shri. Prasad Parab	Project Director, ATMA, 9423315858
15	Shri. Sudesh Velip	Dysp HQ, North office Superintendent of Police North Goa, 7875756106
16	Dr. Sunita Perni	MO, NHM, Directorate of Health Services, 9011025032
17	Dr. Balaji V. Desai	Veterinary Officer, Goa Dairy, 9420688690
18	Smt. Vidhya V. Gawade	Project Manager North, GSBB, 9422413899
19	Shri. Omkar N. Manjrekar	B.D.O, Bicholim 9764516365
20	Shri. Manohar B. Parwar	B.D.O, Sattari, 8390170375
21	Smt. Akshaya Naik	CDPO, DWCD, Bicholim, 9561269582
22	Shri. Vishwas Kavthankar	Programme -I, ITG 9881741519
23	Dr. Namdev.M. Gawas	Officiating Principal, Government College Sanquelim Goa, 9422389262
24	Smt. Sarita Patil	Core Faculty, Goa Institute of Public Administration & Rural Development, 9604247751
25	Shri. Satish R. Patil	Goa College of Agriculture, Ela Old Goa, 9049823380
26	Shri. Rajan T. Shelke	Asst. Professor, Goa College of Agriculture, Ela Old Goa 7507553762
27	Shri. Dayesh V. Mulgaokar	V.P Secretary Pissurlem, 9623991171
28	Shri. Lilesh C. Kundaikar	Head clerk, DEPwD, 9765392900
29	Smt. Anita Shirodkar	SA, WCD, Bicholim, 9823372119
30	Dr. Karthik Teegalapalli	Freelancing Consultant, 9449071773

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At the outset, the Chairman welcomed all the officials present for the meeting. The Member Secretary guided the discussion with assistance from the Project Management Unit on the following agenda: -

**AGENDA NO. 1**

**REVIEW OF SANCTIONED PROJECTS UNDER NORTH GOA DMF (TRUST)**

The MC was briefed regarding instructions received from the Ministry of Mines in November 2025 regarding ensuring adherence to the revised PMKKKY Guidelines. The MC was briefed about an illustrative list of projects that cannot be taken up under DMF funds, in view of the instructions:-

- Construction of Panchayat Building
- Renovation work of gymnasium
- Spending money on projects outside mining-affected areas.
- Approving projects that do not provide direct benefits to mining-affected communities.
- Projects that provide private benefits to individuals or companies instead of the affected
- Purchasing vehicles, mobile phones, or equipment for officials.
- Duplication of projects already funded under any other schemes.
- Undertaking projects that harm the environment or violate environmental norms: community.
- Mobile sets and vehicle purchase for DMF office.
- Using funds for projects such as statues, memorials, helipads, government offices, officers' quarters, or leisure and sports facilities for officials, foreign travels, scholarships for studying abroad etc.
- Financing commercial ventures such as shopping malls, multiplexes, entertainment parks, private industrial parks, SEZs etc.
- Spending money on events or celebrations such as political rallies, celebrity shows, etc.

The Chairperson further stated that the government department should undertake certain projects using departmental funds and ensure that only projects that directly benefit the community should be brought before the DMF. The Chairperson also instructed the departments to submit the proposal strictly adhering to the revised guidelines. Subsequently, projects already sanctioned by the Trust were reviewed:-

<b>Project</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Discussion &amp; Decision</b>
Material Recovery Facility at VP Sirigao: - Rs. 41,88, 958/-	The work order has been issued. The selected site is cleared and the work will commence by Mid-February as informed during the MC meeting by BDO, Bicholim.	The Chairperson instructed the BDO Bicholim and representatives of the DoP to expedite the work and demonstrate visible progress before the Governing Council (GC). <b>(Action: DoP)</b>
Material Recovery Facility at VP Piligao: - Rs. 27,07, 635/-	The BDO informed that 90 percent of work is completed and the remaining to be completed within the next 20 days.	The Managing Committee (MC) expressed satisfaction with the progress and urged the DoP to complete the work within the prescribed timeline. <b>(Action: DoP)</b>
Material Recovery Facility at VP Pale-Cotombi: Rs. 34,27, 240/-	The representative of the DoP informed MC that the work has been started and will be completed by the end of April 2026.	The Chairperson directed the DoP to adhere to the timeline assured by them and complete the work by end of April and make it operational before the onset of monsoon. <b>(Action: DoP)</b>

