

MINUTES OF THE XVITH MEETING OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF NORTH GOA DISTRICT MINERAL FOUNDATION (TRUST) HELD AT 12.00PM ON 18/02/2026 UNDER THE CHAIRPERSONSHIP OF COLLECTOR, NORTH GOA AT THE CONFERENCE HALL OF COLLECTORATE BUILDING, PANAJI, GOA

The Governing Council 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
Member-Trustees		
1	Shri. Ankit Yadav, IAS	Collector (North Goa)/Chairperson (NGDMFT)
2	Shri. Shripad Y. Naik	Hon.MP, Lok Sabha (NG) & Union MoS (PNRE)
3	Shri. Premendra V. Shet	Hon. MLA, Mayem Constituency
4	Dr. Deviya V. Rane	Hon. MLA, Poriem Constituency
5	Shri. Ratnakant D. Govenker	Dy. Dir. -I, DMG/Member Secretary (NGDMFT)
6	Smt. Rena Menezes	District Agriculture Officer (DAO-N),9423056306
7	Shri. Umesh N. Desai	Project Officer, DRDA, North, 9822381879
8	Shri. Sujeetkumar Dongre	Programme Director, CEE, 9422063917
9	Shri. Glenn Kalvampara	Secretary, GMOEA,9822103191
10	Smt. Tereza Maria D' Souza	Jt. Secretary, GMA,9822121451
On Behalf of the Department/Representatives of Members/Others		
11	Shri. Premraj K. Shirodkar	Director, DRDA, North
12	Dr. Mriselda V. Monterio	Dy, Director DEPwD, 779886029
13	Dr. Shambhu Ghadi	Dy. Director, DoE, 9822071915
14	Dr Pradip V. Sarmokadam	MS, Goa State Biodiversity Board, 9422387475
15	Shri. Altaf R. Aga	A.E. SD -I, D-III, Bicholim Goa
16	Shri. Sridhar Naik	Section Officer, Finance (Budget), 9823993799
17	Dr. Rama.G. Parab	Asst Director, GSCMPUL, 9421739146
18	Dr. Narendra R. Naik	Asst Director, AH&VS,9423055864
19	Dr. Manish Gaunekar	CMO, Directorate of Health Services, 9011025086
20	Dr. Sunita Perni	MO,NHM,DHS, 9011025032
21	Dr. Balaji V. Desai	Veterinary Officer, GoaDairy,9420688690
22	Shri. Pankaj Chavan	Asst. Manager, ITCGL,9881740605
23	Shri. Gauresh Kauthankar	Asst. Manager, GEDA,9226221133
24	Shri. Omkar N. Manjrekar	B.D.O, Bicholim 9764516365
25	Smt. Sarita Patil	Core Faculty, GIPARD,9604247751
26	Smt. Joshna Mahale	SA, GSPCB, 9158008642
27	Smt. Vidhya V. Gawade	Project Manager North, GSBB, 9422413899
28	Shri. Sanjay Kankonkar	Scientist, GSPCB,
29	Shri.Kiran P. Parkar	A.E. Agriculture Department
30	Smt. Akshaya Naik	CDPO, DWCD, Bicholim,9561269582
31	Shri. Vishwas Kavthankar	Programme -I, ITG 9881741519
32	Dr. Govind V. Parab	Asst. Prof., GCagri, Ella, Old Goa, 9923529794
33	Shri. Rajan T. Shelke	Asst. Prof., GCagri., Ella, Old Goa, 7507553762
34	Smt. Sanjana Prabhudesai	Headmistress, Keshav Seva Sadhana, Bicholim
35	Shri.Mula C. Warak	V.P Secretary Honda Sattari , 9923030201
36	Shri. Manohar B.Shetakar	CT-Education Department, 8010724891
37	Shri. Deu Gawade	Head Clerk, Dir. of Social Welfare, 9921876620
38	Dr. Sachin Tendulkar	CEO, MFG/ PMU, 9423058974

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At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the Hon. MP, Hon. MLAs and 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

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the XVth Governing Council meeting held on 10.04.2025 were circulated amongst all the members and since no suggestions were received the minutes were confirmed.

