

**MINUTES OF THE 166th MEETING OF THE
GOA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
HELD ON 23rd SEPTEMBER, 2026 AT 3.30 pm,
IN THE CONFERENCE HALL OF THE BOARD**

I. The 166th meeting of the Goa State Pollution Control Board was held on 23rd September, 2026 at 3.30 pm in the Conference hall of the Board.

The following members attended the meeting:

1. Dr. Levinson J. Martins, IAS, Chairman
2. Chief Inspector, Inspectorate of Factories and Boilers was represented by Inspector of Factories. Shri P.D. Mahale
3. Director, Dte. of Health Services was represented by Consultant NPCCHM, Dr. Geetanjali Sardessai Kare
4. Mr. Ashirwad Khorjuvenkar, Councillor, Mapusa Municipal Council
5. Shri Pradip K. Naik, Councillor, Curchorem – Cacora Municipal Council.
6. Mr. Amey D. Naik, Ex Panch, Village Panchayat Sanvordem
7. Chairperson, Confederation of Indian Industries was represented by Mr. Gavin D'Souza
8. Managing Director, GSIDC was represented by General Manager (Civil) III. Shri Sudesh Sangodkar
9. Mr. Harish Adconkar, Managing Director, Goa Waste Management Corporation
10. Shri Sanjeev Joglekar, Member Secretary (I/c)

II. Director, Food and Drugs Administration expressed her inability to attend the meeting and has requested for leave of absence, the same is granted.

Director of Industries, Trade and Commerce, Chief Engineer, Water Resource Dept., Dr. Nutan D. Bicholkar, Councillor, Mapusa Municipal Council, President, Goa Chamber of Commerce & Industries President, Travel and Tourism Association of Goa did not attend the meeting.

III. At the outset the Chairman welcomed the Members for the 166th meeting of the Board. Chairman informed that Member Secretary of the Board could not attend the meeting and the meeting will be conducted by Member Secretary In-charge.

Thereafter, Chairman instructed the Member Secretary In-charge to take up the following Agenda items for discussion.



Agenda Item no. 1

Confirmation of the minutes of the 165th meeting of the Goa State Pollution Control Board held on 9th June, 2026.

The minutes of the 165th meeting of the Board held on 9th June, 2026 were forwarded to the members vide this office letter no. 4/165/26-PCB/Admn/6691 dated 17/06/2026. The minutes are placed for confirmation of the members, so as to enter the same in the minutes book.

Decision: The Minutes of the 165th meeting of the Board held on 09/06/2026 were approved by the members so as to enter the same in the minutes Book.

Agenda Item No. 2

I. Follow up action on the decision taken at the 164th meeting of the Board held on 05/02/2026.

- iii. Advertisement issued by the Board for filling up the vacant posts (Agenda Item No. 7 of the 164th meeting).

Proposal was forwarded to the Dept. of Environment and Climate Change and necessary amendments. Amendments were conveyed by the DoECC vide letter no. 31/9/2010-ENVT&CC-DIR/ Part-I/647 dated 04/08/2026. The Board will now initiate the process for filling up of the vacant posts. Members may note and approve.

Decision: Members noted and approved.

- iv. Applications for Consent to Operate within Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) (A) &(B)(Agenda Item No. 8 of the 164th Board meeting).

No action is required to be initiated.

Decision: Members noted the same

- v. Inclusion of additional conditions in the Bio-medical Waste Authorisation -(Agenda Item no. 11 of the 164th meeting) .

Conditions as approved are incorporated in the Bio-medical Waste Authorization Rules.

Decision: Members noted the same

- vi. Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) and Documentary requirement for Consent / Registration / Authorisations -(Agenda Item no. 12 of the 164th meeting).

Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) has been issued to the staff of the Board.

Decision: Members noted the same

- vii. Material Recovery Facility (MRF) inspections as per the directions of the Hon. High Court of Bombay at Goa in the matter of Suo Moto Writ Petition 2 of 2007 -(Agenda Item no. 13 of the 164th meeting).

Applications with respect to MRF from Village Panchayats and Municipalities are scrutinised and letters are being issued to Village Panchayats and Municipalities who have not submitted all the required documents and fees. The same is under process.

Decision: Members noted the same

- ix. Status of Waste Collectors operating in the State of Goa-(Agenda Item no. 16 of the 164th meeting).



Letter is being processed to forward to Department of Environment and Climate Change (DoECC) with respect to formulating procedure for registration and authorisation of waste collectors. Subsequent to reply received from DoECC e-tender will be floated for developing a portal.

Decision: Members noted the same

- xi. Grant of Consents under Ease of Doing Business -(Agenda Item no. 20 of the 164th meeting)

Tatkal system is implemented by the Board.

Decision: Members noted the same

- xiv. Decision on the Representation by Employees of the Board seeking that Central Pension Rules, 1972 which are applicable to the State of Goa should also be made applicable to the employees of GSPCB - (Agenda Item No. 22 of the 164th meeting)

As regards the possibility of paying EPS i.e Pension Fund Share at actual rate i.e Basic + T.A instead of Rs. 15,000/- at the prescribed rate of 8.33% which would serve as an additional purpose / enhanced pension to the employees other than EPF at the time of retirement, as recommended by the Expert Committee.

The matter was examined by the Assistant Account Officer of the Board and is of the opinion that there is no proviso under the EPF Rules for increasing the Pension Fund share at Basic + DA instead of Rs. 15,000/- and has further opined that in view of the Boards present financial position it is not feasible to increase the Pension Fund share.

Decision: Chairman informed the Members that as and when Notification in this respect is issued by the EPF, the same could be made applicable to the staff of the Board.

- xv) Discussion on the proposed Goa Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Rules 2025 and Goa Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Rules 2025. (Agenda Item No. 23 of the 164th meeting)

The Department of Environment and Climate Change has notified the Goa Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Rules, 2025 vide Notification no. 31/9/2010-STE-DIR/Part-I/Vol.IV/632 dated 29/07/2026 and 31/9/2010-STE-DIR/Part-I/Vol.IV/633 dated 29/07/2026..

Decision: Members noted the same

II. Follow up action on the decision taken at the 165th meeting of the Board held on 09/06/2026.

Agenda item No. 5

Utilization of Vehicles for carrying out inspection
Office order is issued to the Staff.

Decision: Members noted the same

Agenda Item No. 6

Compliance to the Directions issued by the Department of Environment and Climate Change, Govt. of Goa with respect to the ban on manufacture, import and sale of Plaster of Paris (PoP) Idols in the State.

The Board vide letter no. GSPCB/ITD/ITF/2027/201007/IT/ 10829 dated 30/07/2026 have requested the Dept. of Environment and Climate Change for amendment in the directions as the Board has received request from individual Ganesh idol artisans/sellers requesting extension of the

registration deadline, as several artisans/sellers are yet to complete their registration on the portal, so as to enable the Board to re-enable the portal and inform the concerned authorities accordingly.. Amendment is issued by DoECC dated 11/08/2026. Accordingly Board has completed the joint site inspection along with officials of Goa Handicrafts, Rural and Small Scale Industries' Dev. Corporation and concerned Sub-Divisional Magistrate from 17/08/2026 to 03/09/2026. Total 305 Ganesh idol samples are collected out of which 185 analysis is completed, the rest is in process.

Decision: Members noted the same

Agenda Item No. 7

Status of Faecal Coliform in River Mandovi based on National Water Quality Monitoring Programme (NWMP) Data (2016-2026)

Action Plan has been submitted in the Hon. High Court wherein pre-monsoon interim report is submitted, monsoon season water sampling is completed and monsoon season interim report is in progress.

Decision: Members noted the same

Agenda Item No. 8

Agenda for Blue flag Certification of Beaches in Goa

The Directorate of Tourism (DoT) has prioritised two beaches namely (i) Mandrem beach from North Goa District and (ii) Galgibag from the South Goa District and accordingly has proposed for nomination to Blue-Flag Certification. Subsequently and based on request received from the DoT, the Board has collected and analysed beach water-samples, *at five different times*, in the month of May 2026 as pre-monsoon sampling. The test-report with brief interpretation has been submitted to the DoT (*refer linked flm bearing no. ending with 3806*) and informed them that *Monsoon and Post-monsoon set of beach-water sampling / analysis is proposed during Mid-August 2026 and Mid-October 2026, respectively.*

Subsequently and once again requested by the DoT, the Board has compiled and is a process of submitting the beach water-quality of Tiracol beach (*located north of Mandrem beach*) and Palolem beach (*located south of Galgibag beach*) for a period from April 2024 to June 2026 (27-months) so as to enable the DoT to prepare a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for onward submission to the International Blue Flag Certification Jury. It is to be noted that these 02-beaches :Tiracol and Palolem beaches are covered under the national Water-quality Monitoring Programme (NWMP) of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB). Water quality data for the last 27-months at these 02-beaches may be referred at *Tiracol-Palolem_27-months-data.*

Decision: Members noted the same

Agenda Item No. 10

Safe disposal of spent wash of M/s NTS Blenders and Distillers Pvt. Ltd., Canacona Goa, Plot No. 1 and 2, Canacona Industrial Estate, Canacona Goa.

Directions under Section 33 (A) read with Section 25/26 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and under Section 31 (A) Read with section 21 of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 have been issued dated 28/07/2026 withdrawing the Consent issued by the Board with immediate effect and directing the management of M/s. NTS Blenders & Distillers Pvt. Ltd. To CLOSE/SUSPEND the operation of the unit located at Plot No 1 and 2, Canacona Industrial Estate.

In addition, the Board has communicated with Dr.Sharad Kale and Mr. Abhinav Apte to conduct a pilot study to conduct the disposal method of molasses and water present in the tanks belonging to M/s NTS Blender & Distillers Pvt. Ltd. and derive the best available method to dispose / treat the molasses / water under guidance of Dr.Sharad Kale.

Decision: Members noted the same, and Chairman submitted that the Board had received letters from Managing Director, Goa Industrial Development Corporation that they will take a decision to dispose off the molasses and spent

water being in Canacona Industrial Estate. The Board members agreed to write to the Managing Director, Goa Industrial Development Corporation for status in this respect and for further action.

Agenda Item No. 11

Guidelines for initiating action in case of non compliance to standards for Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) and Effluent Treatment Plants (ETP after analysis of final treated effluent samples from STPs and ETPS.

Guidelines are implemented by the Board.

Decision: Members noted the same

Agenda Item No. 15

Requirement of submission of Ownership documents by applicants for grant of Consent Condition is incorporated in the System Operating Procedure as stated at (vi).

Decision: Members noted the same

Agenda Item No. 17

Implementation of the requirement of Sewage Treatment Plant by establishments with 36 seating capacity.

Letter is issued to Central Pollution Control Board seeking clarification with respect to treatment facility for establishment having seating capacity of 36 and also in respect of earlier Green category industries which are having STPs etc. and are now White category.

Decision: Chairman informed the members that the units which were earlier in Green category are now in White category as per the classification done by Central Pollution Control Board. He further informed that Goa being a small State clarification / exemption is already being sought vide letter dated 03/09/2026 from Central Pollution Control Board seeking exemption, as the Board is deriving funds for its management from the Consent fees, classifying majority of the units that is approx. 80% in White category will be a revenue loss to the Board. Chairman also informed that a visit was undertaken to the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board to study the structure adopted by their Board. Member Secretary (I/c) further informed that the Central Pollution Control Board vide earlier Notification had required Sewage Treatment Plants to be put up for restaurants having seating capacity of 36 and having area of 100 sq. mtrs. and that in the present Notification, the earlier Notification is not rescinded and therefore there is no clarity for which the above letter is written to Central Pollution Control Board.

Agenda Item No. 18

Revision of Annual Consent fees under Water Act & Air Act.

Letter is forwarded to Ministry of Environment and Forests and Central Pollution Control Board seeking clarification.

Decision: Members noted the same

Agenda Item No. 19

Classification of Small Restaurants

Letter issued to Department of Environment and Climate Change to issue a suitable Notification.

Decision: Members noted the same

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Agenda Item No. 22

Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026, compliance with Hon'ble Supreme Court Directives, and approval of Enforcement frameworks for Bulk Waste Generators.

The Bulk Waste Generators have been intimated to register on the Central Portal. Accordingly, a total of 61 Bulk Waste Generators are registered.

Decision: Members noted the same. However, members were of the opinion that Solid Waste disposal should be the primary responsibility of the local bodies, with other departments to ensure the enforcement of the Rules. Further, Managing Director, Goa Waste Management Corporation, also agreed that it is the primary responsibility of the local bodies. In this context it was decided to place the decision of the Board before the State Government and the District Collectors Committee constituted as per the Hon. Supreme Court Order. It was further decided that any complaints with respect to Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026 needs to be first placed before the local body for their examination and report, further to which, the Committee / Goa State Pollution Control Board / Goa Waste Management Corporation could examine the same.

Agenda Item No. 23

Advisory for use of RDF /Bio-Briquettes as fuel in Boiler and also include PNG as approved fuel

Letter is forwarded to the Dept. of Env. & Climate Change to include PNG as approved fuel.

Decision: Members noted the same

Agenda Item No. 24

Inspection Report of River Sal

A joint site-inspection of the Sal River was conducted by the Board (along with other stakeholder departments) followed thereafter by site inspection of 20-MLD capacity as well as 6.7-MLD capacity Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) located at Shirvodem, Navelim in the month of April 2026, the Board had issued letters, enclosing the site-inspection report, to (a) O/o Executive Engineer (E.E.), Public Works Department (PWD), Works Division – XXI (SEW), Fatorda – to submit action plan for rectification of 04-locations, (b) Sewerage Infrastructure Development Corporation of Goa Limited (SIDCGL) – to (i) submit detailed action plan for operation of both the STPs' during monsoon season as well as to allot a dedicated storage area and (ii) ensure that STPs' are installed for proposed residential complexes having 25-flats or above and 25- rooms in case of hospitality units (i.e. hotels) and (iii) install Online Continuous Effluent Monitoring System (OCEMS) to 6.7-MLD capacity STP on priority. The letter was also endorsed to the Urban Health Centre (UHC), Margao to initiate action, as applicable.

In response to the Board's letter, referred at (a), O/o PWD, vide its letter dated 1st July 2026, has informed that as regards to rectification of 04-locations, necessary action has been initiated by the office. Further, in response to (b) above, O/o SIDCGL has informed that for laying of 355-mm sewer lines at MTR-3 (i.e. Hotel raj resorts to Rawanfond pumping-station for Osia Lifestyle Complex) as well as re-construction of damaged composite manholes in Comba near Sulabh, requisite estimate has already been prepared and awaiting approval from the competent authority. They also informed that, as per b(iii) referred above, the process of integrating the OCEMS with the Board is currently under progress. Further, in response to b(i) referred above, M/s SFC Environmental Technologies Ltd., vide its letter dated 19th June 2026, has submitted the action plan for STP operation during monsoon season. In response to a letter to Urban Health Centre (UHC), Margao, the Centre has not issued any No Objection Certificate (NOC) to the settlements (located along the storm water drain at Khareband). It is also learnt that letter sent to Water Resources Department (WRD) reg. desilting of nalahs and conduct inspection to of discharge points, if any. However, no response has been received from the Office of the Water Resource Dept..

Way Forward - Further, it is proposed to write to all the local-authorities falling within the jurisdiction of Sal river (i.e. along its both the banks) along its length – right from its upstream to the downstream (i.e. joining with the Arabian sea) with (i) instructions to conduct inspection and verify that dwelling-units / residential complexes / commercial-establishments adapt to or install suitable sewage disposal / treatment facility (STPs) and ensure that no untreated or partially treated sewage or any effluent is released into either storm-water drain or seasonal or perennial stream / water bodies and (ii) submit action taken report (ATR) visà-vis follow-up action initiated for reported non-compliance(s), if any.