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<p>GoVan Multiprocessing Centre: - Rs. 1.91 Cr</p>	<p>Repair completed &amp; Machinery is received at site. The representative of GSBB informed that Bhironda MPC is operational and other 4 to be made operational in the month of February.</p>	<p>The Chairperson instructed the GSBB to make the other centres operational within the assured timeline so that the local community would benefit in the upcoming season. The GSBB to develop action plan for convergence with NRLM and sustainability of the 5 centres beyond the support period and submit it to NGDMF <b>(Action: GSBB)</b></p>
<p>Provision of 5 School Buses: - Rs. 1.75 Cr</p>	<p>The DoE representative informed that the buses are operational and have been included in the list of other buses operated for the DoE by KTCL. After inclusion, a copy of the agreement will be shared with NGDMF. NGDMF further informed that the routes sanctioned by the GC were not being followed, for which clarification was provided by the DoE.</p>	<p>The MC directed the DoE to submit the final routes to NGDMF through official communication. The Chairperson further urged the DoE not to deviate the routes outside the mining areas, to ensure maximum benefit is provided to the mining-affected students. <b>(Action: DoE)</b></p>
<p>Proposal for Construction of toilet room and providing water storage tank for GPS Pissurlem: - Rs. 3,99,626</p>	<p>The toilet construction work has been completed; however, the NGDMFT and PMU was not informed about the codal formalities carried out and NGDMFT was not approached for expenditure sanction. Moreover, the expenditure has exceeded the administrative sanction of the GC from Rs.3,99,626/ to 4,67,998.20/.</p>	<p>The Chairperson instructed DoE to seek clarification from PWD regarding the codal procedures and increased cost. The Chairperson also instructed the MS to write to the EE seeking clarification. The proposal to be processed further only after clarification is received from PWD. <b>(Action: DoE/PWD/MS)</b></p>
<p>Upgradation of ICT infrastructure with smart classroom &amp; robotic STEM labs: - Rs. 2,35,72,560</p>	<p>The Smart Boards and STEM lab equipment have been delivered to the institutions. The bills were cleared by NGDMF after due verification by the PMU. The MC opined that the items should be made available for use and/or demonstration to aided schools in mining affected areas, to which the DoE representative agreed.</p>	<p>The MC instructed the DoE to showcase the project and the facilities available at the Government schools and to also make the items available for use by the nearby aided schools.  PMU will work with DoE and aided schools to facilitate familiarization of the STEM Lab equipment amongst the Science Teacher of Aided School in the mining affected areas of North Goa. <b>(Action: DoE, PMU)</b></p>
<p>Providing Free IT education, upgradation of IT Skills:- Rs. 11,24,000</p>	<p>The ITCGL Representative stated that empanelment of the agency is done, and a Centre is started at Mulgao where the first batch will be trained for 6-month Diploma Certificate Course essential</p>	<p>The MC directed ITG to adhere to the timeline assured by them and simultaneously to select participants after giving wide publicity to the course. The Chairperson asked them to start other courses agreed in the proposal and give</p>

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	for certain competitive exams. The training is expected to commence from the first week of February.	details of the beneficiaries and their courses. <b>(Action: ITCGL)</b>
Skill development in Animal Husbandry practices for livelihood support. Rs. 6,30,000	The representative of Goa Dairy informed that one batch of farmers from North Goa will be sent to Shirol, Kolhapur for training in February.	The MC directed Goa Dairy to submit the beneficiary list along with other details, including the criteria used for selecting farmers for the training. <b>(Action: GSCMPUL)</b>
Acoustics, soundproofing and audio solutions for college auditorium and seminar hall at Government College Sanquelim (Directorate of Higher Education): - Rs. 1,12,59,884	The internal repair works are completed, and the Tender for the Acoustic and sound proofing will be floated within next 20 days.	The MC agreed to the timeline assured by the Principal of Government College, Sankhali, and directed them to complete the work within the assured timeline. <b>(Action: Govt. College Sankhali/DHE)</b>
Bee Keeping project in mining affected area in North Goa.: - Rs. 30,57,300	Based on the discussion and request of ATMA, NGDMFT had agreed to directly undertake the project with the agency selected by ATMA after following necessary codal formalities and by keeping ATMA in the loop. A training workshop and demonstration on beekeeping was organized, and though 30 participants participated initially, only 20 farmers attended the practical session. The Chairperson encouraged maximum participation of farmers and directed the various departments associated with capacity building and training to take necessary efforts in this regard, along with the PMU. The transportation cost was not mentioned in the proposal as ATMA was to claim the same from NGDMFT.	The MC agreed to initially allow Rs. 2 Lakhs from the project budget sanctioned by the GC for the purpose of transportation, which was not included as part of the bid submitted by the L1 agency, however, was included as a part of the Administrative Approval. The second batch of training to be held after the first batch is provided with the Honey Bee Boxes. <b>(Action: PMU, NGDMFT, ATMA)</b>