AGENDA NO. 2

REVIEW OF SANCTIONED PROJECTS UNDER NORTH GOA DMF (TRUST)

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

- 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 Hon. MP and Hon. MLAs opined that the Construction/Repair of the Panchayat Building and Renovation work of Gymnasium are important aspect of developmental work in resource constrained mining affected Village Panchayats of Goa and hence should be favourably considered under DMF funding. They requested the Chairman, NGDMF to write to the Ministry of Mines, GoI that such projects may be favourably considered for implementation under DMF funding. The Chairperson assured to write to the Ministry.

The Chairperson also highlighted 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:-

Project	Status	Discussion & Decision
Material Recovery Facility at VP Sirigao: - Rs. 41,88, 958/-	The work order has been issued. The selected site is cleared but the work has not commenced.	The work was not initiated despite assurance from BDO/DoP. The official to inform NGDMF about the progress on this project and specify time period when the project will be initiated and completed. (Action: DoP)
Material Recovery Facility at VP Piligao: - Rs. 27,07, 635/-	As per BDO, Bicholim around 90 percent of work is completed and the remaining to be completed by end of February, 2026.	The BDO/DoP was urged to complete the work within the prescribed timeline, plan handover and report the status to the NGDMF within 15 days.(Action: DoP)

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Material Recovery Facility at VP Pale-Cotombi: Rs. 34,27, 240/-	The work has started and will be completed by the end of April 2026.	The Chairperson directed the DoP to adhere to the timeline assured by DoP and complete the work by end of April and make it operational before the onset of monsoon. (Action: DoP)
Design Fabrication, Supply, installation, Testing & Commissioning of 15 KWp Solar Grid connected Solar power plant at VP Honda, Rs. 1093459	Installation of solar panel completed & inaugurated on 14 July 2025	VP Honda to share details of Gross Unit generated by the project, financial saving due to the project and encourage villagers to undertake Solar Roof Top Power Generation at household level through existing scheme. Local schools and other educational institutes can be encouraged to visit and understand the functioning of the Roof Top Solar Power Generation Unit. (Action: DoP/VP Honda)
GoVan - Multiprocessing Centre: - Rs. 1.91 Cr	Repair completed & 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. The Hon. MLA (Poriem) expressed dissatisfaction over the slow progress of the project and requested that a Monitoring Committee consisting of Rep. From DoA, DRDA, GIPARD, GMOEA, NGO Rep & NGDMF be constituted to coordinate, facilitate and achieve convergence in functioning of these centres. GSBB stated that they required an advance of the working capital and PMU contingency funds to make the centres fully operational. the MS of GSBB stated that after the 2 month period, operation would be funded through their own funds/State funds.	The Monitoring Committee should meet immediately and review all the centres and devise a report to be submitted to GC. The GSBB should submit an action plan along with details of local women trained, monthwise work proposed, fund flow for integration and sustainability beyond project period to the Monitoring Committee. The financial demand raised by GSBB for advance release of Rs. 31lakhs Working Capital and PMU Contingency fund was agreed and 30% of the fund will be released as first tranche as per SoP and further release will be subject to submission of utilisation certificate. (Action: GSBB/ NGDMF)
Provision of 5 School Buses: - Rs. 1.75 Cr	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.	The GC 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. (Action: DoE)

