

**MINUTES OF THE 9th GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF GOA STATE
WETLAND AUTHORITY (GSWA)**

TYPE OF MEETING: REGULAR GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE MEETING.

DATE: 30th October 2023; **TIME:** 3.00 PM ONWARDS

VENUE: AUDITORIUM, 2nd 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.	Shri. Rajesh Ajgaonkar. Dy. Collector Tiswadi	Representative of North Goa Collector
3.	Smt. Snehal S. Prabhu, Dy. Collector, (Revenue), Collectorate South Goa	Member
4.	Shri Ganesh K. Barve, Dy. Director, Department of Urban Development.	Member
5.	Smt. Meeksha Naik, Block Development Officer (BDO) II, HQ, Directorate of Panchayat (DOP)	Representative of DOP
6.	Adv. Sapna Mordekar	Member
7.	Smt. Vidya Dhavlikar, Assistant Engineer, Water Resource Department (WRD)	Representative of WRD
8.	Shri. Noel Tavares, Block Development Officer	Representative of DOP
9.	Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam, Head of Nodal Agency (HNA) for GSWA & Member Secretary (MS), Goa State Biodiversity Board (GSBB)	Convenor



10.	Shri Akash Naik, Block Development Officer & Secretary, Village Panchayat of Mayem-Vaiguinim	Representative of Village Panchayat of Mayem- Vaiguinim
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- The attendance of the Grievants present for the 10th GC meeting is attached herewith.

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: Orientation to the re-constituted Grievance Committee of GSWA

Chairperson of the Grievance Committee of GSWA, Hon'ble Rtd. Judge Desmond D'Costa welcomed the newly constituted Grievance Committee of GSWA. All the members representing different line Departments introduced themselves. After the introductions, HNA, GSWA Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam, explained in details the Wetlands (Conservation & Management) Rules 2017, process of identification & notification of wetlands, objective of Grievance committee and other important aspects of GSWA.

Agenda 2: Confirmation of 8th Grievance Committee Meeting Minutes.

The minutes of the Eighth G.C. Meeting were circulated before the Committee Members for confirmation. The same was approved by all the members present at the meeting.

Proposed by: Adv. Sapna Mordekar (Member)

Seconded by: Hon'ble Rtd. Judge Desmond D'Costa (Chairperson)

Agenda 3: Action taken report of the 8th Grievance Committee meeting

The details of the action taken on the agenda points of the 8th GC Meeting were placed before the members for information and perusal. All the points on ATR were complied with except agenda 3, wherein Panchami Lake(Ponda) will be placed for approval for final notification in the next authority meeting.

Agenda 4 : Personal Hearing to the objectors regarding draft notification of Kodal Lake, Kolamwada Lake, Maem Lake, as Wetland.

Initially Head of Nodal Agency (HNA), Goa State Wetland Authority(GSWA), introduced to the objectors the process of Wetland Notification as per Wetland (Conservation &



Management) Rules 2017. He further informed the objectors that the status quo of traditional rights and privileges with respect to the wetlands are maintained in the notification.

1. Sarpanch/Secretary, Village Panchayat, Karapur Sarvan along with Biodiversity Management Committee Karapur Sarvan (Kolamwada Lake & Kodal Lake)

It was noted by Grievance Committee that there was absence of representation from the Village Panchayat of Karapur Sarvan. Therefore GC decided to continue the hearing in their absence.

2. Shri. Prakash Hede

Adv. Vidyesh A. Naik, representing Shri. Prakash Hede, stated that the alleged construction lies 57 meters away from the Kodal Lake waterbody as per site plan prepared by the Mamlatdar's office, as directed by the concerned Collector as a result of Illegal conversion case filed against Mr. Prakash Hede. He also further stated that the clearance was granted to the construction based on the undertaking submitted by Mr. Prakash Hede that he will maintain the water channel where water accumulates. The Legal Counsel stated that the said property is upstream area and declared as settlement zone.

GC informed the legal counsel that the developmental permission granted to the project was after the draft notification of Kodal Lake even though technical clearance was granted prior to the Draft Notification. GC directed the objector to submit the undertaking to GSWA office & that the same could be placed before GSWA for final decision.

Decision: The GC decided that status quo needs to be maintained and final decision will be taken by GSWA.