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<p>Fencing of abandoned laterite quarries/Restoration of Abandoned Quarries: - Rs. 2 Cr.</p>	<p>The restoration of abandoned laterite quarries was discussed. A freelance consultant presented the methods for restoring such quarries and briefly explained how this initiative would benefit the local community. It was stated that GSBB had in-principle agreed to monitor the execution of the novel project through the consultant.</p>	<p>The Chairperson opined that GSBB &amp; PMU should monitor the work being carried out and recommended that progress reports be submitted to NGDMF regularly. He emphasized that the initiative should maximize benefits for the local community, in addition to environmental considerations, social and economic aspects should also be given due focus. Proposal to be placed before GC for decision after addressing the above mentioned deficiencies and submission of a detailed proposal reflecting benefits to local community, monitoring mechanism etc.</p> <p><b>(Action: GSBB/PMU)</b></p>
<p>Development of Green cover with horticultural and medicinal plants and planting indigenous trees as a pollution control measures at Govt. College, Sankhalim:- Rs. 7,85,000</p>	<p>The inauguration for the planting of medicinal plant was done by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2025. The Principal of the Govt. College Sanquelim informed that they have invited quotations for indigenous plant species.</p>	<p>The MC directed Government College, Sanquelim, to complete the project as soon as possible. For planting material preference can be given to the Forest Department or else can be procured from other agency.</p> <p><b>(Action: DHE/ Govt. College Sanquelim)</b></p>
<p>Proposal for conducting skill development and capacity building among SHGs in mining panchayat of Goa. Rs. 25,00,000 Sanctioned to GIPARD</p>	<p>The representative of GIPARD informed the MC that the orientation programmes on business management and financial management have been completed. Six batches have been covered under packaging and branding training. She further informed that they are resolving issues with respect to issuance of FSSAI licence to the SHGs and CLFs.</p>	<p>The Chairman emphasized that GIPARD should show visible results in front of the GC and share details of the SHGs and CLFs with the NGDMF to facilitate field assessment.</p> <p><b>(Action: GIPARD)</b></p>
<p>Providing mobile carts to enhance Cluster Level Federation and empower rural women in mining belt. Rs. 25,00,000</p>	<p>The representative of GIPARD informed that the vendor is identified, and it was decided that the order would be placed once the internal design and arrangement for internal fabrication is finalized.</p>	<p>The Chairperson directed GIPARD to speed up the process and to approach the NGDMFT for expenditure sanction at the earliest.</p> <p><b>(Action: GIPARD)</b></p>

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<p>Purchase of two wheelers with adaptations for Divyangjans from mining affected areas: - Rs. 30,00,000</p>	<p>A total of three motorized tricycles have already been provided to Divyangjans. One more beneficiary will be handed over the vehicle once the registration process is completed.</p>	<p>The Chairperson directed that the registration process be completed at the earliest and urged the DEPwD to identify eligible beneficiaries so that the maximum number of people may benefit. <b>(Action: DEPwD)</b></p>
<p>Proposal for purchase of 2 No 4x4 Scorpio Vehicle: - Rs. 56 Lakhs</p>	<p>The MC was informed that, as per the new instructions issued by the Ministry, the purchase of vehicles for officials which does not directly benefit the community should not be taken under DMF</p>	<p>The MC decided to drop the project proposal and recommended the same to the GC. The other departments present in the meeting were requested to propose only those projects that will benefit the mining affected community directly.</p>
<p>Proposal for purchase of 2 No Hearse Van:- Rs 18 Lakhs</p>	<p>The MC was of the opinion that the availability of the hearse vans should be made known to the local bodies, and that a contact number to reach them should be shared with the local residents. The service should be provided free or at nominal cost.</p>	<p>The Chairperson instructed the O/o The SP, North Goa, to expedite the proposal, procure the vehicles and provide adequate DMF branding on the vehicles. <b>(Action: O/o The SP, North)</b></p>
<p>Proposal for Installation of Grid Connected Solar Power System on various Government High Schools: -Rs.68,93,259</p>	<p>Clarification was previously sought regarding sanctioned load, O &amp; M, Service charges sought from the executing agency (GEDA) and proponent. From the list of schools provided by GEDA, solar projects have already been implemented by ICICI Foundation at GHS Pissurlem, Navelim, and Mulgao, and by Vedanta at GHS Surla.</p>	<p>The project was not favourably considered in view of the Ministry's instructions as it would not benefit the students/community directly. Hence, it was decided to recommend dropping of the proposal to the GC.</p>
<p>Proposal of Nikshay Mitra for providing Food Basket for TB Patients through PMTBMBA scheme: - Rs 31,31,400/-</p>	<p>The project was inaugurated at the hands of the Chairperson and the distribution of the baskets for the first 3 months started from December 2025 onwards. It was observed that the Delivery and transportation cost is high and hence MC suggested that a coupon system can be explored for the next quarter so that handling cost will be reduced.</p>	<p>The Chairperson directed to explore the possibility to adopt a coupon based system for disbursement and directed the NGDMF to finalize it after discussing with DHS and vendors. <b>(Action: NGDMFT/DHS)</b></p>