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<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, there is no information about the codal formalities carried. 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 proposal to be processed further only after clarification is received from DoE/PWD. (Action: DoE/PWD)</p>
<p>Upgradation of ICT infrastructure with smart classroom & robotic STEM labs: - Rs. 2,35,72,560</p>	<p>The Smart Boards and STEM lab equipment have been delivered to the institutions. Based on assurance from DoE official, the NGDMF has proposed to hold a Capacity Building workshop for the teachers from aided schools in the mining affected area. The NGDMF will facilitate the training in coordination with Curious Mind and DoE.</p>	<p>The GC was informed that a workshop of the aided school teachers will be held to appraise them of the STEM Lab kit usage so that the said facility can be accessed by more aided schools. A budget of Rs. 15000 was approved for the said workshop from the balance amount out of the total amount sanctioned by the GC for the project. The workshop will be held before May 2026 in association with DoE, Curious Minds (STEM Lab vendor) and NGDMF as per convenience of teachers and in consultation with DoE. (Action: DoE, NGDMF, PMU)</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 for certain competitive exams. ITCGL had submitted an additional proposal for construction of ITKC and Aadhar Centre at Bhuipal, Sattari.</p>	<p>The GC expressed concern regarding the progress of the project and gave only two months time to start the project. An action taken report should be submitted by ITCGL on the compliance of instructions. Further, the additional proposal was not considered as Aadhar centre was not in line with the guidelines. ITCGL may submit additional proposal in terms of the guidelines, however it will be considered only after complete operationalisation of the current sanctioned proposal. (Action: ITCGL)</p>
<p>Skill development in Animal Husbandry practices for livelihood support. Rs. 6,30,000</p>	<p>The Goa Dairy was instructed to give a compliance report on the assurance given in the MC meeting. The list included only 42 participants and the deficit should be bridged. The Goa Dairy has not shared complete details as regards age of the participants and how many animals the farmer is tending to.</p>	<p>The GC desired that due publicity for the training and acknowledgement of the NGDMF funding be highlighted in the media and report of the activities be submitted. The training should encourage new farmers/existing farmers to take up the dairy or upgrade their dairy activities. (Action: GSCMPUL)</p>
<p>Provision of One Ambulance/ Mobile Dispensary fitted with necessary gadgets Rs 12,00,000</p>	<p>The project was inaugurated on 31st May 2025 at Goa Dairy premises. The Ambulance has attended 373 emergency visit and 1100 cases since.</p>	<p>The GC took note of the inauguration and acknowledged the important services provided by the ambulance. It was also stated that Goa Dairy needs to share monthly/quarterly beneficiary data with NGDMFT. (Action: GSCMPUL)</p>

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Coding and Robotic Education in schools (CARES) Scheme Rs 1.40 Cr	As discussed in the previous MC meeting DTE-CARES has sent a letter to NGDMFT informing withdrawal of the project	The GC has agreed to the request of PMU CARES for withdrawal of the project and for reverting the sanctioned amount back to the available balance under projects in the Education sector. (Action: NGDMF)
Proposal for Environmental Monitoring Automatic Real Time Ambient Air Quality Monitoring instrument in 9 locations Rs 1.17 Cr	GSPCB has installed the Air Pravah at 9 location and inspection report is submitted to NGDMF by PMU.	The GC was informed that the GSPCB has installed Air Quality Monitoring systems at all Nine proposed locations. Chronology of project indicated that GSPCB had purchased the item before any sanction was issued by the NGDMF and also the data is not in public domain in real time. The GSPCB official informed that they were required to install AAQM systems in compliance with Hon'ble High Court's order. The challenges of funding the project through DMF were discussed as AAQM is responsibility of GSPCB and installation was mandated as a prerequisite to ore transportation. Moreover GSPCB has instructed mining companies to pay for the installation. The GC instructed GSPCB to submit details regarding the payment that they have already collected from mining companies for the AAQM instruments. (Action:NGDMF/ GSPCB)
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 tender is floated.	The GC directed Govt. College, Sankhali to complete the codal formalities and complete the work within the assured timeline and submit the report. (Action: Govt. College Sankhali/DHE)
Bee Keeping project in mining affected area in North Goa.: - Rs. 30,57,300	The Bee Hives are delivered to the beneficiary farmers on 15th February 2026 and prior to that the stand, water bowl, knife, super (3 each) and feeding plate are handed over to the farmer.	The GC appreciated the progress on the project and directed the NGDMF Secretariat and PMU to ensure that the project becomes a success. Remaining beneficiaries to be identified by the PMU with help of DoA/DRDA. (Action: PMU, NGDMFT)
Restoration of Abandoned Quarries: - Rs. 2 Cr.	The GC desired that a detailed presentation by the proponent be facilitated for interested members to know the technical details. The members present acknowledged the need of one such pilot project in lieu of the initial project for fencing of abandoned quarries.	The GSBB to facilitate technical presentation of the project to the interested members in the Collector, North Office. (Action: GSBB/PMU)

