



GOVERNMENT OF GOA
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No. 01/DCFN/Valuation-PON/2025-26/ 206

Dated:- 23 /09/2025
Asvina 01, Saka, 1947

ORDER

Sub:- Permission to cut 195 Nos. of trees for development of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Museum at Farmagudi in Ponda Goa under the Special Assistance to the State for Capital Investment (SASCI) Scheme.

With reference to your letter dtd. 05/06/2025 on the subject cited above and as per official Gazette of Govt. of Goa dtd. 07/10/2022, the GPTA, 1984 as 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 195 Nos. of trees under Sy. Nos. 228/1-A of Bandora village, Ponda Taluka of South Goa District, for development of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Museum at Farmagudi in Ponda Goa under the Special Assistance to the State for Capital Investment (SASCI) Scheme, as recommended by State Tree Authority in its meeting dated 17/07/2025 and approved by Government, 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, Ponda 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 585 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. 228/1-A of Bandora village of Ponda taluka.
6. UA shall ensure three times re-planting of suitable tree species (i.e., 195 x 3 = 585 nos.) and maintain thereafter for 5 years at their cost and report compliance to this office immediately after next planting season.

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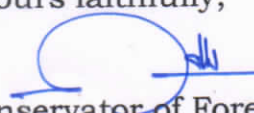
7. The User Agency shall follow all the conditions of Hon'ble High Court of Bombay at Goa's order dated 08/07/2021 in the matter of Public Interest Litigation Writ Petition No. 8 of 2021 (Living Heritage Foundation v/s State of Goa). Felling shall be carried out only after 30 days from the date of issuance of this order.
8. User Agency shall abide by all the Undertakings submitted along with the application for obtaining this permission.
9. User Agency shall attempt translocation of trees as insisted by the State Tree Authority, as far as feasible in consultation with Goa State Bio Diversity Board and Forest Department.

User Agency has paid tree felling and Security Deposit of Rs. 6,63,000/- vide Payment Advice No. C092540845046 dtd. 23/09/2025, through Bank of Baroda, Panaji Branch, in Favor of "Tree Protection Fund-Goa" and the amount of Security Deposit is refundable on compliance of replantation of 585 Nos. of trees.



Encl.:- List of trees.

Yours faithfully,


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

**To,
The Director,
Department of Tourism,
Paryatan Bhavan, Patto,
Panaji Goa.**

Copy to:-

1. The Range Forest Officer, Ponda w.r.t. letter No. RFO/PON/5-Valaution/2025-26/605 dated 30/06/2025 for information and necessary action.

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"Towards Greener & Cleaner Goa".**