Decision: Members noted the same. On the instructions of the Chairman, the Board official, Dr. Mohan Girap, Scientist 'C' to appraise the Members of the steps taken by the River Rejuvenation Committee constituted by the State Govt. under the Chairmanship of the Secretary (Environment) for maintaining the water quality of the rivers of the State. He further informed that Water Resource Dept. has been instructed to prepare an Action Plan for which estimates will be prepared for obtaining financial approval from the State Govt. He further informed that the meeting of the River Rejuvenation Committee will be held shortly. He further informed that the response from Water Resource Dept. Sewage and Infrastructure Development Corporation, and Public Works Department would be compiled and that an advisory will be put up before the State Govt. through the Department of Environment and Climate Change for further intervention and further necessary action.

Agenda Item No. 25

Revision of Air Monitoring fees towards monitoring of transportation routes for freshly mined/e-auction/ royalty paid iron ore
Revision of fee structure is implemented.

Decision: Members noted the same

Agenda Item No. 26

Issue regarding Prevention and Control of Noise Pollution and functioning of the Real Time Online Noise Monitoring Systems

The Board has appointed the Ld AG and Sr. Adv. Devidas Pangam and Adv. Simmone Maria Correia to file the said MCA before the Hon. High Court. The Advocates have also been briefed in the matter and comments/ inputs submitted to them. Preparation of the MCA and subsequent filing of the MCA is under process.

Decision: Members noted the same. Chairman further informed the Board members that online continuous monitoring of noise and the instruments set up by the supplier, M/s Welan Technologies as of now is only at 10 to 12 locations and that too it measures ambient air noise and to any individual noise violation, and therefore their payment is restricted to the actual installations put up provided there is satisfactory service by the supplier. Further, it was decided to discard and stop any further locations other than the already installed locations and no payment would be made for such locations where monitoring system is installed at the time of first installations and that if any amount is paid for such non installed locations the same shall be recovered from the supplier.

Further, the Board was apprised that other machines procured by the Board will be put to full use by the Board to monitor all noise violation complaints at cost to the violator and for further necessary action thereafter.

Agenda Item No. 27

Ambient Air Quality Report for the year 2025-2026

The Ambient Air Quality Monitoring (AAQM) data for the period April-June 2026 has been analysed and compared with the corresponding period of April-June 2025. The status is as follows:

- A comparison of the AAQM data indicates that 16 out of 18 monitoring stations recorded an increase in particulate matter (PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}) concentrations during April-June 2026 compared to the corresponding period of 2025.
- Vasco recorded an improvement in particulate matter concentrations, particularly PM₁₀, during April-June 2026 compared to the corresponding period of 2025.
- Baina showed improved particulate matter concentrations based on the available monitoring data for April 2026. However, a comparison for the entire period of April-June could not be carried out due to the non-availability of monitoring data for May and June 2026.
- Despite the increase in particulate matter concentrations at most monitoring stations, the monitored concentrations remained within the prescribed National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) during the assessment period.
- The Air Quality Index (AQI) at all monitoring stations remained predominantly in the Good and Satisfactory categories, indicating that the ambient air quality across the State continued to remain generally acceptable.

Conclusion

The ambient air quality in Goa during April-June 2026 remained generally satisfactory. Although an increasing trend in particulate matter concentrations was observed at most monitoring stations compared to the corresponding period of April-June 2025, the monitored concentrations remained within the prescribed National Ambient Air Quality Standards, and the AQI continued to be predominantly in the Good and Satisfactory categories.

The AAQM data is regularly forwarded to the Department of Environment & Climate Change, Government of Goa, for information and necessary action under the State Action Plan for Clean Air, Goa. Instances of exceedance, wherever observed, are also communicated to the concerned stakeholders for necessary action.

Decision: Members noted the same

Table Item No. 1

Collection of Used Cooking Oil and Biofuels production

Condition is issued in the Consent for disposing used cooking oil with the vendor registered with Goa Energy Development Agency.

Decision: Members noted the same

Table Item No. 2

Annual Report of the Board 2025-2026.

The Annual Report of the Board is forwarded to the Department of Environment and Climate Change, Govt. of Goa, for placing before the Goa Legislative Assembly.

The Annual Reports were placed before the Legislative Assembly Session commencing 31/08/2026.

Decision: Members noted the same

Table Item No. 3

Consideration of Representation from the Waste Management Association of Goa Regarding Revision of Fee Structure, Extended Validity Period, and Cessation of Industrial Waste Collector Registrations.

The Board has implemented the revised fee structure and a Circular is being issued which will be uploaded on the Boards website.

Decision: Members noted the same



Agenda Item No. 3

Filling up of the vacant post of Head Clerk on contract basis (Leave vacancy)

One post of Head Clerk is vacant due to Leave vacancy (E.O.L) for a period of 02 years from 19/05/2026 to 18/05/2028.

The office had made a request to the Department of Personnel, Govt. of Goa to circulate the vacancy among the Government Departments for suitable deputation for filling up of the post of Head Clerk in the Goa State Pollution Control Board

Department of Personnel has replied stating that the subject matter is not dealt by the Department and hence the request is returned for necessary action.

Since there is Administrative requirement, the post is proposed to be filled on contract basis by conducting Walk-in interview from among eligible retired official from Government Departments/Autonomous Bodies with experience in Administrative matters, holding the post of Head clerk for atleast 5 years.

A DPC/DSC for conducting Walk in interview comprising of Department of Environment and Climate Change, Under Secretary (Personnel) and Member Secretary (GSPCB) is constituted for selection of the Candidates.

Advertisement will be issued in the local dailies inviting applications from Retired official from Government Departments / Autonomous Bodies with experience in Administrative matters, holding the post of Head clerk for atleast 5 years. The emoluments shall be fixed in terms of Central Civil Services (Fixation of pay of Re-employment Pensioners) Orders 1986. Age criteria – not exceeding 62 years as on date of the Walk-in-Interview.

Members may kindly note and approve.

Decision: Members approved for filling up of one post of Head Clerk (Leave vacancy) by Walk in interview for a period of two years by issuing advertisement in the local dailies inviting applications from Retired official from Government Departments / Autonomous Bodies with experience in Administrative matters, holding the post of Head Clerk for atleast 5 years. The emoluments to be fixed in terms of Central Civil Services (Fixation of pay of Re-employment Pensioners) Orders 1986. Age criteria – not exceeding 62 years as on date of the Walk-in-Interview.

Members also approved for the constitution of the DPC/DSC for conducting the Walk in interview to comprise of Department of Environment and Climate Change, Under Secretary (Personnel) and Member Secretary, GSPCB.

Agenda Item No. 4

Re-designation of First Appellate Authority, Public Information Officer and Assistant Public Information under The Right to Information Act, 2005.

The appointment of First Appellate Authority, Public Information Officer and Assistant Public Information under The Right to Information Act, 2005 have been modified as follows:

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	As per Notification	Changes as per office order dated 16/06/2026
First Appellate Authority	Member Secretary	Mrs. Natalia Dias, Law Officer
Public Information Officer	Mrs. Natalia Dias Law Officer	Mrs. Indira Raut, Assistant Engineer (Information Technology)
Assistant Public Information Officer	Shri Constance Fernandes Senior Law Officer	Shri Pratik Chari Network Engineer

The proposed changes were forwarded to the Department of Environment and Climate Change. Department of Environment has issued order dated 21/08/2026 re-nominating the Officers.

Members may kindly note.

Decision: Members noted that the nomination of First Appellate Authority, Public Information Officer, Assistant Public Information Officer under the Right to Information Act, 2005 has been reconstituted.

Agenda Item No. 5

Amendment in the Recruitment Rules is for the post of MTS (Multitasking staff)

The Recruitment Rules for the post of Multi tasking Staff were published in the Official Gazette dated 08/08/2024 with the following requirements under Serial no.. 8 of Schedule II of the Recruitment Rules i.e Educational and other qualifications required for direct recruits.

1. Essentials:

- Passed Secondary School Certificate/Examination from a recognized Board/Institution or passed Course conducted by Industrial Training institute or equivalent trade from a recognized institution.
- Course conducted by Industrial Training institute or equivalent qualifications in relevant Trade may be considered incase post relates to technical work.
- Knowledge of Konkani
- 15 years Residence Certificate

2. Desirable:

- Knowledge of Marathi
- Multitasking Skills such as knowledge of operating office machines including computers.

Considering (a) & (b) under essential are contradicting, a proposal is forwarded to the Department of Environment and Climate Change requesting for amendment with reference (a) and (b) in line to RR's of the State Government which is as under:

"Essential:

- Passed Secondary School Certificate / examination from a recognised Board / Institution OR passed course conducted by Industrial Training Institute or equivalent trade from a recognised Institution.

Note: Course conducted by Industrial Training Institute or equivalent qualifications in relevant trade, may be considered in case post relates to technical work.

- Knowledge of Konkani
- 15 years Residence Certificate

Desirable:

- Knowledge of Marathi
- Multi-tasking skills such as knowledge of operating office machines including computers.

Members may kindly note and accord ex post facto approval.

Decision: Members noted that the Recruitment Rules as amended have been notified in the Official Gazette Series I No. 20 dated 13th August, 2026 with respect to the Multi-Tasking staff to bring in line with the Recruitment Rules of the State Government for the said post and accorded ex post facto approval.

Agenda Item No. 6

Board premises at 4th floor Dempo Towers, Patto, Panaji

The Board had rented its premises at the Dempo Towers, Patto, Panaji Goa, to the Goa State Environment Impact Assessment Authority in the year 2018.

The chronology with respect to the same is put up for information of the Members.

Chronology of Rented preemies at 4th floor, of Dempo Towers (GCZMA)

Date	Description
21/08/2018	Vide 134 th special meeting held on 21/08/2018 the Board has approved to lease out the premises belonging to the Board located on the 4 th floor of Dempo Towers to Goa SEIAA for a monthly rent of Rs.3,00,000/-
16/5/2019	The Goa State Environment Impact Assessment Authority vide letter dated 16/5/2019 had informed Board that the State Govt. has approved the hiring of premises on 4 th floor of Dempo Towers admeasuring 327.08 sq. mtrs for a monthly rent of Rs.3,00,000/- per month and requested to forward a draft agreement
14/06/2019	The Board vide letter dated 14/06/2019 had forwarded a draft lease agreement and also requested to convey the acceptance to the same so as to proceed for final signature of the agreement
03/07/2019	Vide letter dated 3/7/2019 GOA SEIAA informed that authority has approved draft agreement for hiring of premises on 4 th flr and further requested to make necessary arrangement for registration of said lease agreement from 1/7/2019
15/07/2019	Vide letter dated 15/7/2019 the Board requested to submit stamp paper for signing of the lease agreement
02/08/2019	Vide Reminder I letter dated 02/08/2019 the Board once again requested to submit stamp paper for signing of the lease agreement
26/07/2019	Goa SEIAA vide letter dated 26/7/2019 submitted stamp paper
25/9/2019	Vide letter dated 25/09/2019 has requested to deposit a security deposit amounting to Rs.9,00,000/- as advance towards rent for three months.
26/09/2019	Vide letter dated 26/9/2019 GCZMA has deposited an amount of Rs.6,30,000/- (70% share) and requested to sign the agreement and handover the premises on 01/10/2019 and further requested to remove all the furniture and equipment and clear the premises on or before 01/10/2019
03/10/2019	The Board vide letter dated 03/10/2019 informed SEIAA that your office was informed to deposit an amount of Rs.9,00,00/- as advance towards security deposit towards hire purchase of the 4 th floor premises and further informed that vide your letter dated 03/10/2019 GCZMA has deposited Rs.6,30,000/- (70% share) as against Rs.9,00,000/- as stated in this office letter and further informed that you were required to deposit the balance amount so as to incorporate the same in the agreement and further it was noted by the Board that cheque has been signed by Member Secretary, GZCMA whereas this office letter was addressed to MS Goa SEIAA, and requested to clarify as to the premises is to be rented to GCZMA or SEIAA and further informed that the process of shifting of the material from the 4 th floor is I progress and may take another few days.
09/10/2019	Vide letter dated 9/10/2019 the Goa SEIAA informed the Board that as per the state government order the GSPCB is managing the account of Goa SEIAA, the said amount

	is in the name of GSPCB and the MS Goa SEIAA is the authority for issuing of cheque and requested to draw an balance amount of Rs.3,70,000/- from the said account as the balance security deposit and further requested to make necessary arrangements to register the agreement of fire of purchase on priority.
17/10/2019	Vide letter no. 17/10/2019 the Board requested Goa SEIAA to open a new account in favour of SEIAA and forward this office the Bank details so as to enable the Board to transfer the amount which was managed by GSPCB.
	Vide receipt no. 047 Goa SEIAA has deposited balance amount of Rs.2,70,000/-
15/01/2020	Vide letter dated 15/01/2020 the office informed the Civil Registrar cum Sub Registrar that the Board intends to rent out its premises at the 4 th floor (part) to Goa SEIAA on a monthly rent of Rs. 3,00,000/- lakhs and requested to inform this office the registration fees of the lease agreement
28/01/2020	Vide letter dated 28/01/2020 the Office of the Civil Registrar Cum Sub Registrar Tiswadi informed the Board that as per annexed calculation of lease the average Annual rent calculated to Rs.43,95,672 and the security deposit of Rs.9,00,000/- for the period of five years, therefore the stamp duty for the above value calculates to Rs. 57,170/- and registration fees calculates to Rs.1,32,400/- plus processing fees depending upon the number of the pages.
30/01/2020	Vide letter dated 30/1/2020 the Board informed the Goa SEIAA that the Board had requested the office of the Civil Registrar cum Sub Registrar the amount of registration fees for registration of the lease agreement and the same was informed to Goa SEIAA for needful
04/03/2020	Vide letter no. 4/3/2020 the Board informed and enclosed the lease agreement for hiring of the 4 th floor signed by the Member Secretary GSPCB for favour of M.S Goa SEIAA for signature and requested to execute the agreement with effect from 1 st March, 2020 and accordingly register the said agreement in the office of Civil Registrar Cum Sub Registrar Panaji
05/03/2020	Vide letter dated 05/03/2020 the Board informed Goa SEIAA that the key of the main door of the 4 th floor premises was handed over to the OSD, DOE by the Scientific staff of the Board.
11/03/2020	Vide letter dated 11/03/2020 the Board informed Secretary, Dempo Towers, Space Users Association that the Board has rented its premises at the 4 th floor to Goa SEIAA from 1 st March, 2020 for a period of 5 years and further informed that the charges towards the maintenance and parking be forwarded to the Goa-SEIAA
31/08/2020	Vide letter dated 31/8/2020, the Board informed Goa SEIAA that the office vide letter dated 4/3/2020 forwarded the lease agreement duly signed for your signature and accordingly register the said agreement in the office of the Civil Registrar, Panaji vide your letter dated 03/7/2020. The agreement has been returned back to this office incorporating changes/modification and deletion and forwarded a copy of the CIRCULAR of the Law department with regard to the standard deed of lease and agreement. And further informed that you may execute the agreement on same lines and forward a copy of the draft agreement to this office for approval. And further informed that the same be expedited as the office is yet to receive payment towards the rent, through the premises has already been handed over to you.
12/11/2020	Vide Reminder II letter dated 12/11/2020, the Board requested Goa SEIAA to expedite the signing of the Lease agreement and further informed that the payment of rent towards the same is pending since 1/2/2020 and the Board is facing financial crunch in making payments towards the salaries of the staff and other expenses due to pandemic as the Board is dependent on the income it receives through Consent management
19/01/2021	Vide Reminder III letter dated 19/01/2021, the Board once again reminder Goa SEIAA for signing of the lease agreement and pending of rent from 1/2/2020
03/02/2021	Vide Reminder IV letter dated 03/02/2021, the Board once again reminder Goa SEIAA for signing of the lease agreement and pending of rent from 01/02/2020
03/02/2021	Vide letter dated 03/02/2021, the Goa SEIAA informed the Board regarding seeking for urgent signing of lease agreement for the premises hire by Goa SEIAA admeasuring