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<p>Proposal for Enhancing Dairy Farming in Affected areas of state of Goa through introduction of Insulated Vehicle for North Goa:- Rs.50.5 lakhs</p>	<p>The project was sanctioned earlier for an amount of Rs.50.5lakhs for one vehicle with insulated refrigerated unit and other accessories. Later the proposal was modified to include two small vehicles (TATA 407) for easy accessibility on interior village roads. GPS tracking, vehicle branding is not included in the new quotation.</p>	<p>The MC decided to permit the modification in the project, however, decided to approve only one vehicle along with refrigerated unit on pilot basis and the second vehicle to be sanctioned based on the output and outcome, feedback from Goa Dairy and associated Primary Collection Unit another vehicle and refrigeration unit can be released. The modification to be placed before GC for information <b>(Action: GSCMPUL/NGDMFT)</b></p>
<p>Upgradation of Veterinary Hospital of Honda, Sattari: - Rs.13,03,180/-</p>	<p>The representative of AHVS stated that the tender has been floated and is scheduled to be opened on 29th January 2026. The project is expected to be completed within the next one month.</p>	<p>The Chairperson agreed to the timeline assured by AHVS and directed them to adhere to it, AHVS to ensure that the public is made aware of the services that will be available and financial support of NGDMFT to be acknowledged through suitable branding. <b>(Action: AHVS)</b></p>
<p>Purchase of two all-Terrain Vehicle - Two Mahindra Thar LX AT 4 WD 4S HT BS 6:- Rs. 30,56,824/-</p>	<p>The MC was informed that, as per the new instructions issued by the Ministry, the purchase of vehicles for officials which does not directly benefit the community should not be taken under DMF</p>	<p>The MC decided to drop the project proposal and recommended the same to the GC. The other departments present in the meeting were requested to propose only those projects that will benefit the mining affected community directly.</p>
<p>Augmentation of water supply to Velguem, Surla and Pale (PWD/DDW):-Rs .9.9712215 Cr</p>	<p>On field, it is seen that the pontoon is presently removed from the water and the pumps are made operational by fixing it on a concrete platform alongside the river. Also, certain components of the project such as the laboratory are not set up till date, despite DMF having paid for the equipment. The O &amp; M cost of next five years claimed by PWD (₹4,06,79,354/-) was flagged, to which the PWD has submitted that the said cost was part of original sanctioned proposal. The representative informed that the pontoon is shifted to the Vaghurem mining pit where it will be installed, however the same has not been done till date.</p>	<p>The Chairperson instructed MS to write to CE(DDW) to inform that the operation and maintenance cost ought to be borne by DDW as consumers are being charged for the supply of water. Further, the aspect of operation and maintenance is not in line with guidelines and with decisions previously taken by the Trust. <b>(Action: PWD/DDW, NGDMFT)</b></p>

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**AGENDA NO. 2**

**FUND STATUS OF NORTH GOA DMF (TRUST)**

NORTH GOA DMFT PROVISIONAL FUND STATUS AS ON DECEMBER 31, 2025				
Head	Sanctioned Amount	Disbursed Amount	To be disbursed	Available as on 31/12/2025
Drinking Water supply	₹ 15,47,20,612	₹ 11,00,14,461	₹ 4,47,06,161	₹ 1,97,26,072
Environmental Preservation & pollution Control Measures	₹ 3,24,60,000	₹ 96,170	₹ 3,23,63,830	₹ 1,11,61,671
Health care	₹ 4,56,30,102	₹ 4,32,81,552	₹ 23,48,550	₹ 4,16,93,240
Education	₹ 9,18,68,600	₹ 6,84,66,226	₹ 3,34,22,276	₹ 62,37,760
Welfare of Woman & Children	₹ 17,11,954	₹ 8,90,641.00	₹ 8,21,413	₹ 8,66,11,388
Welfare of Aged & Disabled people	₹ 14,97,034	₹ 11,68,846	₹ 3,28,188	₹ 4,21,14,637
Skill Development	₹ 2,62,76,000	₹ 47,93,824	₹ 2,14,81,176	₹ 6,09,46,342
Sanitation	₹ 1,03,23,833		₹ 1,03,23,833	₹ 4,41,80,766
Housing				₹ 3,27,08,763
Agriculture				₹ 5,45,14,589
Animal Husbandary	₹ 30,06,792	₹ 10,72,612	₹ 19,33,180	₹ 5,15,08,797
Physical Infrastructure	₹ 2,62,00,808	₹ 2,62,00,808		₹ 5,11,19,616
Irrigation	₹ 2,45,00,000	₹ 2,45,00,000		₹ 5,18,20,424
Energy & Watershed Development	₹ 19,25,847	₹ 19,25,847		₹ 8,62,97,495
Any other Measures	₹ 1,41,88,436	₹ 1,41,88,436		₹ 1,85,20,317
Covid 19	₹ 16,43,19,492	₹ 16,43,19,492		
<b>PROJECT FUND</b>	₹ 69,76,37,410	₹ 28,55,99,312	₹ 14,77,18,606	₹ 65,69,73,858.3
Admin	₹ 1,47,91,374	₹ 1,42,85,053	₹ 5,06,321	₹ 4,76,52,209.7
<b>TOTAL FUND</b>	₹ 61,24,28,784.00	₹ 29,98,84,365.00	₹ 14,82,24,927.00	₹ 69,95,66,262.00

