



GOVERNMENT OF GOA
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No. 01/DCFN/Valuation-KERI/2024-25/ 367

Dated:- 11/03/2025

Phalguna 20, Saka, 1946

To,
The Chief Officer,
Bicholim Municipal Council,
Bicholim Goa.

Sub.: - Permission to fell 44 Nos. of trees at the site proposed for widening and Beautification of road from Bicholim bus stand to Muslimwada Police quarters (Phase IV) within Bicholim Municipal jurisdiction.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dtd. 05/03/2024 on the subject cited above and since as per official Gazette of Govt. of Goa dtd. 07/10/2022, the GPTA, 1984 was amended (point No. 9 Amendment of Section 30) and made applicable to Government land, also permission of Forest Department is hereby conveyed for felling of 44 Nos. of trees under Sy. No. 46/1, 37/1-A, 40/3, 45/12, 40/12, 40/18, 40/20, 41/4, 44/1, 44/2-B, 41/6, 43/4, 41/10 and 43/4 of Bicholim village of Bicholim taluka, for widening and Beautification of road from Bicholim bus stand to Muslimwada Police quarters (Phase IV) within Bicholim Municipal jurisdiction, subject to the following Terms and Conditions:-

1. In case of any claim/litigation about the ownership of the trees/land in question, the User Agency will be solely responsible.
2. The cutting of trees shall be carried out after receipt of all other statutory permissions from competent authority, as applicable.
3. Date of beginning for felling of trees is to be intimated to Range Forest Officer, Keri well in advance, after marking is done.
4. A separate register showing details of felling (Tree No., number of logs made out of each tree etc.) needs to be maintained by the user agency. The same shall be produced to the officer inspecting the site.
5. To compensate the loss, User Agency/Applicant is hereby advised to plant 132 Nos. tall saplings with good endurance with minimum 8-10 feet height and 10 cm diameter at 1 mtr. height from ground level under Sy. No. 109/1-A of Bordem village of Bicholim Taluka.

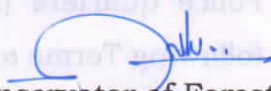
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6. UA shall ensure three times re-planting of suitable tree species (i.e., $44 \times 3 = 132$ nos.) and maintain thereafter for 5 years at their cost and report compliance to this office.
7. The User Agency shall follow all the conditions in judgment of Hon'ble High Court of Bombay at Goa's order dated 08/07/2021 in the matter of Public Interest Litigation Writ Petition No. 8 of 2021 (Living Heritage Foundation v/s State of Goa). Felling shall be carried out only after 30 days from the date of issuance of this order.
8. User Agency shall abide by all the Undertakings submitted along with the application for obtaining this permission.

User Agency has paid tree felling and Security Deposit of Rs. 1,49,600/- vide NEFT No. HDFCN52025022680352663 dtd. 01/03/2025 in Favor of "Tree Protection Fund-Goa" and the amount of Security Deposit is refundable on compliance of replantation of 132 Nos. of trees.



Yours faithfully,


Dy. Conservator of Forests,
North Goa Division,
Ponda -Goa.

Encl.:- List of trees.

Copy to:-

1. The Range Forest Officer, Keri w.r.t. letter No. 26/Valuation/RFO/Keri/2023-24/1448 dated 27/03/2024 for information and necessary action.

"Swachh Bharat, NitalGoem"
"Towards Greener & Cleaner Goa".