	327.08 sq. meters on the 4 th floor, in this context it is to submit that this authority has already deposited six months lease rent in advance to the Board i.e. total amount of Rs.18,00,000/- , further informed that GAD has issued a Circular dated 29/10/2020 which was enclosed for reference, vide the said Circular direction have been issued for revision of rents and this authority has entered into a lease agreement on the same floor in the same building with Shri. Samit Dalal for a office premises admeasuring 44.445 sq. meters @ Rs.25,000/- per month which works out to Rs. 562.49 sq. meters per month and whereas the Goa SEIAA has hired the premises of the GSPCB admeasuring 327.08 sq. meters with lease charges of Rs.3,00,000/- which works out to Rs.917.269 sq. meters per month. Considering the prevalent market rate of Rs. 562.49/- sq. meters per month and further requested to revise the hire charges of the 327.08 sq. mters premises to Rs. 1,83,979.22 per month in lieu of the earlier hire charges Rs.3,00,000/-per month
10/02/2021	Vide letter dated 10/2/2021, the Board replied to the Goa SEIAA stating as follows: 1. The Board has received a total amount of Rs.9,00,000/- (6,30,000/- (70% share) from GCZMAQ and Rs.2,70,000/- (30% share) from Goa SEIAA as against Rs.18,00,000/- as stated in the letter of Goa EIAA dated 3/2/2021 2. The draft lease agreement for the premises was forwarded to the Authority on 14/6/2019. Approval of the same was conveyed vide their office letter dated 3/7/2019,. The rent of the premises on the 4th floor was fixed which was prevalent during the particular year i.e. prior to the market/economic conditions and the Goa SEIAA took its possession of the premises in February, 2020. The rent value was fixed as per the decision of the Board The Board informed as follows : * That revaluation of the rent cannot be considered at this stage as the Board sis an autonomous body outside the consolidated funds of the State Government. Further the Board depends on the rent for the administrative and maintenance of its new premises. The re-assessment of the rent cannot be done retrospectively. * Request for re-assessing the rent shall be taken up in future on approval of the Board *And further requested to expedite the signing of the lease agreement and transfer the amount toward the rent with effect from 01/2020 to the Board at the earliest.
08/05/2021	Vide Reminder IV dated 08/02/2021, the Board once again reminder Goa SEIAA for signing of the lease agreement and pending of rent from 1/2/2020
12/03/2021	Vide Reminder V dated 12/03/2021, the Board once again reminder Goa SEIAA for signing of the lease agreement and pending of rent from 1/2/2020
25/05/2021	Vide letter dated 25/05/2021 Goa SEIAA replied to Board letter dated 12/03/2021 informing as follows: As initially agreed hire charges for 14 months from February 2020 to March 2021 @ Rs.3,00,000/- month which works to Rs.42,00,000/- will be paid jointly by the SEIAA and GCZMA. A cheque amounting to Rs.29,40,000/- (70% share) is enclosed herewith. Further as per the instructions of GAD a lease and license agreement for the period from 1 st April 2021 to March, 2022 will b signed for hire charges of Rs.1,83,979.22/- month which has been already intimated to the Board vide this office letter dated 03/02/2021 and forthwith government approval is obtained.
25/05/2021	Vide letter dated 25/05/2021 Goa SEIAA replied to Board's letter dated 12/03/2021 and paid amount of Rs.12,60,000/- (70% share) for the period from 1 st April 2021 to March, 2022
18/11/2021	Vide Reminder VI dated 18/11/2021, the Board once again reminded Goa SEIAA for signing of the lease agreement.
31/01/2022	Vide Reminder VII dated 31/01/2022, the Board once again reminded Goa SEIAA for signing of the lease agreement
23/03/2022	Vide letter dated 23/03/2022, the Board forwarded pre-receipt amounting to Rs.40,23,000/- towards the rent payable for the period from April 2021 to March, 2022
29/03/2022	Vide letter dated 29/03/2022, the GCZMA has deposited an amount of Rs.11,59,070/- (70% share) for the period from April 2021 to January 2022 (10 months) after deducting 10% TDS

29/03/2022	Vide letter dated 29/03/2022, the Goa SEIAA has deposited an amount of Rs.4,96,744/- (30% share) for the period from April 2021 to January 2022 (10 months) after deducting 10% TDS
21/04/2022	Vide note dated 21/04/2022 the Board requested State Government enclosing the detailed chart of the payment received and the outstanding amount. however, till date the Board has not received any reply
01/03/2023	Vide letter dated 01/03/2023 the Goa SEIAA has deposited an amount of Rs. 5,96,093/- (30% share) for the period from 01/02/2022 to 31/01/2023 (12 months) after deducting 10% TDS
01/03/2023	Vide letter dated 01/03/2023 the GCZMA has deposited an amount of Rs.13,90,883/- (70% share) for the period from 01/02/2022 to 31/01/2023 (12 months) after deducting 10% TDS
09/03/2023	Vide Reminder VIII dated 09/03/2023, the Board once again reminded Goa SEIAA for signing of the lease agreement and enclosed pre receipts amounting to Rs. 43,92,300/- for the period from April 2022 to March 2023
08/11/2023	Vide Reminder - IX, the Board once again reminded Goa SEIAA for signing of the lease agreement and enclosed pre receipts amounting to Rs. 48,31,530/- for the period from April 2023 to March 2024
11/12/2023	Vide letter dated 11/12/2023, the Goa SEIAA has deposited an amount of Rs.4,96,744/- (30% share) for the period from 01/02/2023 to 30/11/2023 (10 months) after deducting 10% TDS
11/12/2023	Vide letter dated 11/12/2023, the GCZMA has deposited an amount of Rs.11,59,070/- (70% share) for the period from 01/02/2023 to 30/11/2023 (10 months) after deducting 10% TDS
04/01/2024	Vide letter dated 04/01/2024, the Board directed Director, DOE to discuss the matter with respect to non signing of the agreement of 4 th floor premise.
08/08/2024	Vide letter dated 08/08/2024, the GCZMA requested EE, Works Div.-I (Buildings) to carry out the assessment of rent for hire purchase of 4 th floor premises hired by GCZMA and SEIAA with a copy to the Board
10/12/2024	The Board in its 160 th meeting held on 10/12/2024 requested the Member Secretary to convey the concern of the Board to the Department and to inform the Department to expedite signing of the agreement and payment of the outstanding rent. Accordingly, vide letter dated 01/01/2025 the Board conveyed its decision to DOE to initiate necessary action in the matter on priority. Till date no reply is received from the DOE
06/01/2025	Vide letter dated 06/01/2025 the Goa SEIAA has deposited an amount of Rs. 6,45,767/- (30% share) for the period from 01/12/2023 to 31/12/2024 (13 months) after deducting 10% TDS
21/01/2025	Vide letter dated 02/01/2025 the GCZMA has deposited an amount of Rs. 15,06,790/- (70% share) for the period from 01/12/2023 to 31/12/2024 (13 months) after deducting 10% TDS
27/01/2025	Vide letter dated 27/01/2025 the Board once again reminded Goa SEIAA for signing of the lease agreement.
01/08/2025	Vide letter dated 01/08/2025, the Board once again reminded Goa SEIAA for signing of the lease agreement and outstanding of the rent amount. However till date no reply is received
25/03/2026	Vide letter dated 25/03/2026 the Board once again requested Goa SEIAA regarding non signing of the agreement towards 4 th floor premises occupied by them and further informed that in order to discuss the matter a meeting was fixed on 27/03/2026 at 4.00 pm in the Board office
27/03/2026	Accordingly the officials of the Goa SEIAA remained present on 27/03/2026 during which they informed that they will seek necessary instructions from Member Secretary Goa SEIAA and will inform Board authority regarding the above within 3 days
06/04/2026	Vide email dated 6/04/2026 Goa SEIAA, informed as follows:- 1. The Authority issued many letters to the Executive Engineer, Works Div.-I (buildings), Junta House, Panaji, Goa to carry out the assessment of Rent for the

		premises hired by GCZMA and GSEIAA. But till now no officials visited to carry out the Assessment of rent.
	2.	The Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority vide letter dated 31/03/2026 once again issued letter to the Executive Engineer to carry out the Assessment of rent and after assessment from PWD Department only the authority will intimate regarding the revaluation rent amount as per the market rates vide Circular bearing No.38/7/2020-Fin (R& C)/710 dated 29/10/2020 issued by the Finance Dept.
29/04/2026		The Board vide letter dated 29/4/2026 directed Goa SEIAA To expedite and ensure immediately payment of all outstanding dues payable to the Board as agreed upon. Take necessary steps for signing of the lease agreement with the Board at the earliest.
15/5/2026		Vide letter dated 15/05/2026, Goa SEIAA replied stating that the assessment of rent has been carried out by the PWD department for an area admeasuring of 219 sq. mts and has been assessed at Rs. 1,79,573/- per month and further informed that necessary action be taken for further processing of lease agreement and settlement of dues.
09/07/2026		Vide letter 09/07/2026, the Board had issued letter to Goa SEIAA, regarding non-execution of the Lease Agreement and non payment of outstanding dues in respect of the hire of Board premises at 4th floor, Dempo Towers, Panaji, and in view of the direction that the matter may be proceeded with as per the Board's decision
09/09/2026		Vide letter dated 09/09/2026, the Board had issued letter to Goa SEIAA informing as follows :- Vide this office letter no. 1/27/01-PCB/Admn/9494 dated 03/10/2019, the Board had sought clarification from Member Secretary Goa SEIAA on the premises to be rented as the Board has received the deposit amounts from GCZMA and SEIAA It may be noted that the Board had rented the 4 th floor premises to Goa SEIAA and acceptance to the same was received vide your office letter no.6-9-2019/ENV-T/DIR/144 dated 16/05/2019. On a hire charges of Rs.3,00,000/- per month for the area admeasuring 327.03 sq. meters. the Board vide letter no. 1/27-25/PCB/Admin/38/47/2502 dated 29/04/2026 had requested for expediting payment of all outstanding dues payable to the Board and to take necessary steps for signing of the lease agreement with the Board at the earliest Vide your letter no.3-181-2010/STE-DIR/36 dated 15/05/2026 you have intimated that as per the Assessment certificate issued by Public Works Department the monthly rent works out to Rs.1,79,573/- per month for an area of 219.09 sq. meters, whereas as per the letter No. 1/27/01-PCB/Admn/11589 dated 12/09/2018 the total area on the 4 th floor admeasuring is 327.08 sq. meters, which works out to Rs.2,68,085/- In view of above, you are required to accordingly proceed with finalizing of the agreement incorporation the amount of Rs.2,68,085/- for an area of 327.08 sq. meters and accordingly pay the outstanding dues.

The proposal is put up before the Board with respect to the payment of rent for the 4th floor premises at Dempo Towers, Patto, Panaji admeasuring 327.08 sq. mtrs. as per assessment of rent done by PWD and as forwarded to the Board by Goa State Environment Impact Assessment Authority vide their letter dated 3/181/2010/STE-DIR/36 dated 15/05/2026.

Members may deliberate and decide.

Decision: Member Secretary (I/c) informed the Board that Goa State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) had taken on rented the Board premises at Dempo tower at 4th floor admeasuring 327.08 sq. mtrs. on an initial arbitrarily / private evaluation amount of Rs. 3,00,000/- per month with 10% increase in rent every year. However due to the pandemic (Covid) the General Administration Dept., Govt. of Goa has revised the rent payable works out to Rs. 1,83,979.22/- per month from 1st April, 2021. The Board was

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receiving a rent amount of Rs. 1,83,979.22/- instead of the amount of Rs. 3,00,000/-.

He further informed that the SEIAA vide letter dated 15/05/2026 has submitted Assessment Certificate issued by Public Works Department stating that the monthly rent works out to Rs. 1,79,573/- per month for an area of 219.09 sq. mtrs. However it was also highlighted to the members that the total area of the rented premises is 327.08 sq. mtrs which works out to Rs. 2,68,085/- as per the Public Works Dept., assessment, which has been brought to the notice of SEIAA.

Chairman informed the members that the issue of rent is pending for quite a long time and that the Board should once and for all accept the rent value as per the assessment submitted by Public Works Dept. for an area of 327.08 sq. mts., which works out to Rs. 2,68,085/- per month from 1st April, 2021 with 10% increase every year and that SEIAA should expedite signing of the Agreement with the Board on priority and to pay all the arrears of rent accordingly. Members approved for the same so as to intimate SEIAA accordingly.

Agenda Item No. 7

Legal Opinion tendered by the Ld. Advocate General of the State in respect to criminal complaints

The Board vide its letter dated 09/01/2026 has sought the opinion of the Ld. Advocate General of the State on the following:

i.	<i>Can the GSPCB prefer appeals before the Hon. Supreme Court of India in the matters of the Criminal Complaints filed by it that were dismissed by the Criminal Courts and the Hon. High Court of Bombay at Goa (including the matter of M/s. South West Port Limited; i.e. Judgment dated 21/07/2022 passed in Criminal Writ Petition nos. 33 and 46 of 2021) on the ground that the same were filed without authorization of the Board/the same were not filed by the Authorized Officer of the Board.</i>
ii.	<i>Can the GSPCB issue Directions under Section 31(A) of the Air Act and under Section 33(A) of the Water Act to the aforesaid accused in the criminal complaints for violation of the provisions of the said Acts; in terms of the Directions as contained in the judgment dated 04/08/2025 passed by the Hon. Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal No(s). 757 -760 of 2013 (D.P.C.C. V/s. Lodhi Property Company Ltd. etc).</i>
iii.	<i>Further the Ld Advocate General of the State was requested to advise the Board as to the further appropriate legal course of action to be adopted by it in the matter of the judgment dated 21/07/2022 passed in Criminal Writ Petition nos. 33 and 46 of 2021 by the Hon High Court of Bombay at Goa and in the matters of the aforesaid criminal complaints that have been dismissed by Criminal Courts on the ground that the same were filed without authorization of the Board/the same were not filed by the Authorized Officer of the Board.</i>
iv.	The Ld. Advocate General has submitted his Legal Opinion on the aforesaid vide letter dated 10/02/2026.
	In short the Opinion states as follows amongst others;
a.	The power to take the decision to initiate prosecution cannot be delegated by the Board onto the Member Secretary. The power to delegate contained under Section 15 of the Air Act is a general power whereas the power to delegate contained in section 43 of the Air Act is a specific power in relation to the institution of prosecution. The delegation under section 15 cannot be extended to making

	decisions to initiate prosecution. In any event in the present case, no such delegation even under section 15 of the Air Act, delegating the decision making power onto the Member Secretary is available.
b.	In the absence of a decision of the Board to initiate prosecution the complaint could not have been filed by the Member Secretary. Therefore, it is not advisable to file an appeal challenging the judgment of the Hon'ble High Court passed in Criminal Writ Petition Nos. 33/2021 and 46/2021. Further the Judgment and Order passed in Criminal Writ Petitions bearing Nos. 33/2021 and 46/2021 were passed on 21/07/2022, therefore there has been inordinate delay which would have to be justified before the Hon'ble Supreme Court.
c.	However, as the order issuing process was quashed and set aside entirely on a technical ground, the GSCB may take a decision on whether they wish to re initiate the proceedings in consonance with the provisions of the section 43(1) of the Air Act after passing proper resolution & authorization. However, issue of limitation has to be considered.
d.	With respect to query No. B, in Delhi Pollution Control Committee versus Lodhi Property Co. Ltd; The question which arose for consideration before the Hon'ble Supreme Court was whether the Pollution Control Boards across the Country in exercise of powers under Section 33A of the Water Act and Section 31A of the Air Act, can impose and collect as restitutionary and compensatory damages, fixed sums of monies or require furnishing bank guarantees as an ex-ante measure towards potential environmental damage.
e.	The Boards are empowered to take similar actions under Sections 33A and 31A of the Acts. The Hon'ble Supreme Court therein opined that 'We are of the opinion that these regulators in exercise of these powers can impose and collect, as restitutionary or compensatory damages fixed sum of monies or require furnishing bank guarantees as an ex-ante measure towards potential or actual environmental damage.'
f.	Section 33A of the Water Act and Section 31A of the Air Act give the State Boards powers to issue necessary directions for environmental restoration, remediation and compensation and for the payment of costs for the same. 'The Board's powers under Section 33A of the Water Act and Section 31A of the Air Act have to be read in light of the legal position on the application of Polluter Pays principle as formulated and explained. This means that State Board cannot impose environmental damages in case of every contravention or offence under the Water Act and Air Act. It is only when the State Board has made a determination that some form of environmental damage or harm has been caused by the erring entity, or the same is so imminent, that the State Board must initiate action under Section 33A of the Water Act and Section 31A of the Air Act.' 13.
g.	The Hon'ble Supreme Court has therein concluded that; '32. Given their broad statutory mandate and the significant duty towards public health and environmental protection the Boards must have the power and distinction to decide the appropriate action against a polluting entity. It is essential that the Boards function effectively and efficiently by adopting such measures as is necessary in a given situation. The Boards can decide whether a polluting entity needs to be punished by imposition of penalty or if the situation demands immediate restoration of the environmental damage by the polluter or both.
h.	Therefore, the Board in the present case can always initiate action under Section 31(A) of the Air Act and under Section 33(A) of the Water Act.
i.	Legal Opinion may like to be seen please as well as the Order dated 12/02/2026 passed By the Hon High Court of Bombay at Goa in Cri WP/34/2022 in view of the opinion of the Ld. AG as above.