**Status of Deposits of NGDMFT**

Sr. No.	Bank	Deposit Amount (in Rs.)	Maturity Amount (in Rs.)	Interest Rate	Date of Deposit	Date of Maturity
01	State Bank of India, Treasury Branch	30,00,00,000	32,03,90,002	6.63%	1.12.2025	1.12.2026
02	State Bank of India, Treasury Branch	20,00,00,000	21,35,93,335	6.63%	1.12.2025	1.12.2026
03	HDFC Bank, Panaji Branch	46,51,86,624	49,69,99,300	6.67%	13.01.2026	13.01.2027
04	Bank of Maharashtra, Panaji Branch	1,94,91,467	2,09,53,098	6.65%	13.01.2026	17.02.2027
05	Bank of Maharashtra, Panaji Branch	2,99,00,000	3,21,42,149	6.65%	14.01.2026	18.02.2027
06	Bank of Maharashtra, Panaji Branch	2,99,00,000	3,21,42,149	6.65%	15.01.2026	19.02.2027
07	Bank of Maharashtra, Panaji Branch	2,99,00,000	3,21,42,149	6.65%	16.01.2026	20.02.2027
	<b>TOTAL</b>	107,43,78,091	114,83,62,182			

The MC was informed of the provisional fund status of the NGDMFT and was also apprised about the receipts into the Trust over the last 3 years. The MC was also briefed regarding the inflow of DMF contribution from minor mineral leases in North Goa. The Chairperson also requested line departments to send proposals in sectors such as Welfare of Aged and Disabled, Housing etc. which have not been utilised effectively.

As previously authorised by the Managing Committee to invest the fund of the NGDMFT, the Chairperson informed the MC about the investments of the funds in various fixed deposits as per stipulated norms.

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**AGENDA NO. 3**

**NEW PROPOSALS RECEIVED BY NORTH GOA DMF(TRUST)**

1. **Desilting water body (Poitem) of the Khazan lands for the area upstream from the khazan bund at Sawanwada/Gaonkarwada (Teen Manas Bund) near Saseshwar temple, Mayem in Bicholim taluka (Rs 1,91,95,200)**

The Committee discussed the issue of prolonged siltation in the Mulakh Khazan rivulets/poi, which has resulted in reduced drainage capacity, saltwater intrusion, and large-scale conversion of agricultural land into fallow land, adversely affecting farming and fisheries. After deliberation, the Committee noted the need for immediate intervention through desilting and protective measures to restore the Khazan ecosystem. Accordingly, the Committee recommended implementation of the project as a **pilot initiative** with an estimated cost of **₹2.00 crore**, in convergence with Agriculture Department schemes, MGNREGS, and DMF. The Soil Conservation Department has submitted an estimate of **₹1,91,95,200** for desilting of the khazan water body upstream of the Teen Manas Bund at Sawanwada/Gaonkarwada, Bicholim Taluka. The Soil Conservation Division, Directorate of Agriculture was asked to complete all necessary technical requirements and sanctions and place the project in its final form before the Governing Council. SCD was also asked to verify the applicability of CRZ norms and ensure compliance for the same.

**Decision:** - The MC urged the Agriculture Department to provide greater clarity regarding the proposed cultivation on the affected land and emphasized that, given the substantial allocation of funds, the project should ensure tangible benefits to the larger community. The project was recommended to GC for approval.

**(Action: SCD, DoA/NGDMFT)**

2. **Work of Extension of Ground Floor and Construction of First floor of existing panchayat office premises in Sy.No 76/0 in Sirsaim Panchayat.**

The proposal was received directly from VP Sirsaim without cost estimates and without adherence to the prescribed proposal format. It was observed that the proposal does not fall within the permissible activities under the PMKKKY guidelines and instructions of the Ministry. The Chairperson encouraged DoP and VP Sirsaim to submit any other acceptable proposal fitting in the PMKKKY guidelines through proper format and proper channels.

**Decision:** - The Managing Committee did not recommend the proposal for consideration of the Governing Council.

3. **Proposal for capacity Building on production and utilization of Biofertilizer and Biopesticides in North Goa (Rs 9,87,400)**

The Directorate of Agriculture, in association with the Goa College of Agriculture, proposed a project costing **₹9,87,400/-** to establish a pilot unit for production of Biopesticides and Biofertilizers. The project aims to train farmers and rural youth, promote chemical-free agriculture, and improve soil fertility and crop productivity.

**Decision:** - The Managing Committee recommended the proposal to the **Governing Council** for the proposed timeline of one year, noting that the project would benefit farmers by reducing their expenditure on fertilizers and manures.