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<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 GC was informed about formal inauguration by Hon'ble Chief Minister on 27th September 2025. Gap filling if any would be undertaken by the Govt. College, Sankhali. Final bill of the project to be submitted by GC, Sankhalim.</p>	<p>The Govt. College, Sankhali to submit project progress report and timeline for completion of the remaining part of the project. (Action: DHE/ Govt. College Sanquelim)</p>
<p>Proposal for conducting skill development and capacity building among SHGs in mining panchayat of Goa. GIPARD, Old Goa, Rs. 25,00,000.</p>	<p>The representative of GIPARD informed the GC that the orientation programmes on business management and financial management have been completed. Six batches have been covered under packaging and branding training.</p>	<p>The Chairman insisted that convergence wherever possible should be undertaken and directed GIPARD to submit a progress report with details of the beneficiaries. (Action: GIPARD)</p>
<p>Providing mobile carts to enhance Cluster Level Federation and empower rural women in mining belt. Rs. 25,00,000</p>	<p>The request for enhanced budget (Rs. 8.5 Lakh per vehicle) was agreed by the GC. The members desired a comparative financial analysis of whether a contracted or own vehicle will be feasible.</p>	<p>The GC agreed to the enhanced cost, however, in the first phase instructed the Secretariat to issue expenditure sanction for only one vehicle and Rs. 1.25lakhs from the Rs. 5lakhs seed fund. GIPARD to submit objective selection criteria for CLF (Saving, Loan, Business Turnover, No. of Members, Place, Registration Details) from mining affected areas and identify the beneficiary CLF on this basis. GIPARD also to inform about products identified & modalities of operation & maintenance and place where tentatively the vehicle will display the products. Future vehicle sanctions will be subject to success of the first vehicle. (Action: GIPARD/NGDMFT)</p>
<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 vehicle is ready for handover and awaiting official handover.</p>	<p>The Chairperson directed DEPwD to handover the vehicle to beneficiary at the earliest. (Action: DEPwD)</p>
<p>Proposal for purchase of 2 No 4x4 Scorpio Vehicle: - Rs. 56 Lakhs</p>	<p>The GC 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 GC decided to drop the project proposal. The other departments present in the meeting were requested to propose only those projects that will benefit the mining affected community directly. (Action: NGDMFT)</p>

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<p>Proposal for purchase of 2 No Hearse Van:- Rs 18 Lakhs</p>	<p>The GC 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. Further this facility should be made widely available to the local residents of mining affected areas. (Action: O/o The SP, North)</p>
<p>Proposal for Installation of Grid Connected Solar Power System on various Government High Schools: - Rs.68,93,259</p>	<p>The GC did not find any direct benefit to the mining affected area students in this project.</p>	<p>The project was dropped by GC. (Action: NGDMFT)</p>
<p>Proposal of Nikshay Mitra for providing Food Basket for TB Patients through PMTBMA 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 GC agreed to the suggestion of adopting a coupon based system for disbursement and directed the NGDMF to finalize it after discussing with DHS and vendors. (Action: NGDMFT/DHS)</p>
<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>In view of the request of Goa Dairy to revise the proposal, the GC asked all the project proponents to thoroughly check the technical, financial, operational feasibility of the project before proposing it to the NGDMF so that the project does not get delayed for want of more clarification.</p>	<p>Two vehicles sanctioned along with refrigerated containers and all cost inclusive for Rs. 45,00,000/-. The GC desired that Goa Dairy should submit the two proposed transport routes/ beneficiary society names, place before the approval is processed. The vehicle should be suitably branded acknowledging funding from North Goa District Mineral Foundation (Action: GSCMPUL/NGDMFT)</p>
<p>Upgradation of Veterinary Hospital of Honda, Sattari: - Rs.13,03,180/-</p>	<p>The representative of AHVS stated that the tender has not received any response and the cost of the material has enhanced to approx Rs. 25lakhs. The revised cost with all justification to be submitted by the AHVS to NGDMFT. AHVS also requested for a veterinary Ambulance to be considered through DMF fund.</p>	<p>The GC directed AHVS to explore the possibility of procuring the items through e-tender/open tender at the already sanctioned cost. In case the same is not possible, the AHVS department to submit a revised estimate of the equipments required at the Veterinary Hospital, Honda with due clarification for the approved items and increased cost. The Admin and Financial approval can be processed after receiving the required justification. A comprehensive report should be compiled by AHVS/ Goa Dairy to justify the purchase of any further Animal Ambulance and accordingly a</p>

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		fresh proposal may be placed before the MC. (Action: AHVS)
Purchase of two all-Terrain Vehicle - Two Mahindra Thar LX AT 4 WD 4S HT BS 6:- Rs. 30,56,824/-	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	The GC decided to drop the project. (Action: NGDMFT)
Augmentation of water supply to Velguem, Surla and Pale (PWD/DDW):- Rs. 9.9712215 Cr	Based on discussion in MC the GC directed the PWD/DDW to submit a written report on compliance and clarification on the issues raised by the NGDMF, before processing of the bills for O&M.	Appropriate decision on the payment of the pending bill will be taken after clarification report is submitted by the PWD/DDW. (Action: PWD/DDW, NGDMFT)