Members may deliberate and decide.

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Decision: Member Secretary (I/c) informed the members that :

Section 15 of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 states :

15. Delegation of Powers; - A State Board may, by general or special order, delegate to the Chairman or the Member Secretary or any other Officer of the Board subject to such conditions and limitations, if any, as may be specified in the order, such of its powers and functions under this Act as it may deem necessary.

Section 12 [(3B) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 - The Board may, by general or special order, and subject to such conditions and limitations, if any, as may be specified in the order, delegate to any officer of the Board such of its powers and functions under this Act as it may deem necessary]

Section 9 (13) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Rules, 1975 states - The Member Secretary shall exercise such other powers and perform such other functions as may be delegated to him from time to time either by the Board or by the Chairman.

Section 16 (viii) of the Goa Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Rules, 2021 state "all orders, instructions, directions, notices, communications, consents, authorizations or registrations to be issued by the Board shall be under the signature of the Member Secretary or of any other Officer authorized in this behalf by the Chairman or the Board.

Section 16 (viii) of the Goa Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Rules, 2021 state "all orders, instructions, directions, notices, communications, consents, authorizations or registrations to be issued by the Board shall be under the signature of the Member Secretary or of any other Officer authorized in this behalf by the Chairman or the Board'

Chairman informed the members that the Hon. Court will be informed of the powers vested with the Member Secretary as per the Acts and Rules and that the Member Secretary conveys the decision of the Board as delegated by the Board after due approval by the Chairman. It was further informed that the Board needs to act swiftly and in an emergent condition and it may not be possible and is not expected to take decisions on the day to day affairs only upon approval by the Board members. It was further informed that the Chairman and Member Secretary of the Board are appointed after due selection process based on the recruitment rules as notified by the Government which include Educational Qualification and experience and further that the Board has various sections like Scientific, Technical, Legal, Accounts, Information Technology besides Administrative section and that the decisions are taken in consultations with all sections which is finally approved by the Chairman of the Board and being conveyed by the Member Secretary as per the Law.

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The members of the Board agreed to the above, and approved to delegate powers of the Board to the Chairman and Member Secretary and that the Member Secretary as per Law with due approval from the Chairman shall convey the decision and issue orders etc. as required.

Agenda Item No. 8

Approval of the Guidelines and Application Procedure for the Digital Waste Monitoring System

The Board in its 164th meeting held on 05/02/2026, reviewed the operational status and compliance of 105 registered Waste Collectors in the State of Goa. Upon noting that the registration of waste collectors handling industrial and commercial waste fell outside the purview of the Hon'ble High Court's directions in Suo Moto Writ Petition No. 2/2007, the Board resolved to initiate action for their de-registration, focusing strictly on Waste Collectors carrying out door to door waste collection on behalf of Local Bodies.

Subsequently, during the 165th meeting held on 09/06/2026, the Board was apprised of the 6th Amendment to the Goa Non-Biodegradable Garbage (Control) Act, 1996, notified on 26/12/2025. Section 5(2) of the amended Act, which mandates that Bulk Waste Generators, Waste Collectors, Recyclers, and Co-processors must register on an online portal which will be developed by the Goa State Pollution Control Board to carry out waste disposal. In compliance with this amendment, the Board resolved to formulate a standardized procedure and develop an online portal, called the Digital Waste Monitoring System on a revenue-sharing model.

Accordingly, with respect to the aforementioned decisions, the "Guidelines and Application Procedure for the Digital Waste Monitoring System" have been drafted and these guidelines will streamline the registration process, regulate the transportation and storage of non-biodegradable waste by waste collectors, and establish clear infrastructural and siting regulations. These guidelines will focus on all types of Waste collectors including those performing collection on behalf of local bodies as well as those collecting from industries and commercial establishments.

The key components of the proposed guidelines include:

- **Applicability:** The framework applies to Bulk Waste Generators, Waste Collectors and Transporters (for local bodies and other entities), Waste Storage Facilities, Recyclers, Co-processors, and Non-Biodegradable Waste Traders.
- **Application Procedure:** Mandates online registration through the Digital Waste Monitoring Portal via a digital proforma, accompanied by entity-specific documentation as outlined in the Annexure – 1.
- **Infrastructure and Siting Guidelines:** Prescribes strict siting parameters for Waste Storage Facilities and MRFs, including mandatory concreted working areas, covered premises, fencing, fire safety access, and minimum setback distances from residential areas, water bodies, and institutions based on the facility's overall area in sq. meters.
- **Fees and Renewal:** Introduces a structured fee mechanism including a one-time registration fee, an annual portal fee, and a transaction fee based on the quantum and category of the waste handled.

The detailed Draft Guidelines and the comprehensive list of Required Documents (Annexure – 1) are placed before the Board for perusal and approval.

Members may deliberate and decide.



ANNEXURE – 1

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

- (1) **Bulk Waste Generator (as defined in the guidelines)**
 - Land Ownership Documents / Plot Allotment letter / Sale deed / Lease Deed / Lease Agreement / Registration under the Societies Act / Registration under Welfare association.
 - Details of the waste generated and the proposed disposal mechanism.
 - Consent to Operate under Air and Water Act issued by GSPCB (if Applicable)
- (2) **Waste Collector and Transporter for Local Bodies**
 - Shop and Establishment / Company Registration
 - Site Plan of MRF of respective Local Body and Detailed Plan of the Facility.
 - Details of waste collection, transportation, and disposal routes.
 - Authorization letter / Work order issued by respective Local Body if available.
 - *For Transporters specifically: Vehicle Registration details.*
- (3) **Waste collector, Transporter and/or Waste Storage Facility for other than local Bodies.**
 - Shop and Establishment / Company Registration.
 - NOC from the Local Body and/or Trade License.
 - Land Ownership Document (Copy of Form 1 & 14/Form 4C) / Plot Allotment letter / Sale deed / Lease Deed / Lease Agreement with First party Ownership document in case of Leave & License/Rent Agreement.
 - Site/Survey Plan indicating the shed and neighbouring structures.
 - Site Layout plan indicating the location of equipment, storage space, location and size of the septic tank and Soak Pit/ETP.
 - Detailed list of industries/units from where waste is collected, including quantity and type.
 - Detailed list of units/industries where waste is disposed of.
 - **Optional:** A copy of Consent to Operate from GSPCB, in case unit is operating a Baling Machine/Shredder
 - **For out-of-state final disposal:** Agreement from the Final Disposal Facility and the respective SPCB Consent/Authorization/ Permission.
 - *For Transporters specifically: Vehicle Registration details.*
- (4) **Waste Storage Facility.**
 - Land Ownership Document (Copy of Form 1 & 14/Form 4C) / Plot Allotment letter / Sale deed / Lease Deed / Lease Agreement with First party Ownership document in case of Leave & License/Rent Agreement.
 - NOC from the Local Body and/or Trade License.
 - Site Plan and Detailed Plan of the Facility indicating the location and size of the septic tank and Soak Pit/ETP.
 - Detailed list of type of waste and quantity of waste proposed to be stored.
 - **Optional:** A copy of Consent to Operate from GSPCB, in case unit is operating a Baling Machine/Shredder
- (5) **Recyclers and Co processors**
 - Land Ownership Document (Copy of Form 1 & 14/Form 4C) / Plot Allotment letter / Sale deed / Lease Deed / Lease Agreement with First party Ownership document in case of Leave & License/Rent Agreement.
 - NOC from the Local Body and/or Trade License.
 - Consent to Operate from the Goa State Pollution Control Board.
 - NOC from the Directorate of Fire and Emergency Services.

- Process flowchart detailing the Recycling or Co-processing steps.
- Site Plan and Layout plan indicating the location and size of the septic tank and Soak Pit/ETP.
- Details of waste collection, transportation, and disposal.

(6) Non-Biodegradable Waste Traders

- Company Registration Certificate & GST Registration.
- NOC from the Local Body and/or Trade License.
- Detailed list of industries/units from where waste is collected, including quantity and type.
- Detailed list of units/industries where waste is disposed of.
- Transportation vehicle details.

Decision: Members perused the Draft Guidelines and the application procedures for digital waste monitoring system in order to ensure streamlining of the registration process, regulate the transportation and storage of non-biodegradable waste by the waste collectors on behalf of the local bodies and establish clear infrastructural siting regulations as per Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026.

Agenda Item No. 9

Representation by Western India Mineral Association

The Board is in receipt of representation by Western India Mineral Association (WIMA) dated 3rd September, 2026 regarding validity of Consent to Operate for Mining Projects with a request for Streamlining.

The letter states that the Mining projects, including associated ore processing/ beneficiation activities etc., fall under the Red Category. In this regard, Board had issued a Circular dated 25/09/2018, which provides for a five year validity of Consent to Operate. Further, Ministry of Environment and Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC) guidelines issued in January, 2025 streamline the Environmental Consent process and confirms the validity of 5 years.

The letter of WIMA also states that they are informed by some of their constituents that CTOs are initially being granted for only six months, requiring a further application to extend the validity to the applicable five-year period.

Further, the letter also states that they are unaware of this reasoning or Board Resolution to this effect. The Board may have adopted shorter validity earlier as a transitional measure, and not to be generically used. One of the key objectives of the Ease of Doing Business initiative is to ensure that regulatory processes are transparent, predictable and streamlined. Granting the prescribed maximum validity of five years, where all applicable conditions are complied with.

Further, they have requested the Board in addressing delays in processing of the applications to issue of Consent in a time bound manner which is necessary to ensure valid CTOs are in possession of the unit during operations.

In view of the above, it is proposed to inform the association as follows:

- 1) Consents for short validity are granted for verifying the efficiency of pollution control measures.
- 2) The Board has also streamlined the procedure for processing of applications and ensure that there is no delay.

Members may peruse and approve.

Decision: Members deliberated and decided that Western India Mineral Association be informed as follows:

- 1) Consents for short validity are granted for verifying the efficiency of pollution control measures.
- 2) The Board has also streamlined the procedure for processing of applications and ensure that there is no delay

Agenda Item No. 10

Oil and grease trap compliance framework for prescribing uniform requirements for installation, maintenance and cleaning of oil and grease traps in establishments generating kitchen waste water

Hotels, restaurants, canteens, banquet halls and other establishments having kitchen operations generate wastewater containing oil, grease and food residues. If such wastewater is discharged without adequate removal of oil and grease, it may result in accumulation in drainage/sewerage systems, leading to choking, foul odour and overflow and may also affect downstream sewage treatment systems.

Oil and grease traps are therefore required as a preliminary measure for separation of oil, grease and settle able solids from kitchen wastewater.

The Board has been prescribing installation of oil and grease traps through Consent conditions for establishments having kitchen wastewater. However, the requirements relating to maintenance and cleaning of such traps are not presently standardized in terms of frequency and measurable cleaning criteria. It is therefore considered necessary to prescribe uniform requirements for the installation, operation, inspection, maintenance and cleaning of oil and grease traps. Installation of an oil and grease trap alone does not ensure effective removal of oil and grease. The trap needs to be regularly inspected and cleaned to maintain its effective capacity and separation efficiency. With continued operation, floating grease accumulates at the surface while food particles and other solids settle at the bottom. If the accumulated material is not removed periodically:

- i. The effective volume available for separation is reduced.
- ii. The retention time of wastewater may decrease.
- iii. Accumulated grease and solids may be carried over to the outlet.
- iv. Downstream drainage/sewerage pipelines may become clogged.
- v. Foul odour may be generated.
- vi. The effectiveness of the grease trap may progressively deteriorate.

Accordingly, a measurable cleaning requirement is necessary so that compliance can be assessed.

It is therefore proposed to prescribe standardized requirements for effective operation and maintenance of such traps.

- i. Oil and grease traps shall be adequately designed, properly sized and readily accessible for inspection and cleaning.
- ii. The trap shall be inspected periodically for accumulation of floating grease and settled solids and for proper functioning of the inlet, outlet and baffles.
- iii. The trap shall be completely cleaned at least once every 30 days, or earlier if the combined accumulation of floating grease and settled solids reaches 25% of the effective liquid depth, whichever occurs earlier.

- iv. Surface skimming alone shall not be considered as complete cleaning. Complete removal of accumulated grease and settled solids shall be undertaken.
- v. The material removed from the trap shall not be discharged into drains, sewers, storm-water drains, land or water bodies and shall be managed through an appropriate lawful route.
- vi. Records of cleaning shall be maintained by the establishment and produced for verification whenever required.

Oil and grease trap framework is attached as Annexure I.

Members may deliberate decide.

Annexure I.

Goa Grease Trap Compliance Framework

Current Legal Framework and Operational Reality

Goa already has the legal authority and environmental objectives needed to control greasy kitchen wastewater, what remains incomplete is the operational Rulebook that turns those obligations into consistent cleaning, transport and disposal practice.

Water Act, 1974 (ss. 24-27, 33A)	Prohibits pollution; enables consent conditions, review and directions. But no statewide cleaning frequency, accumulation trigger or chain-of-custody protocol.
GSPCB CTE/ CTO Orders	Some facility-specific orders require an oil and grease trap and proper operation. But Conditions vary by facility and often say "maintain" without defining measurable performance.
CPCB/GSPCB hotel & restaurant guidelines	Wastewater controls, monitoring and environmental enforcement framework. But there is no complete regime for trap inspection, pump-out, authorized transport or receipt.
Effluent standards	Compliance with the applicable Oil & Grease discharge limit at the sampling point prescribed in the relevant consent or regulatory standard. But an outlet limit alone does not define how the trap is serviced or the removed waste is handled.
FSSAI / RUCO	TPC limit of 25% and diversion of UCO from the food chain. But UCO Rules do not govern wet grease-trap sludge; mixing the streams weakens both systems.
Legal references	Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, Sections 24-27 and 33A; GSPCB Consent to Operate framework; CPCB/GSPCB guidelines for restaurants, hotels, motels and banquet facilities; FSSAI RUCO guidance.

Operational Gaps and Compliance Risks

- i. Proper maintenance is difficult to inspect consistently without a cleaning trigger and service standard.
- ii. There is no dedicated list of empanelled grease-trap cleaners, approved vehicles and receiving facilities.
- iii. Paper invoices do not prove where a load was delivered or treated; illegal discharge may remain invisible.
- iv. Small establishments can fall outside effective consent oversight unless municipal licensing and sewer controls reinforce the system.

This is primarily an implementation gap.

Important Distinction

The proposed 30-day cleaning interval, proposed 25% trap-accumulation trigger, provided empanelment and digital manifest are recommendations in this paper; they are not presented as existing Goa-wide requirements.