**(Action: GCA, DoA/NGDMFT)**

4. **Procuring ACLS Ambulance with Medical Equipment (Rs 49,50,000)**

The Committee noted that the proposal for an Advance Cardiac Ambulance for CHC Sanquelim was earlier sanctioned by the Governing Council on 29.02.2021 and a revised estimate approved on 01.03.2023, with DHS assuring internal fitting from departmental funds and deployment at CHC Bicholim. It was further noted that NGDMFT has funded 11 Basic Life Saving and 3 Advance Cardiac Ambulances for mining-affected areas; however, some ambulances were shifted to non-mining-affected areas and the monthly progress reports, as directed by the MC, were submitted only once. The Chairperson sought clarification on the matter and directed the DHS representatives to redeploy the three ambulances presently stationed at Betki, Aldona, and Kasaravane back to mining-affected areas.

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**Decision:** - The Managing Committee decided that the above proposal would be taken up for consideration and placed before the Governing Council only after completion of the redeployment, submission of progress report and a compliance report is submitted to the NGDMF.

**(Action: DHS)**

**5. Project proposal for" SWAYAM "Digital Preventive Healthcare Ecosystem for Goa (Rs 35,00,000) at CHC Saquelim.**

The proposal was submitted without quotations, mentioning only the cost of the machine. It was informed that Mayekar Innovative Pvt. Ltd. would establish a SWAYAM AHM unit at CHC Sankhali (approx. 11×11 sq. ft.) to provide over 100 diagnostic tests with instant reports and video consultation at no cost to patients. DHS stated that the cost includes installation, consumables for three months, and salary of an attendant for one year, with the objective of improving secondary-level diagnostic facilities and enabling early diagnosis. The Managing Committee requested for more clarification regarding the proposed plan, specifically the detailed list of tests and diagnostic procedures to be conducted and whether the project has been undertaken elsewhere and its overall feasibility. Additionally, the DHS to submit the proper breakup of the cost and the codal formalities proposed to be carried out.

**Decision:** - The Chairperson directed the Directorate of Health Services to provide proper clarification regarding the project and place the same before Governing Council meeting after addressing all the queries raised by the Managing Committee.

**(Action: DHS)**

**6. Proposal for incurring expenditure from District Mineral Fund (DMF) for Internal Capacity Building of Staff (Rs 18 lakhs) and Capacity Building of local Community towards Green Skilling. (Rs 28 lakhs)**

The proposal was received from the Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Goa Van Bhavan, Panaji. The proposal received from the Department mentions the total cost without providing a detailed cost break-up and does not adhere to the prescribed proposal format. They have proposed two projects: Rs. 18 lakhs for internal capacity building of staff and Rs. 28 lakhs for capacity building of the local community towards green skilling. At present, two projects under skill development—GOVAN and GIPARD—are already ongoing, providing similar skill development and capacity building training to SHGs. However, this proposal does not align with the PMKKKY guidelines. The Chairperson stated that the benefits of the DMF are primarily intended for the mining-affected community and not for training staff of the Department.

**Decision:** - The proposal was not considered by the Managing Committee as it does not benefit the grassroots-level mining-affected community.

**7. Proposal for Installation of Solar Rooftop plants at mining affected schools in North Goa (Rs 1.1060 Cr).**

The Directorate of Education (DOE) submitted a proposal without the prescribed format, with costs mentioned for specific schools but without a detailed headwise break-up. The proposal includes the following schools: GPS Amona, Navelim, Kude, Housing Board Sakhali, Karapur, Bicholim, Narayan Nagar, GHS Navelim, Honda, Bicholim, Shirgao, Pissurlem, and Valpoi. It is noted that GHS Navelim and Pissurlem have already installed solar panels through the ICICI Foundation, and GHS Valpoi does not fall under a mining-affected area. The Managing Committee asked the DOE how the project would directly benefit the students, noting that the proposal primarily aims to reduce the Department's expenses without providing any tangible benefit to the students.

**Decision:** - The proposal was discussed in detail by the Managing Committee, and after deliberation, it was not considered favourably. The Chairperson urged the DOE to submit proposals that would provide direct and tangible benefits to the students of the mining-affected community.

**8. Installation of grid connected solar power system in the various Village Panchayat Building in mining affected areas**

GEDA, through The Department of New & Renewable Energy has submitted a proposal to the NGDMF, stating that the estimated installation cost for solar rooftop systems at 15 Panchayat buildings. Earlier, GEDA, through the Directorate of Panchayats, had submitted proposals for 3 other Panchayat Buildings.