AGENDA NO. 3

PROVISIONAL FUND STATUS OF NORTH GOA DMF (TRUST)

Head	Sanctioned Amount	Disbursed Amount	N To be disbursed	Available as on 31/12/2025
Drinking Water Supply	₹ 15,47,20,612	₹ 11,00,14,451	₹ 4,47,06,161	₹ 1,97,26,072
Environmental Preservation & Pollution Control Measures	₹ 3,24,50,000	₹ 96,170	₹ 3,23,53,830	₹ 1,11,61,671
Health care	₹ 4,56,30,102	₹ 4,32,81,552	₹ 23,48,550	₹ 4,15,93,240
Education	₹ 9,18,88,500	₹ 5,86,46,495	₹ 3,32,42,005	₹ 62,37,760
Welfare of Women & Children	₹ 17,11,954	₹ 8,90,541.00	₹ 8,21,413	₹ 8,55,11,388
Welfare of Aged & Disabled people	₹ 14,97,034	₹ 11,68,846	₹ 3,28,188	₹ 4,21,14,637
Skill Development	₹ 2,62,75,000	₹ 52,28,514	₹ 2,10,46,486	₹ 6,09,48,342
Sanitation	₹ 1,03,23,833	₹ -	₹ 1,03,23,833	₹ 4,41,90,756
Housing	₹ -	₹ -	₹ -	₹ 3,27,08,753
Agriculture	₹ -	₹ -	₹ -	₹ 5,45,14,589
Animal Husbandry	₹ 30,05,792	₹ 10,72,612	₹ 19,33,180	₹ 5,15,08,797
Physical infrastructure	₹ 2,52,00,808	₹ 2,52,00,808	₹ -	₹ 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	₹ -	₹ 8,52,97,495
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	₹ -	₹ -
PROJECT FUND	₹ 59,76,37,410	₹ 28,62,14,272	₹ 14,71,03,646	₹ 65,69,73,858.3
Admin	₹ 2,00,83,250	₹ 1,42,85,053	₹ 57,98,197	₹ 3,73,00,527.7
TOTAL FUND	₹ 61,77,20,660.00	₹ 30,04,99,325.00	₹ 15,29,01,843.00	₹ 69,42,74,386.00

The GC was informed of the provisional fund status of the NGDMFT and was also apprised about the less receipts into the Trust over the last 3 years. The GC 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, Skill Development etc. which have not been utilised effectively.

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AGENDA NO. 3

DISCUSSION AND DECISION ON NEW PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED BY THE MC

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 Council discussed the issue of prolonged siltation in the Sawanwada/Gaonkarwada 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 Governing Council 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, G RAM G, and DMF. The Soil Conservation Department has submitted a line estimate of **₹1,91,95,200** for desilting of the khazan water body upstream of the Teen Manas Bund at Sawanwada/Gaonkarwada, Bicholim Taluka.

Decision: - The Governing Council approved the project including initial cleaning of the access at cost of Rs. 2 Crore and instructed the Directorate of Agriculture to promote the cultivation to enhance the economic well-being of local farmers. It also directed the agriculture department to explore the possibility of convergence with the Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB-G RAM-G).

(Action: Soil Conservation Division, DoA/NGDMFT/ PMU)

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

The Goa College of Agriculture in association with Directorate 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 through five training, promote chemical-free agriculture, and improve soil fertility and crop productivity.

Decision: - The Governing Council approved the project and directed the Goa College of Agriculture, Goa representative to identify the beneficiaries across mining affected areas of North Goa and ensure the timely implementation of the programme. NGDMF to issue the required approvals.

(Action: GCA, DoA/NGDMFT)

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

The Governing Council 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.

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

(Action: DHS/NGDMFT)

4. 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 Mayem	15	780000	78000	42900
	Total	92	4856000	485600	267080

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
	Total	30	1650000	165000	90750

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 by the GEDA, DoP such as a copy of the Gram Sabha resolution, an undertaking ensuring the solar panels will not be dismantled for 30 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 dated 20/01/2026 and as also recommended by GEDA, it was agreed by the representative of 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 Governing Council decided to consider and saturate the Village Panchayats that are presently classified as mining affected. Other Village Panchayats in the nearby vicinity may be considered at a later stage. The GC further stated that the service charges of GEDA shall be borne by the NGDMFT to avoid any delay in the execution of the project. The O & M charges will be borne by the Village Panchayat. PMU/NGDMFT to be included while finalising the tender process and to be kept in loop during final estimation. The representative of GEDA informed the Council that the project shall be completed within **three months** from the date of receipt of all requisite sanctions.

