

MINUTES OF THE 6th GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF GOA STATE WETLAND AUTHORITY (GSWA)

TYPE OF MEETING: REGULAR GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE MEETING.

DATE: 13th July 2022; **TIME:** 3.00 PM ONWARDS

VENUE: CONFERENCE HALL, 3rd FLOOR, OFFICE OF GOA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD, OPP. SALIGAO SEMINARY, SALIGAO, BARDEZ, GOA

THE MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY RTD. JUDGE SHRI DESMOND D' COSTA, CHAIRPERSON, GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE (GC) OF GOA STATE WETLAND AUTHORITY (GSWA).

The following members attended the meeting:

Sr. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Hon'ble Rtd. Justice Desmond D'Costa	Chairperson
2.	Adv. Sapna Mordekar	Member
3.	Shri. Surendra Naik, Joint Secretary, Department of Revenue,	<i>ex-officio</i> , Member
4.	Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam, Head of Nodal Agency (HNA) for GSWA & Member Secretary (MS), Goa State Biodiversity Board (GSBB)	Convenor
5.	Shri. Arturo C. D'Souza, Chairperson, Biodiversity Management Committee St.Cruz, Tiswadi, Goa.	Invitee

At the onset, Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam, HNA, GSWA extended a warm welcome to the members of the Grievance Committee of GSWA. The following Agenda was transacted:

Agenda 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the 5th GC Meeting held on 8th & 9th April 2021

The minutes of the Fifth GC Meeting were circulated before the Committee Members for confirmation.

Proposed by: Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam (Convenor)



Seconded by: Adv. Sapna Mordekar (Member)

The same was approved by all the members present at the meeting.

Agenda 2: Action Taken Report of the 5th Grievance Committee Meeting.

The details of the action taken on the agenda points of the 5th GC Meeting were placed to the members for information and perusal. Point No.3 of the ATR, as advised by the GC in the 5th GC the oppositions addressed regarding Carambolim Lake, Batim Lake and Durga Lake was placed before the Goa State Wetland Authority(GSWA). Wherein the grievances were heard and considered by the Goa State Wetland Authority. Subsequently, in the 11th GSWA meeting authority members unanimously decided to finally notify the said identified wetlands subject to revisions. The same was deliberated by the members of the GC & decided to concur with decision of the Goa State Wetland Authority.

Agenda 3: Personal hearing of the grievances/suggestions/complaints/objections regarding re-draft notification of Bondvol Lake as Wetland under Wetland (Conservation & Management) Rules, 2017

The members heard the objectors accordingly:

1. **Mrs. Nita Timble,**
2. **Tapasya Infotech Pvt. Ltd.**

Grievants Mrs. Nita Timble and Tapasya Infotech Pvt. Ltd were represented by Adv. U. Timble, wherein he requested clarification regarding 50-meter buffer Zone. HNA GSWA explained that 50 meter Buffer Zone is calculated from the mean high flood level observed in the past ten years calculated from the date of commencement of Wetland (Conservation & Management) Rules. He further explained that this statement represents the wetland boundary based on the rules. Counsel Adv. U. Timble argued that it is not clearly mentioned in the notification and might create issues in the future, hence requested to clarify the same. HNA, GSWA clarified that Blue line on the wetland map depicts waterbody boundary and mean high flood line. The same was agreed upon by the counsel. HNA, GSWA expressed that the apprehensions of the counsel are noted in the minutes of the



meeting & that in upcoming notifications the same will be mentioned with the approval of Goa State Wetland Authority.

3. Mr. Haroon Ebrahim

Mr. Haroon Ebrahim was present in person. He raised a query regarding the status of kutchra pathway that he uses which falls within the Zone of Influence. HNA, GSWA brought to the notice of the committee that the query is not part of his written objections submitted to the GSWA. Mr. Haroon Ebrahim admitted the same. HNA, GSWA further added that pathway is not recorded in the brief document of the Bondvol Lake. Adv. Sapna Mordekar stated that if the claim of the applicant pertains to any development or construction of a permanent nature which otherwise requires permission under the law prior to its erection/development and applicant is claiming its existence as a pre existing right, then the said claim needs to be supported by documentary evidence as regards the permissions granted for the said development and also completion certificate. The completion certificate is necessary as the grants of construction permission itself is not sufficient to conclude that the construction was actually undertaken and completed. The same was conveyed in clarity.

Both the Objectors conveyed their support for the notification of Bondvol lake as a Wetland.

Decision: The grievant/ complainants/ Objector agreed that their objections were resolved and satisfactorily dealt with.

Agenda 4: Any other matter with the permission of the chairperson.

Nil.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by the Head of Nodal Agency, GSWA.



Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam
Head of Nodal Agency, GSWA