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Estimates received in January 2026

Sr.No	Proposed Location	Proposed Solar Power System (in kWp)	Estimated Cost		
			Installation Cost (in Rs)	O& M Cost (in Rs)	GEDA Service Charges (in Rs)
1	V.P Latambarcem	3	74000	17400	9570
2	V.P Menkure	3	174000	17400	9570
3	V.P Naroa	3	174000	17400	9570
4	V.P Piligao	3	174000	17400	9570
5	V.P Surla	5	260000	26000	14300
6	V.P Sal	5	260000	26000	14300
7	V.P Amona	5	260000	26000	14300
8	V.P Karapur	5	260000	26000	14300
9	V.P Mulgao	5	260000	26000	14300
10	V.P Shirgao	5	260000	26000	14300
11	V.P Bhironda	5	260000	26000	14300
12	V.P Velguem	10	520000	52000	28600
13	V.P Navelim	10	520000	52000	28600
14	V.P Cudnem	10	520000	52000	28600
15	V.P Mavem	15	780000	78000	42900
	<b>Total</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>4856000</b>	<b>485600</b>	<b>267080</b>

Estimates received earlier

Sr.No	Proposed Location	Proposed Solar Power System (in kWp)	Estimated Cost		
			Installation Cost (in Rs)	O& M Cost (in Rs)	GEDA Service Charges (in Rs)
1	V.P Pissurlem	15	825000	82500	45375
2	V.P Pale Cotombi	5	275000	27500	15125
3	V.P Harvalem	10	550000	55000	30250
	<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1650000</b>	<b>165000</b>	<b>90750</b>

It is noted that some Panchayats—namely V.P. Latambarcem, Menkurem, Naroa, Sal, and Karapur—do not fall under the list of mining-affected areas as maintained by the DMF. Some of the proposals require additional documents to be submitted such as a copy of the Gram Sabha resolution, an undertaking ensuring the solar panels will not be dismantled for 25 years, or copies of electricity bills. It was also observed that some of the Panchayats are currently undergoing shifting or are under construction and some of the Panchayats have a lower sanctioned load. As discussed in the previous MC and as also recommended by GEDA, it was agreed by DoP that the O&M charges would be borne by the Panchayats as they would benefit from the savings. The estimate also includes contingency charges. The BDO Bicholim requested that all the Panchayats in Bicholim Taluka be covered under the proposal, noting that the distance between other panchayats and the mining-affected Panchayats is relatively short. The Chairperson asked the PMU to identify the distances between the Panchayats and the mining leases and present the analysis before the Governing Council, based on which further discussions can be carried out. The BDO also requested that the service charges of GEDA be borne by the NGDMFT. The Chairperson requested GEDA to reach out to the Government to grant a concession in their service charges for projects undertaken through NGDMFT.

**Decision:** - The Managing Committee recommended the project to GC and directed the BDO to instruct the Panchayats to comply with the observations associated with the project. The PMU to complete the mapping of distance from the auctioned leases and present the same in the GC.  
(Action: DoP/PMU/NGDMFT)

9. Proposals from Aided Schools forwarded through Directorate of Education.

The NGDMFT, with an aim to benefit the students studying in the Government-aided schools from mining affected areas had agreed to invite project proposals from the schools. Accordingly, proposals from 20 schools were received for various items like Computers, Laptops, Smartboards, Printers etc. The list is as follows:-

Sr.no	Name of the aided school	Requirement	Amount proposed by the schools	No of Students

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1	Shri Ganesh Vidhyalaya Harvalem	4 Smart Boards	4,17,720	140
2	Honda Higher Secondary School Honda	02 Smart Boards 04 Desktops	4,90,549	75
3	Shree Shantadurga Vidhyalaya High School, Pirna, Bardez- Goa.	Smart Board & Sports Equipment	5,00,000	273
4	Shrimati High School, Velguem, Bicholim - Goa.	2 Smart Board	4,30,000	100
5	Dr. K. B. Hedgewar Vidhyamandir, Karapur Tisk, Sankhali	22 Desktop	4,84,000	433
6	Vijayanand Higher Secondary School of Arts, Commerce and Science, Ardhwada, Mayem,	2 Smart Board 4 computer	4,14,120	201
7	Siddharth Bhandodkar Higher Secondary School, Velguem, Bicholim Goa.	3 Interactive Panel, 03 Desktop Computer, 03 Artis 1 KVA UPS, 03 Smart Class Cabinet & 01 Canon IR2224N A3 Printer	5,00,000	166
8	Our Lady of Grace High School, Bicholim	2 Interactive Panels & 7 Assembled Desktop Computers	5,00,000	1066
9	Smt. Tarabai Dalvi High School, Pale, Usgao - Goa.	3 Smart Board, 1 Computer & 1 <b>Laptop</b>	5,00,000	257
10	Mahalaxmi High School, Kudnem-Sankhali,	6 Projector, 2 laptop, 1 JBL Speaker, Harmonium, tabla, & sports material	4,99,900	177
11	Poira High School, Poira, Goa	2 Smart Boards, 7 Computers with UPS & table	4,98,244.08	124
12	Gurudas P. Gauns Memorial High School, Gokulwadi, Sankhali	<b>169 plastic chair, CCTV, 2 Computer &amp; 1 Photocopier machine</b>	4,99,990	372
13	St. John of the Cross High School, Sankhali, Bicholim Goa.	(4) Globus Interactive Panels, 4 Artist 1 kV UPS, 4 Smart Class Cabinet, 4 i5 CPU Windows 11 with MS Office 2021	5,00,000	270
14	Vijayananda High School, Tikhazen-Mayem	Laboratory items, 1 pin up <b>notice board 2x3 Astel,</b> Renovation work	4,90,000	122
15	Gopal krishna High School, Vasant Nagar, Sankhali	3 Interactive Panels, 3 Desktops Computer, 3 Artist 1 kV UPS, 3 Smart Class Cabinet & 1 Lenovo 19-inch monitor	5,00,000	260
16	Shri Navdurga High School, Ambegal-Pale, Bicholim	3 smart boards & 2 projectors'	4,86,868	151
17	Shree Shantadurga Higher Secondary School, Pirna, Bardez Goa.	1 Desktop with UPS, 1 malfunction printer, 6 computer table, sports equipment & 1 projector with screen	4,99,610	130