Decision: - The Governing Council approved the project budget of Rs. 58,00,000/- only for the Panchayats in mining affected villages as identified by the NGDMFT and directed GEDA to complete the project within the timeline assured by them. Monitoring access to also be provided to NGDMFT for compiling data of unit generation, saving done by panchayat etc. NGDMFT Secretariat to issue sanction orders as per compliance of requisite documents by each panchayat.

(Action: DoP/PMU/NGDMFT)

5. Request from Keshav Seva Sadhana Narayan Zantye school children Vathadev, Bicholim Goa (Request for 2 school buses (32-seater))

Keshav Seva Sadhana had proposed 2 school buses (32-seaters) through DEPwD. They have a total of four buses, out of which three are Balrath buses. One balrath bus was donated by AGL and another by Kadamba. The total number of students is 182 and are majorly from mining affected areas, including Sankhali, Amona, Navelim, Bicholim, Surla, Honda, Harvelem, Thivim, Mayem, Piligao, Pale and Assonora. The existing buses are very old and frequently break down. Two of the buses have completed 14 years. The Governing Council was in favour of providing the bus to such special schools as most students are from the mining affected area and since there is less utilization of fund under the sector Welfare of

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Aged and Disabled. The representatives of KSS have provided undertaking for the operation and maintenance of the vehicle.

Decision: - The Proposal was approved by the Governing Council for a budget of Rs. 40,00,000/-. The file presently with the DoE may be handed over to DEPwD for further processing. The budget will be spent from Welfare of Aged and Disabled sector.
(Action: DEPwD/ DoE/PMU/NGDMFT)

6. A. Construction of internal village road along with gutter near mining dumping at Chodankar Nagar Bhuipal (Rs 44,61,332)

The proposed project, amounting to ₹44,61,332, has been estimated by the Directorate of Panchayats. At present, the area has only a kaccha road, and 11 households lack proper road access. During the rainy season, water from the nearby mining dumps enters eight houses; accordingly, proposal has been submitted for the construction of a 240-meter gutter along with a 245-meter road. The estimate includes 5% contingency charges. BDO/Panchayat to ensure that the land has no litigation and ensure all required NOCs of landowners are obtained.

B. Soling and asphaltting of the existing road from the main road near Ganesh Ghadi's house to Sarvesh Malik's house at Vaddev Nagar, Honda, and from Vasu Parab's house to Devanand Parab's house at Narayan Nagar, Honda, in Ward No. 6 of V.P. Honda, Sattari, Goa, under DMF, at an estimated cost of ₹43,85,054.00.

This project has road proposed in two places i.e. Ward No. 6, in Vaddev Nagar of Honda from Ganesh Ghadi House to Sarvesh Malik house and another road in Ward No. 1 Narayan Nagar of Honda from Vaasu Parab House to Devanand Parab house.

With respect to Ward No. 1, Narayan Nagar, the project was not considered as there is already asphalted access benefiting the two houses. The project in Ward No. 6 of Vaddev Nagar near Ganesh Ghadi's house to Sarvesh Malik's house benefitting 14 houses was considered favourably after special request by Honourable MLA. However the DoP has to submit revised and precise estimate for the said stretch.

The Governing Council in view of limited funds in the Infrastructure sector (Other priority sector) and its service area extending to more than 20 village panchayat and 2 municipalities, suggested that road projects should not be proposed. It was also informed that the income of NGDMF over the past two years has been substantially less than its expenditure. Therefore, undertaking large-scale road projects could rapidly deplete the funds. Instead, smaller projects, such as footbridges, were suggested as a more feasible option.

Decision: - The Governing Council agreed to approve Internal Road along with gutter at Chodankar Nagar, Bhuipal for a cost of Rs. 44,61,332/-. For the internal road of Ward No. 6 Vaddev Nagar, the proponent to resubmit the estimate for consideration of the Managing Committee and Governing Council. BDO/Panchayat to ensure that the land has no litigation and ensure all required NOCs of landowners are obtained.

