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No. 01/DCFN/VALUATION-PJM/2025-26/227

Dated:- 05/11/2025
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ORDER

Sub.:- Permission for removal of 535 Nos. of trees under Sy. No. 88/1-B village Tivim, Bardez Taluka for construction of MIT –World Peace University Campus for MAEER at Tivim, Bardez through Investment Promotion Board.

With reference to the letter dtd. 18/06/2025 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 535 Nos. of trees under Sy. No. 88/1-B of Tivim village in Bardez taluka of North Goa District, for construction of MIT –World Peace University Campus for MAEER at Tivim, Bardez through Investment Promotion Board, 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, Panaji and Range Forest Officer, Social Forestry, Usgao 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 1605 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. 88/1-B of Tivim village in Bardez taluka.
6. UA shall ensure three times re-planting of suitable tree species (i.e., 535 x 3 = 1605 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 and 16/10/2025 in the matter of Public Interest Litigation Writ Petition No. 8 of 2021 (Living Heritage Foundation v/s State of Goa) and PIL WP No. 15/2024 (Arron Victor Fernandes v/s State of Goa) respectively. 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 naturally grown species 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. 18,19,000/- vide UTR No. RTGS/BKIDA2530852873/SBIN/TREEPROTECTI dtd. 04/11/2025, through Bank of India, MIT Kothrud Branch, Pune, Maharashtra, in Favor of "Tree Protection Fund-Goa" and the amount of Security Deposit is refundable on compliance of replantation of 1605 Nos. of trees, after the maintenance period of 5 years.



Yours faithfully,


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

Encl.:- List of trees.

To,
Mr Laxman Badime,
Authorized Signatory,
Maharashtra Academy of Engineering and Educational Research,
MIT Group of Institutions,
Pune (MAEER), S. No. 124,
Paud Road, Kothrud,
Pune Maharashtra.

Copy to:-

1. The Dy. Conservator of Forests, Social Forestry, Parks & Garden Division, Ponda Goa w.r.t. letter No. 4/Comm-31/SFPG/Tivim/2025-26/618 dated 12/06/2025 for information and with the request to examine the MoU and insist the provisions, if any as applicable, with reference to plantation raised by Social Forestry Division.
2. The Sub Divisional Forest Officer, Mapusa for information and necessary action.
3. The Range Forest Officer, Panaji for information and necessary action.

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