Five instruments to adopt as one package

- i. Make grease-trap compliance a binding CTE/CTO requirement for food-service establishments covered by the applicable consent framework, with risk-based coverage defined in the technical circular.
- ii. Establish one technical standard covering trap sizing, regular inspections, the proposed 25% trap-accumulation trigger, complete cleaning procedures and effluent sampling.
- iii. Allow grease-trap cleaning and transport only by trained, equipped and officially empanelled service providers.
- iv. Digitally document every service from cleaning and collection to transport and confirmation by the receiving facility – with records retained for at least three years.
- v. Classify grease-trap waste clearly and ensure that every load is delivered to an approved facility for lawful treatment, recovery or disposal.

Proposed conditions in Consent

Wherever required by the applicable Consent or regulatory framework, the occupier shall install and maintain an adequately designed, properly sized and readily accessible Oil and grease trap for wastewater arising from kitchen operations.

The trap shall be inspected regularly. Unless a different risk-based frequency is prescribed or approved by GSPCB, it shall be completely cleaned or de-sludged at intervals not exceeding thirty (30) days or whenever the combined depth of floating grease and settled solids reaches twenty-five percent (25%) of the effective liquid depth, whichever occurs earlier. Surface skimming alone shall not constitute cleaning.

Cleaning, collection and transport shall be undertaken only by a service provider empanelled by GSPCB under a Board-approved procedure. A digital manifest shall be generated for each service and shall identify the establishment and trap, pre-cleaning measurement, quantity removed, service provider, approved vehicle, date and time, and intended receiving facility. Receipt and quantity shall be digitally confirmed by the receiving facility.

Grease-trap waste shall be kept separate from used cooking oil and shall not be discharged into any drain, sewer, storm-water system, land or water body. It shall be delivered only to a receiving facility specifically approved or consented to accept the applicable class of grease-trap waste for recovery, treatment or disposal.

Records shall be retained for at least three (3) years, subject to final legal approval, and produced on request. Non-compliance with this condition may constitute a breach of the applicable consent and may result in action in accordance with the Water Act and other applicable Law."

Compliance Framework

A risk-based system that is practical for kitchens, service providers, receiving facilities and inspectors.

Establish a joint technical working group to develop and test a six-month pilot covering standardized consent conditions, provider empanelment, digital traceability and approved treatment destinations.

Applicability The Technical circular should define coverage using meals prepared per day, kitchen-wastewater volume, frying intensity, establishment type, grease-trap capacity and sewer or on-site treatment arrangements.	Inspection Conduct routine checks and document grease and solids levels at every service, with more frequent inspections for high-volume kitchens.
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Applicable statutory exemptions remain unaffected.	
Cleaning Trigger Unless GSPCB approves or prescribes a different risk-based frequency, complete cleaning is required every 30 days or upon reaching the proposed 25% trap-accumulation trigger, whichever occurs earlier.	Service Quality Ensure complete pump-out and cleaning of walls, baffles, inlets and outlets; inspect for defects, restore proper operation and document the service with before-and-after evidence.
Performance Meet the applicable Oil & Grease discharge limit at the sampling point specified in the relevant consent or regulatory standard; investigate and correct exceedances.	Waste Separation Keep genuine UCO strictly separate and manage it through the applicable FSSAI RUCO framework. Grease-trap waste must be managed according to its approved classification and treatment route.

Rules and Responsibility

- GSPCB: Technical standard, provider empanelment register, inspection, data dashboard and enforcement.
- Restaurants and food outlets: install, inspect, arrange service, verify manifest and retain records.
- Empanelled providers: measure, clean, transport safely and submit complete service and transport records.
- Receiving facilities: measure, accept or reject the load, record the approved treatment route, confirm receipt and close the manifest.
- Local bodies and Food and Drug Administration (FDA): reinforce trade-licence/sewer controls and preserve RUCO separation.

Required Regulatory Sequence

Characterize and classify the material -> approve receiving facilities -> empanel service providers -> pilot digital manifests -> activate full consent enforcement.

Implementation Roadmap

- Prepare the framework within 0-3 months by establishing a GSPCB working group, mapping facilities and service providers, characterizing the waste, identifying lawful destinations, and drafting the required conditions, circular and digital manifest.
- Pilot the framework within 4-9 months with 50-100 establishments, 2-4 service providers and at least one approved receiving facility in a selected tourism cluster.
- Adopt the framework within 9-12 months through formal Board approval, publication of the regulatory instruments and provider registers, stakeholder training and a defined transition period.
- Scale the framework state wide within 12-24 months by applying it to new and renewed consents, conducting risk-based inspections, linking compliance to municipal trade licences and introducing proportionate enforcement.

Closed Compliance Loop

A six-step system ensuring traceability from grease-trap registration to verified treatment and reporting.

- Register each facility and grease trap with a unique ID or QR code, recording the CTO/facility ID, trap size and location.
- Inspect grease and solids levels and assess the cleaning trigger, supported by a timestamp, measurements and a pre-service photo.
- Complete a full pump-out, internal cleaning and condition check through a GSPCB-empanelled provider, documenting the checklist, quantity collected and post-service photo.
- Transport the waste in an approved, leak-proof and identifiable vehicle under an open digital manifest, recording the provider, vehicle, departure time and GPS data where required.

- v. Confirm receipt at a facility specifically approved or consented to accept the applicable waste class, including load measurement, quantity reconciliation, acceptance or rejection and a digital receipt.
- vi. Record the approved treatment, recovery or disposal route and close the manifest only after receiving-facility confirmation, while flagging exceptions and updating the GSPCB compliance dashboard.

Pilot success indicators

- i. Percentage of registered traps serviced within the required trigger or frequency.
- ii. Percentage of manifests closed with verified receiving-facility confirmation.
- iii. Percentage of collected quantities successfully reconciled at destination.
- iv. Number of missing, rejected or unexplained loads.
- v. Oil & Grease compliance rate at the prescribed sampling point.
- vi. Change in FOG-related blockages, overflows or complaints.
- vii. Average compliance cost per participating establishment.

Automatic flags and proportionate response

- i. Cleaning overdue or proposed trap-accumulation trigger exceeded: Issue a corrective notice with a short compliance deadline; repeated violations may trigger mandatory servicing and consent action.
- ii. Missing receipt or unresolved quantity discrepancy: Investigate the manifest; unresolved cases may trigger a provider or receiving-facility audit and suspension where justified.
- iii. Un-empanelled provider or unapproved vehicle: Stop or reject the service record, investigate the movement and require lawful delivery to an approved receiving facility; suspend empanelment or take proportionate action against the consent holder, as applicable.
- iv. Bypass, illegal discharge or falsification: Order immediate containment and preservation of evidence; consider environmental compensation, consent action or prosecution in accordance with applicable law.

Decision: Members perused and deliberated on the Goa Grease Trap compliance framework and approved for adopting the same on a pilot basis in one of the major municipality like Panaji, Margao or Mapusa.

Agenda Item No. 11

Applications received under White category for hotels upto 20 rooms (based on cleaner / gaseous fuel in Kitchen) and Restaurant/ Dabhas having less than 100 seating capacity and Stand alone Banquet / Marriage halls having area upto 1000 sq. mts.

1. The Board is in receipt of direction issued by Central Pollution Control Board dated 20/07/2026 vide no. CP-18/1/2023-IPC/VI-HO-CPCB-HO for Classification of establishments as Orange, Green and White which states as follows:

“The Hotels, Guest houses having upto 20 rooms (based on cleaner / gaseous fuel in Kitchen) and Restaurant/ Dabhas having less than 100 seating capacity and Stand alone Banquet / Marriage Halls having area upto 1000 sq. mts have been classified as White category as against the earlier classification as Green category.”

2. The Board in its 165th Board meeting held on 09/06/2026 had earlier decided that “The Restaurants with seating capacity up to 20 seats shall be considered as small-scale restaurants (without stay/room) and classified under White Category, however their seating area

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- shall not exceed 36 m², the said seating area shall exclude kitchen, washroom, billing/serving counter, circulation passages, utility areas, staircase, waiting area and other non-dining spaces"
3. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change vide Notification No. 630, November 4, 2009, under the powers conferred under Section 6 and 25 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to notify the Environment (Protection) Rules sixth amendment Rules, 2009 , which requires;
- "Hotel with at least 20 bedrooms, Hotels with less than 20 bedroom or Banquette hall of area 100 sq mts or Restaurant with minimum seating capacity of 36 to meet the Effluent standards as prescribed in the said Notification which would require a setting up Sewage Treatment Plant to achieve the said standards."

In view of above it may be approved as follows:

- Hotels above 20 rooms and restaurants above 36 seating capacity in Green category.
- Hotel below 20 rooms and restaurants below 36 seating capacity in White category with fees for Green category industry which shall be calculated as below:

Annual fee for industrial units : -

(a) The annual fee for grant of Consent is determined based on the capital investment and categorization of the industrial plant, using the following formula as follows:

$$CF = CI * SF * PIF$$

Where,

- CF : Annual Fee for consent (in Rs.)
- CI : Capital Investment (in Rs.)
- SF : Scale Factor (based on Capital Investment)
- PIF : Pollution Index Factor (based on category)

(b) The Scale Factor (SF) according to capital investment slabs is as under:

Sr. No.	Capital Investment	SF
i.	Rs. 10 Lakh and below	0.200%
ii.	Exceeding Rs. 10 Lakh but not exceeding Rs. 1 Crore	0.070%
iii.	Exceeding Rs. 1 Crore but not exceeding Rs. 10 Crore	0.030%
iv.	Exceeding Rs. 10 Crore but not exceeding Rs.50 Crore	0.025%
v.	Exceeding Rs. 50 Crore but not exceeding Rs.250 Crore	0.020%
vi.	Exceeding Rs. 250 Crore but not exceeding Rs.500 Crore	0.015%
vii.	Exceeding Rs. 500 Crore but not exceeding Rs.1000 Crore	0.010%
viii.	Exceeding 1000 crore	0.005%

(c) The Pollution Index Factor (PIF) based on categorization of Industry is as under: -

Sr. No.	Category of Industry	PF
1.	Green	1.00
2.	Orange	1.50
3.	Red	2.0
4.	White	0.5

(d) The maximum annual fee of the preceding slab shall serve as the base fee for the next slab, with the Scale Factor (SF) applicable on the difference amount. The details are as under: -

$$\text{Annual Fee (CF)} = \text{Max. fee of the preceding slab} + \{(\text{Diff. of CI}) * SF * PIF\}$$

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(e) The minimum annual fee for grant of consent shall be Rs.2,000/-, Rs. 3,000/- and Rs. 4,000/- for Green, Orange and Red Category industry / activity respectively.

3. There is no provision on Common portal of CPCB UCAMS for registration of units under White Category. The Board shall develop a software for the registration of units under White Category.

Members may deliberate and decide.

Decision: Chairman informed the members that the Board is in receipt of direction issued by Central Pollution Control Board dated 20/07/2026 vide no. CP-18/1/2023-IPC/VI-HO-CPCB-HO for Classification of establishments as Red, Orange, Green and White which states as follows:

"The Hotels, Guest houses having upto 20 rooms (based on cleaner / gaseous fuel in Kitchen) and Restaurant/ Dabhas having less than 100 seating capacity and Stand alone Banquet / Marriage Halls having area upto 1000 sq. mts have been classified as White category as against the earlier classification as Green category.

Chairman further informed the members that the Board at its 165th Board meeting held on 09/06/2026 had classified restaurants with seating capacity upto 20 seats as small –scale restaurants (without stay / room) under white category.

a.	"The Restaurants with seating capacity up to 20 seats shall be considered as small-scale restaurants (without stay/room) and classified under White Category, however their seating area shall not exceed 36 m2, the said seating area shall exclude kitchen, washroom, billing/serving counter, circulation passages, utility areas, staircase, waiting area and other non-dining spaces"
b.	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change vide Notification No. 630, November 4, 2009, under the powers conferred under Section 6 and 25 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to notify the Environment (Protection) Rules sixth amendment Rules, 2009 , which requires; "Hotel with at least 20 bedrooms, Hotels with less than 20 bedroom or Banquette hall of area 100 sq mts or Restaurant with minimum seating capacity of 36 to meet the Effluent standards as prescribed in the said Notification which would require a setting up Sewage Treatment Plant to achieve the said standards."

Chairman further informed that if the Board goes with the guidelines of CPCB, the Board will loose a lot of revenue as most of the hotels and restaurants shall be classified in White category. The Board has already communicated to Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board vide letter no. 2027/GSPCB/Other/13405/Tech/14168 dated 03/09/2026, for consideration as under





1.	Considering the unique environmental sensitivity of Goa and the need for continuous field monitoring of sewage, effluent treatment systems and pollution control facilities and to be in Consonance to the Notification by the Ministry of Environment and Forest dated 04/11/2009 under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 defining the discharge standards, it is requested that the Central Pollution Control Board may kindly reconsider the categorization of Hotels, Guest houses having upto 20 rooms (based on cleaner / gaseous fuel in Kitchen) and Restaurant/ Dabhas having less than 100 seating capacity and Standalone Banquet/Marriage Halls.
2.	Categorisation may not be based solely on the size or capacity of an individual Hotels, Guest houses /Restaurant/ Dabhas/eateries. The cumulative impact of multiple restaurants, hotels and guest houses operating within a particular locality should also be considered, particularly with respect to sewage generation, solid waste, noise and pressure on local infrastructure. A restaurant having 99 seating capacity cannot reasonably be considered a small establishment in the State of Goa, particularly in densely populated and tourism-intensive coastal areas.
3.	Since the aforesaid establishments are now proposed to be re-categorised from the Green category to the White category, it is requested that the fee presently applicable to such establishments under the Green category may be continued to be levied and paid to the 4. respective State Pollution Control Board. This will ensure that the financial sustainability of the weaker State Pollution Control Board, is not adversely affected on account of the revised categorisation
4.	The Goa State Pollution Control Board (GSPCB), in its 165th Board Meeting, had already approved the categorisation of small restaurants having up to 20 seating capacity and an area of less than 36 sq. m. under the White category. In view of the same the said criteria may be considered for Goa, instead of extending the White category to restaurants having up to 100 seating capacity. Restaurants/eateries having seating capacity above 20 seats and up to 100 seats may continue to be regulated under the Green Category. Also the guest houses and Banquet / Marriage Halls may be maintained in the Green category

Chairman informed that till date no clarification / communication has been received in respect of the earlier Notification requiring STP for seating capacity of 36 and above and for area of 100 sq. mtrs.. Considering the enormous impact on the Board and further, as the Board will have to conduct inspections in the event of any complaints of such earlier Green category industries, now changed to White category industries and further wherever such earlier Green category establishments having Sewage Treatment Plant which require to function as per

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the standards which require monitoring, the Board members unanimously agreed to approve as under:

After deliberations it was approved that :

a.	Hotels above 20 rooms and restaurants above 36 seating capacity to classified in Green category
b.	Hotels below 20 rooms and restaurants below 36 seating capacity in White category.

Further, after deliberation it was decided that fees for White category of Industries be calculated as follows:

Annual fee for industrial units : -

(a) The annual fee for grant of Consent is determined based on the capital investment and categorization of the industrial plant, using the following formula as follows:

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Annual Fee (CF) = Max. fee of the preceding slab + {(Diff. of CI) * SF * PIF}

(e) The minimum annual fee for grant of Consent shall be Rs. 2,000/-, Rs. 3,000/- and Rs. 4,000/- for Green, Orange and Red Category industry / activity respectively.

The Members also noted that since there is no provision on the Common portal of CPCB UCAMS for registering of units under White category, the Board should develop a software for registration of units under White Category.

Members also approved that a provision made for registration of units under White category be informed to the Central Pollution Control Board accordingly.

Agenda Item No. 12

Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) and Documentary requirement for Consent / Registration / Authorisations

The SOP prepared by the Board for internal use is proposed for revision to include the procedure for White category industries which includes:

- i. The unit shall intimate to the Board.
- ii. Process details and flow chart to be submitted
- iii. Layout Plan to be submitted including location of septic tank/soak pit.
- iv. Undertaking
- v. No inspection shall be carried out.
- vi. Applications shall not be placed before the Consent committee

UNDERTAKING

Rs. 500/- (STAMP PAPER)

I, _____ s/o of _____, aged _____ years, Indian National, resident of _____, Proprietor of _____, a restaurant unit located _____, hereby give an UNDERTAKING as under:

AND WHEREAS we are registered with the _____ bearing Trade Licence No. _____

AND WHEREAS, we have applied for registration under White category in the Goa State Pollution Control Board.