3. Farmers of Codal Lake & Colam, through Shri Balkrishna Savoikar

Farmers of Codal Lake & Colam organization were represented by Shri Balkrishna Savoikar. He informed that the organization is in favor of Kodal Lake Wetland Notification. He informed the committee that most of the underground springs feeding the Kodal Lake originate in the highlands beyond Zone of Influence area notified in the draft notification of Kodal Lake. Hence more upstream area needs to be protected and notified as Zone of Influence to prevent from further damage or deterioration from concretization. The Concretization of the streams & drains will further deteriorate the water table of the surrounding area. Water from the lake is used to irrigate downstream *kulagars*.



He also brought to the notice of GC that the concretization & constructions by Mr. Hede for making plots are partly in the Zone of influence and partly in the Buffer Zone and have many underground streams which feed the lake. He informed the committee that such construction will affect the underground springs. He expressed apprehension that if the said construction is allowed, then the sewage & waste waters from the residential construction will enter the Kodal lake, polluting the lake. Also such construction will lead to a draught-like situation in the area. He was also of opinion that no activity other than agriculture be allowed in the Wetland.

He informed that he is also representing Biodiversity Management Committee of Village Panchayat Sarvan Karapur and BMC of Sarvan Karapur have also passed resolution suggesting that more upstream area needs to be notified as wetland.

Decision: The Grievance Committee meeting decided that GC will recommend including more catchment area in the Kodal Lake wetland notification to the Goa State Wetland Authority considering the downstream *kulagars*.

4. Sarpanch/Secretary, Village Panchayat, Maem-Vaguinim Sarvan along with Biodiversity Management Committee Maem-Vaguinim (Maem Lake)

Representatives of the Village Panchayat of Maem- Vaguinim along with the BMC extended their support to the Maem Lake Wetland Notification.

5. Shri Yeshwant Navso Karbhatkar

The objector appeared in person and informed that they have existing restaurant in the buffer zone existing since last 16 years and he has plans to extend the restaurant by renovation, which lies on the border of Buffer Zone.

GC informed that no additional permissions are required from GSWA for the repair of existing structures however sewage, waste water should be treated & garbage from existing structures should not be released in the waterbody.

Decision: GC decided the pre-existing restaurant can continue to function and that no additional permissions are required from GSWA for the repair of existing structures subject to the approvals from other concerned authorities. However sewage, waste water should be treated & garbage from existing structures should not be released in the waterbody.



6. Managing Director, Goa Tourism Development Corporation ltd

The objector was represented by their official staff of GTDC. He raised the objection that the depth of the Mayem Lake exceeds 6 meters and hence cannot be considered as Wetland. The objector informed that GTDC plans for additional constructions.

Decision: GC decided that since GTDC is a government owned entity & has already planned for Mayem lake development hence it is advisable that they may be heard by GSWA.

Conclusion:

- GC decided to propose the Kolamwada Lake for final notification due to absence of any objection for Kolamwada Lake.
- The Grievance Committee meeting decided that GC will recommend including more area in the Kodal Lake wetland notification to the Goa State Wetland Authority.
- Regarding the Mayem Lake, GC decided the refer the final Notification of Mayem lake to GSWA.

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



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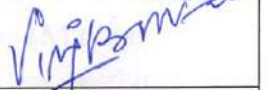
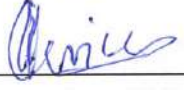
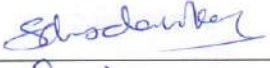
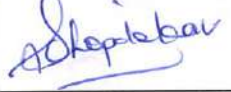







Time: 02:30 pm onwards

Date: 30/10/2023

Venue: 03rd Floor, Conference Hall, Goa State Pollution Control Board, Saligao, Bardez - Goa

Purpose: 09th Grievance Committee Meeting of Goa State Wetland Authority regarding grievances received for draft notification of Maem Lake (Mayem - Bicholim), Kodal Lake and Kolamwada Lake (Karapur - Bicholim) as wetland under Wetland (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017

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Venue: 02nd Floor, Auditorium, Goa State Pollution Control Board, Saligao, Bardez - Goa

Purpose: 9th Grievance Committee Meeting of Goa State Wetland Authority regarding grievances received for draft notification of Kolanwada Lake, and Kodal & Mayem Lake (Bicholim - Taluka.) as wetland under Wetland (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017

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