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No. 01/DCFN/Valuation-KERI/2025-26/23

Dated:- 22/04/2025

Vaisakha 02, Saka, 1947

To,
The Dy. Collector & SDM,
Bicholim Sub Division,
Bicholim Goa.

Sub.:- Permission to fell standing trees at Sy. No. 4/7 village Bicholim for construction of Government office complex.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dtd. 08/04/2025 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 20 Nos. of trees under Sy. No. 4/7 of Bicholim village of Bicholim taluka, for construction of Government office complex, 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 60 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. 4/7 of Bicholim village of Bicholim Taluka.

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6. UA shall ensure three times re-planting of suitable tree species (i.e., $20 \times 3 = 60$ 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. 68,000/- vide UTR No. UBINJ25107965194 dtd. 17/04/2025 in Favor of "Tree Protection Fund-Goa" and the amount of Security Deposit is refundable on compliance of replantation of 60 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. General/RFO/Keri/2024-25/1277 dated 24/03/2025 for information and necessary action.

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