I / We hereby give an Undertaking as hereinafter:

1. I say that the premises bearing _____, belongs to Mr. _____ which was leased/owned by me for operating the restaurant
2. I say that I possess all the necessary documents in relation to running/operating a business under the name and style of _____, in the said premises bearing _____.
3. I say that the restaurant is of _____ seating capacity / Hotel is of up to 20 rooms and is based on cleaner/ gaseous fuel in Kitchen / Stand alone Banquet/ Marriage Hall is having area upto 1000 sqm.
4. I hereby agree and undertake that my establishment is not under any penal action such by any Government, Semi Government and Government Undertakings etc.
5. I hereby further agree and undertake that, at any stage in the process of application for granting registration by the Goa State Pollution Control Board, if the said information is found incorrect or suppression / concealment of facts or information, it should be lawful for the Goa State Pollution Control Board to forthwith debar me from consideration of my application for registration and also withdraw the registration issued to us in case granted and initiate appropriate penal action.

This Undertaking is binding upon us / our heirs, executors, administrators and assigns and/or successor and assigns.

Place :

Dated:

Deponent _____

Witness:

- 1.
- 2.

Members may deliberate and decide.

Decision: Members perused and approved the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) and documentary requirements for Consent / Registration / Authorisations for internal use of the Board for revision to include the procedure for White category industries.

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Agenda Item No. 13

Ex post facto approval for applications processed on Parivesh Portal 2.0 from 1st February, 2026 to 15th May, 2026.

To streamline the environmental clearance process with an objective of complete workflow automation ensuring, transparency, efficiency and effectiveness in governance, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, has expanded the scope of PARIVESH, leveraging on emerging technologies such as GIS, Advance Data Analytics etc.

The Ministry has issued notifications vide G.S.R. 703 (E) dated 12.11.2024 and G.S.R.702 (E) dated 12/11/2024, regarding exemption from Consent to Establish if the project or activity has obtained environmental clearance under the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986.

To streamline the implementation of above mentioned Notifications, the Ministry vide OM dated 14th January, 2025 notified detailed process for dealing with projects/activities requiring prior E.C inter alia involving obtaining comments from SPCBs/PCCs In order to enable Regulatory Authorities (Ministry/SEIAAs) in obtaining comments from State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) / Pollution Control Committees (PCCs), in accordance with the procedure outlined in Ministry's OM dated 14th January, 2025, entire workflow has been automated through the PARIVESH Portal and shall be rolled out as per the Ministry OM dated 8th October, 2025.

To familiarize SPCBs/PCCs officials with the process flow developed on the PARIVESH portal MoEFCC framed the Manual for Implementation of Provisions of OM dated 14th January, 2025, regarding seeking comments from SPCB on EC Proposals.

Based on the OM, Board has received applications on Parivesh portal. The comments of the Board were forwarded on Parivesh portal after receipt of CTE fees from the applicant.

The Board has submitted comments for below mentioned projects received on Parivesh portal and are put up herewith for post facto approval:

1.	Proposed expansion in Integrated Paints manufacturing unit Plot No 316-317, Kundaim Industrial Estate, Kundaim, Ponda Goa, by Berger Paints India Ltd.
2.	Proposed Block IX Surla Sonshi Mineral Block For Mining Of Iron Ore Location- Villages - Surla, Cudnem & Sonus Vonvoliem, Talukas: Bicholim & Sattari, District: North Goa (Goa)
3.	Proposed Dump No. 15 handling proposal of M/s. KAI International Private Limited. at Survey No. 48/0(P), 49/0(P), 50/0(P), 51/1(P), 51/2(P), 51/3(P), 51/4(P), 52/1(P), 52/2(P), 52/3(P), 52/4(P), 52/5(P), 53/2(P), 53/3(P), 53/4(P), 53/5(P), 53/6(P), 53/7(P), 53/8(P), 53/9(P), 53/10(P), 53/15(P), 54/1(P) of Bandoli Village, Dharbandora Taluka & 38/2(P), 38/3(P), 41/10(P), 41/21(P), 41/20(P), 41/19(P) of Cormonem Village, Dharbandora, Goa.
4.	Proposed Zuari Observatory Towers and Viewing Galleries Including approaches, Decorative Lighting, Parking for New Zuari Bridge on NH17/ NH66 on Panjim - Mangalore Section on DBFOT Mode in the State of Goa
5.	Proposed Basalt Stone Quarry Project with a lease area of 3.81 Ha located at a land bearing Survey No. 17/1, Antorem Village, Sanguem Taluka, Kushavati District.
6.	Proposed Hotel Building Project to be established at Plot No. Cp-01-P5, GMR Goa International Airport Limited, Mopa, Pernem, North Goa of M/s. Velora Hospitality Private Ltd

Members may peruse and accord ex post facto approval.



Decision: Members noted and accorded ex post facto approval for the six applications processed on Parivesh Portal 2.0 from 1st February, 2026 to 15th May, 2026.

Agenda Item No. 14

Applications considered in Technical Advisory Committee of the Board from 16th May 2026 till 11th September 2026.

The following applications were considered by the Technical Advisory Committee of the Board from 16th May, 2026 to 11th September, 2026:

Sr. No.	Name of the unit	Application No.	TAC	Application Purpose/Activity	Approved/ Rejected
1.	Advani Hotels & Resorts (India) Ltd (Caravela Beach Resort Goa)	2878878	75 th	CCA-Renewal	Approved
2.	M/s. Hindustan Waste Treatment Pvt Ltd (Saligao)	2722014	75 th	CCA-Renewal	Approved
3.	Ponda Envocare Limited	3152120	75 th	CCA-Renewal	Approved
4.	V. M. Salgaocar & Bro. Pvt. Ltd.	3186008	75 th	CCA	Approved
5.	M/s. ITC Hotels Limited (ITC Grand Goa Resort & Spa)	3369533	75 th	CCA- Expansion	Approved
6.	M/s.Sea Bird Resorts Pvt. Ltd.(Unit-Alila Diwa Goa)	3156448	76 th	CCA-Renewal	Approved
7.	M/s Riviera De Goa Resort & Hotels Pvt Ltd	2978789	76 th	CTE	Approved
8.	M/s. 7.5 MLD Curchorem STP of Sewerage and Infrastructural Development Corporation of Goa Ltd	2026/GSPC B/Letter/50 76	76 th	Public complaint - Revolutionary Goans - STP construction in violation	Approved
9.	M/s Trinitas Realtors India LLP	3336245	76 th	CCA-Renewal	Approved
10.	M/s. Goan Hotels & Realty Private Limited (Unit: Grand Hyatt Goa)	3052087	77 th	CCA-Expansion	Approved
11.	M/s Bam Ventures	3253457	77 th	CTE	Approved
12.	M/s. The Indian Hotels Co. Ltd. Unit Taj Exotica Resort & Spa Goa	3156177	77 th	CCA-Renewal	Approved
13.	M/s Chowgule and Company Pvt. Ltd. - Iron Ore Dump handling at Pale village (Survey Numbers 14,17,18,19, 20,21,22,23,24,27,28 and 29 of Pale Village	3123151	77 th	CCA-Renewal	Approved
14.	M/s Imagine Panaji Smart City Development Ltd	3317884	77 th	CCA	Approved
15.	M/s. Goan Hotels & Realty Private Limited (Unit: Grand Hyatt Goa)	3052087	78 th	CCA-Expansion	Under process
16.	M/s Bam Ventures	3253457	78 th	CTE	Approved

17.	All India Institute of Ayurveda AIIA Goa	3236883	78 th	CCA- Renewal	Approved
18.	Adani Mormugao Port Terminal Pvt. Ltd.	3270488	78 th	Amendment	Rejected
19.	Block VI Cudnem Cormolem Mineral Block	3298392	78 th	CCA- Renewal	Approved
20.	Ave Miriam	3298773	78 th	CCA- Renewal	Under process
21.	MALCO Energy Limited (MEL)	2624831	79 th	Amendment	Under process
22.	MK Aromatics Limited	3436274	79 th	CCA- Renewal	Under process
23.	M/s Silver Springs Pleasure Resorts Pvt Ltd (Unit: The Zuri White Sands Goa Resort & Casino)	3153176	79 th	CCA- Renewal	Under process
24.	Paradeep Phosphates Limited (Vasco Installation)	3339135	79 th	CTE	Under process
25.	20 MLD STP Navelim, Margao	3247872	79 th	CCA- Renewal	Under process
26.	6.7 MLD STP For Margao Town (PWD DIV XXI PHE)	<u>3171414</u>	79 th	CCA- Renewal	Under process
27.	Ave Miriam	3298773	79 th	CCA- Renewal	Under process
28.	M/s. Goan Hotels & Realty Private Limited (Unit: Grand Hyatt Goa)	3052087	78 th	CCA-Expansion	Under process

Decision: Members and noted that 28 applications received in the Board were considered by the Technical Advisory Committee of the Board from 16th May, 2026 to 11th September, 2026.

Agenda Item No. 15

Applications received by the Board without Consent to Establish (CTE).

As per the directions of Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) for processing applications on UCMAS portal CTE is mandatory.

The Board receives many applications directly for Consent to Operate without obtaining Consent to Establish. In view of the same, it is proposed to direct all units to first obtain first Consent to Establish and then obtain Consent to Operate. The unit which applies for CTE after construction / operation of the establishment should be levied a penalty of 50% of the CTE fees.

Members may deliberate and decide.

Decision: Members deliberated and approved for directing units to first obtain Content to Establish and then obtain Consent to Operate. The units which applies for Consent to Establish after construction / operation of the unit would be levied a penalty of 50% of the Consent to Establish fees.

Agenda Item No. 16

Application for ex post facto approval of M/s Chowgule and Company Private Limited, Pale, Bicholim for Consent to Operate for iron ore dump handling.

The application of M/s Chowgule and Company Private Limited located at Survey No- 14/0, 17/0, 18/0, 19/1 to 19/3 20/1, 21/1 to 21/5, 22/0, 23/1 to 23/12, 24/0, 27/0, 28/1, 29/1, of Pale Village, Bicholim Taluka, is put up for ex post facto approval for Consent to Operate for iron ore dump handling at Pale Village, Bicholim Taluka.

The unit has obtained Environmental Clearance vide order no- 250/3/2026-27/GSEIAA/Project-Prop/21 dated 30/04/2026 for handling of Iron Ore Dump situated outside the lease area on a private property at Survey No- 14/0, 17/0, 18/0, 19/1 to 19/3 20/1, 21/1 to 21/5, 22/0, 23/1 to 23/12, 24/0, 27/0, 28/1, 29/1, of Pale Village, Bicholim Taluka over an area of 76.5453 hectares with extraction capacity of 1.80 MTPA. The details are as follows:

1.	Name of the unit	M/s. Chowgule and Company Private Limited Iron Ore Dump Handling at Pale village
2.	Location of the unit	Survey No- 14/0, 17/0, 18/0, 19/1 to 19/3 20/1, 21/1 to 21/5, 22/0, 23/1 to 23/12, 24/0, 27/0, 28/1, 29/1, of Pale Village, Bicholim taluka..
3.	The proposal	Consent to Operate Iron Ore Dump Handling at pale village Over an area of 76.5453 hectares with extraction capacity of 1.80 MTPA
4.	Environmental Clearance	The particulars of the proposal are as below : (i) EC Identification No. EC26C0000GA5577111N (ii) File No. SIA/GA/MIN/565628/2026 (iii) Clearance Type - EC (iv) Category- B2 (v) Project/Activity Included Schedule No-1(a) Mining of minerals 1(a) Mining of minerals Handling of Dump Situated Outside the Lease Area on Private property at Survey Number 14/0, 17/0, 18/0, 19/1 to 19/3 20/1 , 21/1 to 21/5, 22/0, 23/1 to 23/12, 24/0, 27/0, 28/1, 29/1, of Pale Village Bicholim Taluka, North Goa District, Goa State. CHOWGULE AND COMPANY PRIVATE LIMITED (vi) Issuing Authority-SEIAA
5.	Water requirement	The unit will carry out Iron Ore dump handling by using Heavy earth moving machinery like, excavators, wheel loaders and tipper trucks within the proposed dump handling site and washing of ore will be carried outside the proposed dump handling site at washing plants I and II. The approximate coordinates of washing plants are 15.488118, 74.067137. The Washing Plant-I of M/s. Chowgule and Company Pvt. Ltd is located at Survey No. 13, 14, 15, 20, 28/1, 29 & 32 of Village Pale, Bicholim – Goa and has obtained CTO vide order No.12/2025-PCB/2645921/R00018074 Dated- 06/10/2025 and is valid till 26/05/2030 for i) Beneficiation of Iron Ore Lumps & Fines for quantity 170500 MT/month and ii) Loading & unloading of E-auctioned iron ore and royalty paid Ore for quantity 500000. The Washing Plant-II of M/s. M/s. Chowgule and Company Pvt. Ltd is located at Survey No. 13,

		14, 15, 20, 28/1, 29 & 32 of Village Pale, Bicholim – Goa and has obtained CTO vide order No.12/2025-PCB/2645921/R00018074 dated 06/10/2025 which is valid till 15/05/2030 for Beneficiation of iron ore lumps and fines for quantity 70875 MT/Month. As per the EIA report the water consumption for the activity will be 85 KLD which includes Dust Suppression - 60 KLD, Green Belt - 5 KLD, vehicle washing - 10 KLD and Domestic - 10 KLD. The domestic waste water generated will be 8 KLD and proposed to direct into the septic tank/soak pit. As per the EIA report the unit has submitted that the Water requirement for dust suppression, green Belt, vehicle washing activities will be sourced from nearby pit water from Pale Mine. The water requirement for domestic purpose will be sourced from Open well from colony. The unit has provided the series of settling pond within and outside dump area and garland drains. During the monsoon season the unit proposed to pass the surface runoff water through the series of settling ponds, earthen bunds, filter beds, arrestor walls.
6.	Waste water generation and mode of treatment	The domestic wastewater shall be treated in a properly designed septic tank and discharged on land for percolation through soak pit of adequate size within the unit premises.
7.	Water/ Air quality monitoring & Air emissions and control measures	The unit has proposed to carry out ambient air quality monitoring at 03 locations in core zone: 1) near washing plant stack yard (manual downwind) approx. coordinates 15°29'16.11"N, 74° 3'56.61"E 2) near security cabin (online downwind) approx. coordinates 15°29'27.92"N 74° 3'43.28"E and 3) near the Sanquelim – Velguem – Surla - Usgao road (manual downwind) approx. coordinates 15°29'3.87"N 74° 3'25.13"E. The unit has not installed online ambient air quality monitoring station within core zone. As per EC the unit is required to provide 03 online AAQMS station in core zone 01 in upwind direction and 02 in down wind direction. The unit has proposed to carry out Ambient Air Quality Monitoring at 04 locations in buffer zone: 1) Near Government Primary High School, Chinchwada approx. coordinates 15°29'27.39"N 74° 3'34.11"E, 2) Near Mr. Ashok Sakaram Gawade House, Poncem village approx. coordinates 15°29'31.88"N 74° 4'39.99"E 3) At Village Panchayat Pale building approx. coordinates 15°28'39.76"N 74° 3'38.09"E and 4) Near Navdurga temple at Mr. Premanand Gawas house, Deulwada Pale approx. coordinates 15°28'46.71"N 74° 4'5.66"E. The unit has proposed to carry out surface Water monitoring at location: 1) Ambeshi seasonal nullah approx. coordinates (15°28'09"N 74°04'53"E), 2) Wathari Seasonal nullah approx. coordinates (15°29'40"N 74°03'52"E), 3) Mhadei river upstream approx. coordinates (15°28'00"N 74°04'59"E), 4) Mhadei river downstream approx. coordinates (15°26'41"N 74°03'15"E),