(Action: DoP/PMU/NGDMFT)

7. 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 22 schools (out of 28 schools identified in North Goa mining affected area) were received for various items like Computers, Laptops, Smartboards, Printers etc. The list of schools is as follows:-

Sr.no	Name of the aided school
1	Ideal High School, Piligao
2	Vijayanand High Secondary, Maem
3	Our Lady of Grace High School, Bicholim-Goa
4	St. John of cross High School Sanquelim Goa
5	Tarabai Dalvi High School
6	Mahalaxmi High School, Kudne
7	Gurudas P. Gauns Memorial High school, Gokulwadi, Sanquelim Goa
8	Poira, High School, Poira, Assnora Goa

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9	Shree Shantadurga Vidyalaya Pirna Goa (High school)
10	Shri Navdurga High School, Pale
11	Gopalkrishna High school, sanquelim
12	Vijayanand High School, Mayem
13	Shri Shantadurga Higher Secondary School, Pirna
14	Shrimati High School, Velguem
15	Shri Ganesh Vidyalaya, Harvalem
16	Honda, Higher Secondary, Honda
17	Dr. KB. Hedgewar High school, sanquelim
18	Siddharth Bandodkar Higher Secondary school, Velguem
19	Honda High School, Honda
20	Pujya Sane Guruji Dnyanopasana Mandir Radhakrishna Vidyalaya, Bicholim
21	St. Ann's High School, Thivim Bardez Goa
22	Shri Mahamaya High School, Ardhwada - Mayem Bicholim Goa

Decision: - The Governing Council opined that items such as desktops, smartboards, projectors, sports equipment, music and cultural equipment, which directly benefits the students, can be considered, whereas items like chairs, plumbing, flooring, photocopier machines and electrical work and works for which the school gets Government aid cannot be taken up. The Governing Council agreed for a maximum budget of Rs. 1.5 Crore for all the aided high schools in the North Goa District mining affected area with each school not receiving more than approx Rs. 6 Lakh (inclusive of all taxes). The actual items to be procured may be finalised by the NGDMFT Secretariat/PMU in discussion with the school management, keeping DoE in the loop.

(Action: DoE/ Aided Schools/PMU/NGDMFT)

Any other Agenda with the permission of the Chair

1. The issue regarding the bus service provided by Kadamba Transport Corporation Limited (KTCL) from Sonshi to Honda was raised by the Hon'ble MLA of Poriem Constituency, Dr. Deviya Rane. She expressed concern that the buses should continue to be funded by DMF, as children residing in remote areas would face difficulties in commuting to their schools.

The matter was discussed by the Governing Council (GC). The GC was informed that the State Level Monitoring Committee (SLMC) had directed the Directorate of Education to propose five school buses for the mining-affected area. Until the new buses are purchased and commissioned, the two existing bus services—Sonshi to Honda and Sonshi to Progress High School, Sankhali—will continue to operate. Once the five school buses are procured and made operational, the present alternate arrangement provided through KTCL will be discontinued. It was further clarified that the SLMC had resolved to discontinue the existing KTCL service after the commissioning of the five school buses, considering the recurring expenditure involved and the limited funds available under the Education sector. Accordingly, once the buses were handed over to DoE, the NGDMFT had ceased funding KTCL on the earlier routes w.e.f. 1st of July, 2025.

Decision: - Based on the above discussion, the GC directed DoE to present a detailed report of the school transportation of school students in North Goa District, particularly in mining affected areas and also to explore the possibility of optimising the deployment routes of buses already funded by NGDMFT. Pending this, the proposal to continue the bus services from Sonshi to Honda and from Sonshi to Progress High School, Sankhali through NGDMF funds was not considered favourably by the GC.

2. The Annual Report for the year 2024-25 was circulated among all members before the meeting and as no comments were received, the same was approved by the Governing Council.
3. The Governing Council was informed about shifting of North Goa DMF office to independent rented premises at FT/03, 4th Floor, Navelcar Trade Centre, M.G. Road, Panaji, Goa - 403001. The appointment of two dedicated staff for NGDMFT on contract basis i.e. 01 Accountant and 01 Assistant, was also informed and ratified by the GC.


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4. The GC was informed about the new DMF website <https://dmf.goa.gov.in>. All the Minutes of meeting, guidelines, rules, SOPs, proposal format, project details etc are published on the website.

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

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

Place: Panaji, Goa
Date: 18/02/2026


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