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18	Ideal High School Piligao Bicholim	2 Smart Board	3,00,000	251
19	Shri Mahalaxmi Samiti Honda High School, Honda Sattari Goa	5 Smart Board	4,99,500	252
20	Pujya Sane Guruji Dnyanopasana Mandir Radhakrishna Vidyalaya	Fabrication, Repair of plumbing system, Floor & wall tiles fitting, Electrical wiring lighting	4,85,000	150

**Decision:** - The Managing Committee opined that items such as desktops, smartboards, projectors, sports equipment, music and cultural equipment can be considered, whereas items like chairs, plumbing, flooring, photocopier machines and electrical work cannot be taken up. The Committee also earmarked an amount of Rs. 5,00,000 (Five Lakhs only) per school emphasizing that as a larger number of children attend aided schools, they should also receive the benefits of NGDMFT funds. The project was recommended to the GC for approval

**(Action: NGDMFT)**

**AGENDA NO. 4**

**ANY OTHER AGENDA WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR**

**1. Perspective Planning for DMF**

The PMKKKY guidelines and Goa (DMF) Trust Rules, 2018 prescribes the development of a five-year Perspective Plan and an Annual Action Plan. The PMU had initiated efforts to gather the information across various sectors and formulate a plan. Knowing the limitation of covering the entire geographical area of the mining affected region, the PMU had proposed developing a perspective plan for select villages within the DMF service area. To develop this plan on a pilot basis, the NGDMF had approached two Village Panchayats (Mayem and Advalpal) to convene a Village Development Committee (VDC) meeting. However, there was no response from these Panchayats. The Chairperson directed the DoP officials to facilitate this initiative in the two identified gram panchayats. Further, it was stressed by PMU that the project proposal received by the DMF from various departments are not discussed with the various participatory committees constituted by the department like Village Development Committee (DoP), Parent Teacher Association/ School Management Committee (DoE), Jan Arogya Samiti (DHS), Cluster Level Federation (DRDA), User Group (DoA) etc. and as a result there are lot of issues raised at environmental hearings and also opposition for lawful mining activity. The Chairperson stressed that the mining affected community/ Local Authorities needs to be taken into confidence while formulating the proposal.

**(Action: All Line Departments/PMU/DMF)**

**2. Order of the Hon'ble HC in PIL WP No. 1/2008 with WP No. 214/2020.**

The North Goa DMF had sanctioned an amount of Rs. 2 crores for desilting work arising from mining-related pollution and runoff in the village of Sirigao, in pursuance of the directions of the Hon'ble High Court vide order dated 18.12.2019. Subsequently, the Hon'ble Court ascertained that three companies—M/s Dempo Mining Corporation Ltd. (now Vedanta Ltd.), M/s Chowgule & Company Pvt. Ltd., and M/s Rajaram Bandekar (Sirigao) Mines Pvt. Ltd.—were responsible for the pollution and directed them to reimburse the DMF the amount of Rs. 2 crores. The Court further ordered that no activities falling under the "polluter pays" principle should be undertaken through DMF funds, in line with the Rules and PMKKKY Guidelines. The said Order of the Hon'ble High Court has been challenged before the Hon'ble Supreme Court, and the Hon'ble Supreme Court has stayed its effect and operation.

**3. SHIFTING OF NORTH GOA DMF OFFICE W.E.F. 01/08/2025 AND NEW WEBSITE**

The members present at the MC were informed that the North Goa DMFT office has been shifted to **FT/03, 4th Floor, Navelcar Trade Centre, M. G. Road, Panaji, Goa – 403001 w.e.f. 01/08/2025**. The communication regarding NGDMFT to be submitted to the office at its new mentioned address. The e-mail Id is [dmfnorthgoa@gmail.com](mailto:dmfnorthgoa@gmail.com). The members were also informed that the new website of the DMF

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<https://dmf.goa.gov.in> is already functional and all minutes of meetings, project details, rules, guidelines etc. are uploaded on the website from time to time.

There being no other agenda for discussion, the meeting concluded with the Chairperson thanking all present.

*These minutes of the meeting are issued with the approval of the Collector (North Goa)/ Chairperson (NGDMFT).*

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