		5) Seasonal nullah near Khodeginium Village approx. coordinates (15°30'58"N 74°01'26"E), 6) Discharge point 01 near Ambegal area approx. coordinates 15°29'21.06"N 74° 3'38.35"E (the surface runoff water is discharged into seasonal nullah) and 7) 3 Discharge point 02 approx. coordinates 15°28'51.27"N 74° 3'52.04"E Chichwada (the surface runoff water is discharged into seasonal drain). The unit has proposed to carry out Ground Water monitoring at location: 1) Pale Village near Chowgule Colony, 2) Poncem Village, 3) Velguem Village, 4) Vonvoliem Village, 5) Ambegal Village, 6) Cotombi Village, 7) Surla village and 8) Sonshi Village. The unit has not started its operations and hence no Ambient air quality monitoring and surface water quality monitoring is started. The nearest water bodies are seasonal nullah, Wathari zari at 100 meter from the dump boundary and Mhadei River is located at 1.4 km from the dump boundary. The Sanquelim - Velguem - Surla - Usgao road of approx. 500 meters length is passing from near the boundary of dump at South- East direction. The unit has proposed 02 transportation route to transport processed ore (fines and lumps) from the washing plants to the jetties. Further following Air and Water pollution control measures are suggested in the Consent to Operate. * The rain accumulated settling/mining pit water if any should be routed through settling ponds and filter beds and meets the standards as below and results shall be submitted to the Board office in the event of discharge before the 15th of every month * The unit shall provide and maintain Filter beds, check dam, garland drains, arrestor wall, toe wall all the times around reject dumps for settlement of suspended particles and to prevent siltation. * To prevent siltation of rivers / nullahs / fields catch drains, toe wall, filter bed, check dam, garland drains, arrest wall and siltation / settling ponds shall be maintained around reject dumps for settlement of suspended particles and to prevent siltation. * The unit shall provide / maintain wheel washing facility for the ore transport vehicles at the exit point of the unit and prior to entering the public road. * Water Quality Monitoring locations at Ambeshi seasonal nullah, Wathari seasonal nullah, Mhadei river upstream, Mhadei river downstream, seasonal nullah, near Khodeginium Village, discharge point 01 near Ambegal, discharge point 02 near Chichwada shall be established along with the Board Officials for Regular monitoring of ground water level and quality & surface water quality should be carried out monthly through NABL/ MoEF & CC Accredited Laboratory in all seasons and
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		the results have to be submitted to the Board office by the 15th of every month. Ground water monitoring at Pale Village near Chowgule colony, Poncem Village, Velguem Village, Vonvoliem Village, Ambegal Village, Cotombi Village, Surla Village and Sonshi Village. * Ambient Air Quality Monitoring stations: 1. Near Government Primary High School, Chinchwada 2. At Poncem Village 3. At Village Panchayat Pale building 4. Near Navdurga Temple at, Deulwada Pale shall be established along with the Board Officials in the buffer zone for monitoring PM10, PM2.5, NOx and SO2. The frequency of manual ambient air quality monitoring should be twice a week and shall be carried out from a laboratory recognized by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change * The PP shall install a minimum of 3 (three) ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations in core zone with 1 (one) in upwind and 2 (two) in downwind direction. * The unit shall install CCTV Camera at exit gate from unit towards the jetty to monitor if the trucks are properly covered with tarpaulin. * The unit shall install an online Ambient Air Monitoring Station having specification as below at the boundary of the unit in consultation with the Board and connect the same to the board's server within three month of the receipt of this consent and submit compliance report to the Board. * The unit needs to comply with the pre-requisites prior to start of actual dump handling operations such as installation and operationalization of noise, ambient air quality and water quality monitoring facilities in the core zone/buffer zone, transportation route
8.	Solid waste generation and mode of treatment and disposal	Non-Hazardous Solid Waste generated is overburden which shall be stacked at the existing dump as per the dump handling plan.

The application was placed for the 77th TAC meeting held on 22/07/2026. Subsequent to the presentation after discussions / deliberations, TAC had recommended for grant of Consent to Operate with following conditions:

1. The unit shall explore the possibility for use of mist sprinklers.
2. The Board should conduct inspection during monsoon or non-monsoon.

Subsequently the application was placed at the 31st Consent Committee of the Board held on 29/7/2026. The Consent Committee also recommended to consider the application for grant of Consent. Accordingly the application was processed and Consent was granted M/s. Chowgule and Company Private Limited for Iron Ore Dump Handling at Pale Village vide Order dated 28/8/2026.

Members may peruse and accord ex post facto approval.

Decision: Members perused the application of M/s Chowgule and Company Private Limited located at Survey No- 14/0, 17/0, 18/0, 19/1 to 19/3 20/1, 21/1 to 21/5, 22/0, 23/1 to 23/12, 24/0, 27/0, 28/1, 29/1, of Pale Village, Bicholim Taluka, for Consent to Operate for iron ore dump handling at Pale Village, Bicholim Taluka and accorded ex post facto approval

Agenda Item No. 17**M/s V. M. Salgaocar & Brother Pvt. Ltd.- Barad Soddo Dump handling, Village Surla, Bicholim- Consent to Operate**

The Board is in receipt of application of M/s V. M. Salgaocar & Brother Pvt. Ltd.- Barad Soddo Dump handling at Survey No. No. 79/0, 82/0, 83/0, 85/0, 86/0, 89/0(P), 234/0, 235/0, 237/0, 238/2 (P), 236/1, 236/2, 254/0 (P), 258/0 (P), 259/0 (P) Village Surla, Bicholim, for Consent to Operate.

The unit has obtained EC vide order no- 235/3/2025- 26/GSEIAA/Project-Prop/269 dated 03/02/2026 for handling of Iron Ore dump situated outside the Lease area on private property at Survey Nos. - 79/0, 82/0, 83/0, 85/0, 86/0, 89/0(P), 234/0, 235/0, 237/0, 238/2 (P), 236/1, 236/2, 254/0 (P), 258/0 (P), 259/0 (P) of Surla Village, Bicholim Taluka, North Goa District, over an area of 96.39 ha with extraction capacity of 3.1 million tons/annum.

1.	Name of the unit	M/s V. M. Salgaocar and Brother Pvt. Ltd. Iron Ore Dump Handling at Pale Village
2.	Location of the unit	Survey No79/0, 82/0, 83/0, 85/0, 86/0, 89/0(P), 234/0, 235/0, 237/0, 238/2 (P), 236/1, 236/2, 254/0 (P), 258/0 (P), 259/0 (P) of Village Surla, Bicholim.
3.	The proposal	Consent to Operate Iron Ore dump handling at Pale Village over an area of 96.39 Ha with extraction capacity of 3.1 million tons/annum.
4.	Environmental Clearance	The particulars of the proposal are as below : (i) EC Identification No. EC25C0000GA5312646N (ii) File No. SIA/GA/MIN/558076/2025 (iii) Clearance Type - EC (iv) Category- B2 (v) Project/Activity Included Schedule No-1(a) Mining of minerals 1(a) Mining of minerals Handling of Dump Situated Outside the Lease Area on Private property Survey No79/0, 82/0, 83/0, 85/0, 86/0, 89/0(p), 234/0, 235/0, 237/0, 238/2 (p), 236/1, 236/2, 254/0 (p), 258/0 (p), 259/0 (p) of Village Surla, Bicholim. (vi) Issuing Authority-SEIAA
5.	Water requirement	As per the EIA report the water consumption for the activity will be 90 KLD which includes Dust suppression - 56 KLD, Green Belt - 24 KLD, Wheel Washing - 8 KLD and Domestic - 2 KLD. The domestic waste water generated will be 1.6 KLD and proposed to direct into the septic tank/soak pit. As per the EIA report the unit has submitted that the Water requirement for various activities will be sourced from a registered water supplier
6.	Waste water generation and mode of treatment	The domestic wastewater shall be treated in a properly designed septic tank and discharged on land for percolation through soak pit of adequate size within the unit premises.
7.	Water/Air quality monitoring & Air emissions and control measures	During monsoon season and also prior to start operations the unit is required to provide drains, toe wall, filter bed, check dam, garland drains, arrestor wall and siltation/settling ponds around reject dumps for settlement of suspended particles and to prevent siltation. The rain water runoff should be diverted into the settling pond. The unit has proposed to carry out surface water monitoring at locations 1) Nallah Upstream near Velguem Village (approx. coordinates 15.49500000, 74.05475000) which is approx. 0.98 km from the boundary,

		2) Nallah Down Stream near Khodigini Village (approx. coordinates 15.51660833 74.0217888) which is approx. 1.36 km from the boundary, 3) Mandovi River Near Maina village (approx. coordinates 15.49880556 74.01519444) which is approx. 1.92 km from the boundary and 4) Mhadei River (approx. coordinates 15.44502778 74.05441667) which is approx. 5.82 km from the boundary. The unit has proposed to carry out ground water monitoring at open wells located at 1) Khodginium Village, 2) Maina Village, 3) Surla Village, 4) Gaukarwada Village, 5) VMSB Colony Open well and 6) Dignem Village As per the EIA report, predominant wind directions is from West to East. The unit has proposed to carry out Ambient Air Quality monitoring locations at 1) Surla village (Approx. coordinates 15.50023611, 74.04268889) core zone at house of Mr. Rupesh Bandodkar (online station), 2) Surla Village (approx. coordinates 15.50958611 74.03904444) core zone near the house of Mr. Santosh Bhamaikar, 3) Surla Village (approx. coordinates 15.50413889 74.03268611) core zone, 4) VMSB colony (approx. coordinates 15.51057500 74.04417222) buffer zone, 5) Khodiginem village (approx. coordinates 15.51881389 74.02639444) buffer zone at Mr. Ramakant Khodiginkar house, 6) Surla village (approx. coordinates 15.497610, 74.031304) buffer zone at Mr. Premanand Naik house and 7) Velguem Village (approx. coordinates 15.49843333 74.0522277 8) buffer Zone at Mr. Pradish Chodankar house. The habitation/ houses is located at South-East side of dump within the boundary of the unit. At North - West side of the dump the nearest habitations are located at an approx. aerial distance of 60 meters from the boundary of unit. At East side of the dump the nearest habitations are located at an approx. aerial distance of 180 meters from the boundary of the unit. At North - East side the nearest houses are located at an approximate aerial distance of 40 meters from the boundary of the unit. The nullah is located within the designated 3 dump area. The nearest river located is Mandovi river approx. aerial distance of 1.53 km from the boundary. The agriculture fields are also located nearby to the boundary of the dump. The screened ore will be transported from the dump to the ore loading facility located at Vagus Pale, Bicholim-Goa. Further following Air and water pollution control measures are suggested in the Consent to operate. * The rain accumulated settling/mining pit water if any should be routed through settling ponds and filter beds and meets the standards as below and results shall be submitted to the Board office in the event of discharge before the 15th of every month * The unit shall provide and maintain Filter beds, check dam, garland drains, arrestor wall, toe wall all the times around reject dumps for settlement of suspended particles and to prevent siltation. * To prevent siltation of rivers/ nullahs/ fields catch drains, toe wall, filter bed, check dam, garland drains, arrest wall and siltation/settling
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		ponds shall be maintained around reject dumps for settlement of suspended particles and to prevent siltation. * The unit shall provide/maintain wheel washing facility for the ore transport vehicles at the exit point of the unit and prior to entering the public road. * The PP shall conduct surface water and ground water monitoring as per the consent conditions. * The PP shall install a minimum of 3 (three) ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations in core zone with 1 (one) in upwind and 2 (two) in downwind direction. * The unit shall install CCTV Camera at exit gate from unit towards the jetty to monitor if the trucks are properly covered with tarpaulin. * The unit shall install an online ambient air monitoring station having specification as below at the boundary of the unit in consultation with the Board and connect the same to the board's server within three month of the receipt of this Consent and submit compliance report to the Board. * The unit needs to comply with the pre-requisites prior to start of actual dump handling operations such as installation and operationalization of noise, ambient air quality and water quality monitoring facilities in the core zone/buffer zone, transportation route
8.	Solid waste generation and mode of treatment and disposal	Non-Hazardous solid waste generated is overburden which shall be stacked at the existing dump as per the dump handling plan.

Objection/ Complaints against for grant of Consent:

The complaints are with regards to :

1.	Objection against conversion / mining permission for handling of dump, strict action on large scale tree cutting and protection of ecologically fragile area
2.	Objection to Environmental Clearance by Mr. Keshav Kelkar informing that Survey Nos. 85/0, 86/0, 89/0, and 234/0 are his properties and have been included in the project area without his permission
3.	Project may cause serious environmental and ecological impacts in the area.
4.	The large-scale handling or removal of the dump may lead to deforestation, loss of biodiversity, soil erosion, dust pollution, and disturbance to the local environment
5.	Mr. Pramod Rama Barve had informed that his property is located on the boundary of the proposed project site. The adjoining lands are active agricultural properties. The project will cause soil erosion and structural damage. During monsoon will permanently degrade fertile agricultural soil.
6.	Mr. Purushottam Sonnaik has informed that he is co-owner of Survey No. 84/0 and no compensation has been paid by the Salgaonkar Mines to him.
7.	Mr. Balu Shiva Madkaikar has informed that Survey Nos. 238/2, 82/0 are their tenanted agricultural land. The proposed activity is being undertaken without his permission.
8.	Mrs. Gauri Subhashchandra Shenvi Borcar had informed that she is co-owner of the property and had not sold, transferred, agreed to transfer their rights, title and interest in said properties to any person
9.	Sundar Baburao Madkaikar had informed that his property is located on the boundary of the proposed project site. The project will cause soil erosion. The project will cause noise and air pollution
10.	Mr. Balu Shiva Madkaikar had informed that the project is located in their tenanted agricultural land. The proposed activity is being undertaken without their permission.

It may be noted that the most of complaints are with regards to the ownership of the land, large scale tree cutting deforestation, loss of biodiversity, soil erosion, dust pollution, and disturbance to the local environment, no compensation has been paid, permanently degrade fertile agricultural soil, noise and air pollution.

The following conditions are incorporated in CTO ;

1.	The unit shall provide and maintain Filter beds, check dam, garland drains, arrestor wall, toe wall all the times around reject dumps for settlement of suspended particles and to prevent siltation
2.	The unit shall provide wheel washing facility for the ore transport vehicles at the exit point of the unit and prior to entering the public road.
3.	Regular monitoring of ground water level and quality & surface water quality
4.	Installation of Ambient Air Quality Monitoring stations in core zone and buffer zone
5.	Fugitive emission monitoring
6.	The unit shall take adequate measures for control of noise levels from its own source within the premises in respect of noise
7.	Effective safeguard measures for prevention of dust generation and subsequent suppression shall be carried out in areas prone to air pollution
8.	The waste dump slopes shall be covered with laterite material and then with biodegradable geotextile mats to prevent the soil erosion of the dump slopes so as to facilitate the growth of native species
9.	The Project Proponent must ensure that the silt and water from the premises does not flow into the agricultural lands
10.	Dust suppression plan must be in place, covering both within and outside the premises of unit especially along the roads passing through the villages
11.	Installation of an online noise monitoring station
12.	Install and operate mist fans to suppress dust being airborne during screening of ore.

Further, the Board is also in receipt of the reply letter dated 21/08/2026 from the GSEIAA regarding objections to Environmental Clearance granted to M/s. V.M. Salgaocar & Brothers Pvt. Ltd and informing that the said objections had already been placed before examined and considered by the Goa-SEIAA during its 183rd meeting held on 11/03/2026 and 184th meeting held on 25/03/2026. As per the minutes it is stated that the EC was granted under category B2 after due appraisal of the EIA and EMP. They further clarified that issues related to land ownership, including claims based on Form-I & XIV, fall outside the jurisdiction and must be addressed before appropriate authorities. Upon deliberation, the Authority took note of the clarifications made by the Project Proponent.

The application was earlier placed for the 75th TAC meeting held on 12/06/2026. Subsequent to the presentation after discussions / deliberations, TAC had recommended for grant of Consent to Operate with following conditions:

1. The unit shall explore the possibility for use of mist sprinklers. Subsequently the application was placed in 26th, 36th and 38th Consent Committee of the Board with redressal of complaint. The Consent Committee also recommended to consider the application for grant of Consent. Accordingly, the application is processed for Iron Ore Dump Handling with pollution control measures.

Members may deliberate and decide for grant of Consent.

Decision: Members perused the application as submitted by M/s V. M. Salgaocar & Brother Pvt. Ltd.- Barad Soddo Dump handling at Survey No. No. 79/0, 82/0, 83/0, 85/0, 86/0, 89/0(P), 234/0, 235/0, 237/0, 238/2 (P), 236/1, 236/2, 254/0 (P), 258/0 (P), 259/0 (P) Village Surla, Bicholim, for Consent to Operate. Members also noted the objections / complaints received with respect

to the said mining unit and approved for incorporating the above conditions, in the Consent to Operate, and also recommendations of the TAC in the Consent to Operate.

Agenda Item No. 18

Representation of Shri Vishwesh Datta Kakule, M/s Tiara Classic, Guest House located at House No. 2/89C, Naika-waddo, Calangute, Bardez - Goa

The Board is in receipt of a representation dated 06/05/2026 from Shri Vishwesh Datta Kakule, Proprietor of M/s Tiara Classic, Guest House located at H. No. 2/89C, Naika waddo, Calangute, Bardez - Goa, requesting for verification of extra penalty imposed for renewal delay of Consent for 1 year but penalty levied for 5 years

The applicant has submitted that:

- a) He had newly started Guest House and was not aware that Consent granted was for four months only, as generally Consents are issued for one year from date of issue.
- b) He has defaulted for Renewal for the period of one year i.e. 2026-27 only, for which Consent fee is Rs. 10,000/- and penalty @ 50% should be Rs. 5,000/- only.
- c) However, penalty of Rs. 25,000/- i.e. @ 50% of five years fee has been levied, which effectively works out to Rs. 15,000/- per year instead of Rs. 10,000/- per year.
- d) The unit has requested to verify as to why penalty for five years has been levied when default was for one year only, and to grant relief.

The unit was initially granted Consent to Operate under Air & Water Act vide Order No. 12/2025-PCB/2790984/G00018842 dated 12/08/2025 for operation of Guest House with 10 rooms. The unit had applied for one year. However, the Consent was valid upto 05/12/2025 i.e. for a period of approx. four months.

The previous Consent to Operate expired on 05/12/2025 and the unit applied for Renewal on 11/03/2026 i.e. after expiry of validity. As per Consent condition No. 5(iii), an application for Renewal of Consent submitted after expiry of validity shall accompany penalty @50% of the Consent fees in addition to prescribed Consent fees. As per GSPCB norms, minimum Renewal period for Green category units are five years.

At the time of Renewal, the unit was informed that Consent fee is Rs. 10,000/- per year and accordingly for 5 years Rs. 50,000/- plus late penalty @50% for renewal for 5 years i.e. Rs. 25,000/- Total Rs. 75,000/- was demanded.

The unit has paid Rs. 75,000/- on 21/04/2026 vide Receipt Voucher No. 88 dated 21/04/2026. A consolidated receipt for Rs. 75,000/- under head "Air & Water Consent Fees" was issued without bifurcation of Consent fee and penalty. Subsequently, Consent to Operate was granted for five years vide Order No. vide order No. 12/2026-PCB/3196188/G00021275 dated 11/06/2026.

As per Goa Water Rules, 2001 as applicable thereafter, it is specified that 50% of the fees to be levied for the Consent as late fees. The same procedure was followed by the Board for levying late fees to the unit. The condition that late fees shall be levied to the unit for any delay in submission for Renewal was specified in Consent issued to the applicant.

Further, the Board is in process of notifying the Control of Air Pollution (Grant, Refusal or Cancellation of Consent) Guidelines, 2025, wherein the late fee is specified as below:



Sr. No.	Period of applying	One-time additional fee as late fee
1.	Between 120-45 days of the validity	25% of the fee
2.	Between 45 days to till the validity	50% of the fee
3.	After expiry of validity	100% of the fee

Member may peruse and approve to consider late fee on the fee for the period it is levied and not on the delay period fees.

Decision: Members deliberated on the representation of Shri Vishwesh Datta Kakula, M/s Tiara Classic, Guest House with respect to the penalty imposed by the Board for delay in renewal of Consent for which penalty was levied for 5 years.

It was decided to inform the applicant that as per the Goa Water Rules, 2001, 50% of the fees are levied for the Consent as late fees, and further to inform that a condition was stated in the Consent that late fees shall be levied to the unit for any delay in submission for Renewal of Consent.

Agenda Item No. 19

Digital Waste Monitoring System - Guidelines and Application Procedure for Waste Collectors:

The Hon. High Court of Bombay at Goa in Suo moto Writ Petition No. 02 of 2007 vide order dated 5th December, 2019 directed that the Goa State Pollution Control Board (GSPCB) shall grant necessary authorization to such persons / agencies collecting dry waste for the purpose of recycling.

The Govt. of Goa has amended the Goa Non-Biodegradable Garbage (Control) Act 1996 vide Extraordinary Notification No. 7/27/2025-LA/195 dated 26th December 2025, published in Government Gazette, where in Section 5 (2) has been inserted which as follows: -

"The Bulk Waste Generator, Waste Collector, Recycler, Co-processor, shall register on the online portal of Goa State Pollution Control Board for carrying out disposal of waste as specified in the Schedule and shall obtain the authorization of Goa State Pollution Control Board by following the procedure as specified by the Government by a Notification in the Official Gazette".

I.	DEFINITION:
a.	"Bulk Waste Generator" means any entity, unit, or establishment generating more than 50 kilograms of non-biodegradable garbage per day, as per the Goa Non-biodegradable Garbage (Control) Act, 1986, as amended.
b.	Co-processors" means entities that utilize non-biodegradable waste as a substitute for primary fuels or raw materials in their manufacturing processes (such as cement kilns or power plants). They must be registered by the SPCB and must have a valid Consent to Operate from respective SPCB of the State in which the entity is located to lawfully receive and utilize such waste for energy or resource recovery.
i.	Handling Capacity" means the maximum quantity of material permitted to be received or handled per day, as authorised by the Goa State Pollution Control Board
ii.	"Industrial Estate" means an industrial area notified or developed by the Goa Industrial Development Corporation.
iii.	"Industrial Zone" means an area designated or earmarked exclusively for industrial use under the notified Regional Plan, Outline Development Plan, or Development Control Regulations of the State of Goa, or areas where allied industrial operations are expressly permitted by the competent planning authority

iv.	"Local Bodies" means any Village Panchayat, Municipal Council, or City Corporation in the State of Goa
v.	"Non-Biodegradable Waste Traders" means Entities primarily engaged in the commercial trading, buying, and selling of non-biodegradable waste materials. They typically operate out of "Waste Storage Facility" to collect, store, segregate, and bale materials for trade, without undertaking any industrial recycling or manufacturing processes that would substantially change the characteristics of the traded material
vi.	"Recyclers" means Entities operating a "Recycling Unit" engaged in the mechanical, physical, or industrial processing of recyclable waste. They convert recyclable material into a secondary or intermediate product having characteristics completely distinct from the original input material, which includes upcycling but excludes the mere shredding of material into smaller pieces
vii.	"Recycling Unit" means a unit engaged in mechanical, physical, or industrial processing of recyclable material to convert it into a secondary or intermediate product having characteristics distinct from the input material, and includes any process by which waste material is upcycled, other than merely shredding the material into smaller pieces, this recycling unit may include Waste storage facility.
viii.	"Transporter" means an authorized entity responsible only for the transportation of collected non-biodegradable waste. Their role is to manage the movement of waste from the generator or Waste Collector to designated Waste Storage Facilities, Recycling Units, Co-processors, or final disposal facilities located either within or outside the State of Goa.
ix.	"Waste Collector" means any person, agency, or entity registered on the online portal of the Goa State Pollution Control Board to carry out the collection of non-biodegradable waste. They are authorized to collect, transport and temporarily store waste from industries, establishments or bulk waste generators for the purpose of onward recycling, processing, or disposal.
x.	"Waste Collector operating for Local Bodies" means any person, agency, or entity registered on the online portal of the Goa State Pollution Control Board to carry out the work of door to door collection of non-biodegradable waste, biodegradable waste, Sanitary waste and Special Care Waste from the jurisdiction of Local Bodies. They are authorized to collect, transport and temporarily store waste collected from local bodies jurisdiction
xi.	"Waste Storage Facility" means a unit primarily engaged in the collection, storage, segregation and baling of non-biodegradable material for the purpose of trading or in the course of business, without undertaking any industrial recycling or manufacturing processes or effecting any substantial change in the characteristics of the material so traded, and excludes Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs) established by or on behalf of any local body.

II.	OBJECTIVES:
	The objectives of the Online Portal are:
a.	To identify, survey and Authorise the existing waste storage facility operating within the State and maintain inventory of the same.
b.	To develop and implement an online digital waste monitoring platform, including provision for registration of waste storage facility, Waste Collectors, Waste Collectors operating for Local Bodies, Non-Biodegradable Waste Traders, Transporters, Recyclers, Co-processors, BWGs, etc., and monitoring transportation and disposal of Non-biodegradable waste
c.	To regulate the Waste Collection, Transportation, Storage, Recycling and Co processing of the Non-Biodegradable Waste
d.	To mandate siting guidelines for Waste Storage Facility, Recycling and Co processing units

e.	To prescribe minimum infrastructure and operational requirements for Waste Storage Facility, Recycling and Co processing units
f.	To define handling capacity and storage capacity of Waste Storage Facility.
g.	To clearly delineate the roles and responsibilities of concerned departments and agencies

III.	APPLICABILITY:
i.	This shall be applicable to the following:
a.	Bulk Waste Generator as defined under this Act
b.	Waste Collector and Transporter for local bodies.
c.	Waste collector, Transporter and/or Waste Storage Facility for other than local Bodies.
d.	Waste Storage Facility
e.	Recyclers and Co processors
f.	Non Biodegradable Waste Traders
ii.	This is not applicable to Waste Collectors that handle other Waste as specified under the Biomedical Rules 2016 as amended thereafter; Hazardous and other Waste (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016 as amended thereafter, E waste Management Rules 2016, as amended thereafter, and Battery Management Rules, 2022 as amended thereafter and C & D Waste Management Rules, 2016, as amended thereafter.
iii.	In order to streamline the Registration of the Waste Collector, Transporter and Waste Storage Facility, Recyclers and Co processors the following Procedure is prescribed.

IV.	DEVELOPMENT OF ONLINE PORTAL FOR REGISTRATION
a.	The Goa State Pollution Control Board will develop an Online Portal for Registration of the Bulk Waste Generator, Waste Collector, Transporter, Waste Storage Facility, Recyclers, Co-processors and Traders of Non-Biodegradable Waste i.e Digital Waste Monitoring System. It will be mandatory for all aforementioned entities to register on this Online Portal.
	The Procedure for Registration on the Online Portal is as follow :-
i.	Apply online on the Digital Waste Monitoring Portal.
ii.	Fill out the digital proforma
iii.	Upload all relevant documents
iv.	Payment of Fees

V.	INFRASTRUCTURE AND SITING GUIDELINES:
a.	The Land in question shall meet the siting guidelines of GSPCB.
b.	The area chosen for waste collection and storage must be fenced and have a PCC/concreted working area.
c.	A proper access road shall be available up to the entrance of the facility to allow for a quick-fire tender movement in case of emergencies
d.	The facility that is located within Village Panchayat jurisdiction, must have a minimum setback of 03 meters from the boundary of the Plot or as prescribed by the Directorate of Fire and Emergency Services, whichever is more.
e.	The facility that is located within Municipal areas or Industrial Estates, must have a minimum setback of 1.5 meters from the boundary of the Plot or as prescribed by the Directorate of Fire and Emergency Services, whichever is more.
f.	All waste must be stored in covered premises and no waste shall be stored in the setback area or in the open
g.	Separate compartments/storage areas/bins to be provided for storage of different types of waste within the facility
h.	Separate covered area to be provided for baling machine and baled waste
i.	Easy access shall be provided for handling of waste.
j.	In case of facility located outside Industrial area:

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Sr. No.	Area of the covered shed / facility within the plot	Distance from residence /water body / institutions/ hospitals
1.	< 100 sq. mts.	20 mts.
2.	100 sq. mts to 500 sq. mts.	40 mts.
3.	500 sq. mts. to 1000 sq. mts.	60 mts.
4.	Above 1000 sq. mts.	100 mts.

* This can be decided on case to case basis, based on the safety measures and infrastructure established by the facility.

* These siting guidelines will not be applicable to MRFs belonging to Local Bodies.

VI. FEES & RENEWAL		
a.	The Bulk Waste Generator as defined under this Act, Waste Collector and Transporter for local bodies, Waste collector and Transporter for other than local Bodies, Waste collector, Transporter and/or Waste Storage Facility for other than local Bodies, Waste Storage Facility, Recyclers, Co-processors and Non-Biodegradable Waste Traders, will have to pay the following fees, the amount for which will be as decided and published by the Board on the portal from time to time:	
i.	One-time registration fee at the time of Registration through the Online Portal	
ii.	Annual Portal fees	
iii.	Transaction Fee, for every transaction of Waste done through the Portal	

Notes:		
i.	The Transaction fee will be based on quantum and category of the Waste sold/ purchased/ disposed	
ii.	The Portal shall not record/ seek the monetary value of the transaction	
iii.	Bidding/ auctioning will not be facilitated through this Portal	
iv.	The Bulk Waste Generators can continue to trade/ carry out Auction/ sale/ purchase/ disposal of waste through external portals such as MSTC.	
v.	However, the quantum, category, mode of disposal will be recorded on the portal as prescribed and approved by the Goa State Pollution Control Board.	
vi.	Renewal: Renewal will be granted for a period of 1 year on payment of the same fees as specified above and renewal will be granted on yearly basis.	

Members may deliberate and decide.

Decision: Chairman informed the members that the Govt. of Goa has amended the Goa Non-Biodegradable Garbage (Control) Act 1996 vide Extraordinary Notification No. 7/27/2025-LA/195 dated 26th December 2025, published in Government Gazette, where in Section 5 (2) has been inserted which states: "The Bulk Waste Generator, Waste Collector, Recycler, Co-processor, shall register on the online portal of Goa State Pollution Control Board for carrying out disposal of waste as specified in the Schedule and shall obtain the authorization of Goa State Pollution Control Board by following the procedure as specified by the Government by a Notification in the Official Gazette". In this regard, the Board has framed guidelines and application procedure for Waste Collectors. The members perused and approved the same.

IV. Chairman placed before the members the financial position of the Board, as detailed below:

Month	Income (Rs.)	Expenditure (Rs.)
April, 2026	4,68,69,518	2,56,77,097
May, 2026	1,96,52,976	2,23,74,335
June, 2026	2,03,19,299	2,05,61,663
July, 2026	1,35,34,269	1,73,15,447
August, 2026	1,59,86,963	1,93,10,103
Total:	11,63,63,025	10,52,38,645

Chairman further informed the members that 80% of the units which were earlier classified as Green category, now stand classified as White category, the Board should retain the fees of Green category industry and increase the fees of White category industries, so as to augment the financial position of the Board. Chairman also placed before the members that the Board meets its expenditures through the fees collected through Consent management. Members agreed and approved for charging fees to White category industries in terms of the fees being charged to them when the units were categorised under Green category as monitoring needs to be done especially when they have STPs, D.G sets which need to function in terms of prescribed standards and further in terms of the letter issued by the Chairman, GSPCB dated 03/09/2026, seeking clarification from Central Pollution Control Board. The Board members also stated that the guidelines / directions of Central Pollution Control Board cannot supersede the Notification issued by Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change under the Environment (Protection) Act.

V. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.



(Sanjeev Joglekar)
Member Secretary (I/c)

Goa State Pollution Control Board



(Dr. Levinson J. Martins, IAS)
Chairman

